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Holiday Cheer

**The Annual Holiday
Party**

**Sunday December 9th
5 - 7 pm
at LDRCC**

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Mark Your Calendars for the Holiday Party Sunday December 9th 5 - 7 pm

By Sharalee Flesche

It's that time of year again, time to celebrate the holidays on Sunday December 9th from 5pm-7pm at the Les and Dorothy River Community Center at 10409 Scenario Lane. There will be plenty of time to mingle with friends and neighbors and sample delicious holiday fare. Food donations are welcome for items that are festive for the holidays and the chilly time of year; so break out the cookbooks and the family traditions.

Beverly Glen Market has agreed to provide

the non-alcoholic beverages, and Beverly Glen Realty will continue its tradition of the wine tasting table. I look forward to continuing the traditions established by the Residents of Beverly Glen and following in the footsteps of my predecessor Elke. If there is anything that anyone would like to suggest, your recommendations are welcome; after all it's your party!

Please feel free to call me at 310-967-9025 or email social@beverlyglen.org

Happy Holidays!

Annual Meeting Is Informative and Delicious

By Sharalee Flesche

Sunday October 14th proved to be a warm sunny day for the Residents of Beverly Glen Annual Meeting, and the turnout was great. There were many new faces from our community mingling with the usual crowd. Our president Tensie Palmer did a fabulous job leading the meeting as Elke assisted in the background with a stop watch to keep the meeting moving along at a reasonable pace.

Each of our board members that were present took a moment to share their work with the crowd and asked for others in the community to not be shy and get involved.

Elke Heitmeyer did a touching tribute to one of our better remembered Glen residents, Mr. Ken Stern. Ken's son Paul Stern was in attendance and accepted a proclamation that was presented by our State Assembly Member, Mr. Mike Feuer. As this is Mr. Feuer's last term as our State Assembly Member, he very graciously presented each board member with a proclamation of community service as well.

Special guest Paul Edelman spoke regarding measures HH and MM on the November 6th ballot, both of which passed. The special assessments created by these two measures will allow the

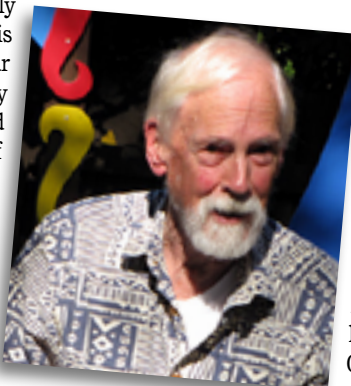
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to continue acquiring land and providing essential services in the Santa Monica Mountains, including trash pickup; maintenance of over looks, trails, watersheds; ongoing land, water quality and wildlife protection services; and fire prevention services, ranger services and patrol.

Measure HH proposed a \$24 per year assessment on parcels from the 405 east to Griffith Park, and funds will be earmarked for services in that area of the Santa Monica Mountains. Total assessments for this district will come to about \$685,000 a year.

Measure MM proposed a \$19 per year assessment on parcels west of the 405, from Mulholland Drive north to the Valley floor, and funds will be earmarked for hillside services in Encino, Tarzana, and Woodland Hills. Total assessments for this district will come to about \$315,000 a year. All assessment money will be locally raised and locally spent. Only developed parcels will be assessed. If a house straddles



Mike Feuer honors RoBG Board members, here with Robert Ringler.



Chris Holabird provides the voice of experience

Photos: Marc Olevin

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Letter from the President

Greetings Glen Neighbors!

We are finally having a bit of cooler weather. The leaves were blowing and the plants are beginning to realize that it is no longer Spring or Summer. Schools started earlier this year than at any time in my life. We are nearly to the end of 1st semester in K-12 public schools. Veterans Day and Thanksgiving were lovely. The holidays have snuck up on me so quickly this year. The ROBG holiday party is nearly here as well. It will be the last event for our Social Chair Sharalee Flesche. She will be moving soon and is adding more to her work life as well. Our social events are such an important part of our organization. We all lead such busy and varied lives that it is wonderful to be able to

get together 3-5 times a year, to connect with one another, have our kids enjoy neighbor friends, that they may not see often as well.

The Garden Walk, The Glen Fair, The Annual Meeting and the Holiday Party. If you or someone you know likes to plan events/parties, please contact us. Many hands make light work.

See you in the Glen very soon.

Sincerely,

Tensie Palmer

President



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BEL AIR BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (BABCNC)

by Ramin Kolahi

BABCNC At-Large Elections & Holiday Party Wednesday, December 19, 2012 Community Magnet School 1301 Bellagio Road

BABCNC has elected to hold a "town hall" style of election/selection for its two (2) at-large Board positions. If you feel you're not represented otherwise through the various stakeholder groups to BABCNC (like RoBG), please submit your name and come to our election and holiday party. You can obtain more information about becoming a candidate at <http://babnc.org/election-information/>.

Even if not interested in being a candidate, please come and learn more about BABCNC and cast your vote for the candidates of those two positions. Your vote mattered in November and it matters in December.

May thru October 2012, Meetings

BABCNC CODE OF CIVILITY AND STANDING RULES

After a contentious June meeting that culminated months or years of internal issues, BABCNC engaged the City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and City Attorney to help resolves some internal conflicts and advise on a road map to allow for proper standing rules and etiquette during meetings. As such, a Code of Civility for Board members and the public has been passed, and a new Ad-Hoc Committee on Standing Rules

has been formed to draft recommendations on rules and procedures, not currently in the by-laws, for eventual inclusion in by-laws revisions. Slowly but surely, BABCNC is working to correct these issues; hopefully a healthier Board that represents the community will arise.

Comprised mostly of stakeholder groups, many of our representatives are elected or appointed by their respective stakeholder groups (as RoBG representatives are elected by you at Annual Meetings). However, your voice and input are always welcome; so please visit babnc.org for times and dates of this Ad-Hoc Committee's meetings or attend any of the monthly regular Board meetings and public comment is always welcome.

Feel free to email me at babnc@beverly-glen.org with any questions.

FRACKING

BABCNC passed a motion supporting Councilman Koretz's efforts to place a moratorium on fracking locally until better controls and environmental impacts can be determined so that this new method can be done safely.

BEL AIR ASSOCIATION

As a side effect of the issues outlined above, Bel Air Association has officially withdrawn its representative from BABCNC. No other stakeholder group has expressed interest in the same action, but we hope that with the work mentioned above, we can provide for an environment for BAA to return.

TRAFFIC

by Evelyn Alexander

If you think traffic is bad on Beverly Glen, we need you to help do something about it.

Councilman Paul Koretz needs to hear from

us. Call his office at 818-971-3088 and tell them that Beverly Glen is unsafe for our families due to speeding and oversized truck traffic.

The LAPD needs to hear from us. Call the West LA Traffic Division at 213-473-2222 and ask for Sgt. Kunz. Tell him that Beverly Glen is unsafe for our families due to speeding and oversized truck traffic, and that we need additional enforcement for both speeding and commercial vehicles.

We will only get additional LAPD enforcement if we show our Councilman and the police that our community needs to be their priority. More calls = more enforcement. Call today, then call again tomorrow. Then call next week.

The goal of the traffic committee is to promote the safety of those of us who live here.

Please drive the speed limit (30 mph) through Beverly Glen, setting a good example for our commuting visitors.

If you are interested in getting involved in traffic issues or have any great ideas for our committee, please contact Traffic committee chair Evelyn Alexander by e-mail, traffic@beverlyglen.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Dan Palmer

Community Emergency Response Team—"CERT" was created by the Los Angeles Fire Department, first in the entire nation. It is now a program being used in most of the USA. We need to be ready for any disaster that comes our way. What better way to serve our families and immediate community than to be fully trained to be a

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community first responder support person? Living in the Glen brings challenges that we need to be aware of and ready for. If trees fall and block N. Beverly Glen, we will not be able to drive out . . . or in. Being prepared is much easier if you are trained, have practiced and have a plan for your family and block. I have included the relevant websites so that you can review the program: <http://lafd.org/lafd-cert> and <http://www.cert-la.com>. If you would like to be part of a training session here at the LDRCC, contact me (Dan L. Palmer) at emergency@beverlyglen.org. We need a minimum of 12 people, and you must be 18+ years old to be certified..

Street-Storm Drain Cleaning Time –

We have many street drains that are actually “storm drains” along N. Beverly Glen Blvd. We could call some municipal entity to come out and perform this work; however, we know that they do not have money or time to accomplish this task in a timely manner. We take it upon ourselves to do this work that benefits not just us but our community as well. If you are unable to undertake the work, consider assigning your gardener to clean out the storm drain (or any another drain) on or in front of your property. I personally find that it is great exercise raking leaves and shoveling dirt. The time we spend preparing the street drains will benefit us greatly in the rainy season to come.

Home Winter Prep - Let's move on to our homes. Time to clean out the gutters on your house as well. How is your roof? It is much easier to inspect and repair roofs when it is not raining.

HILLSIDE FEDERATION UPDATE

Mayoral Candidate Forum

The Hillside Federation hosted a mayoral candidate forum at its October 2012 meeting. Jan Perry, Kevin James, Eric Garcetti and Wendy Greuel were invited to a Q&A on various topics important to hillside communities. The candidates discussed their respective positions on ridgelines, administrative code enforcement and clean hands ordinance, sign ordinance, traffic issues, and city reform.

Cell Phone Towers

Cell phone towers in residential communities were unregulated until very recently.

Telecom providers had previously taken advantage of the City's regulations on placement of utility poles and many communities found poles placed in residential areas with no community input. Members of the Pacific Palisades Residents Association spearheaded reform to eliminate the utility pole exemption and expand notice of any proposed pole to 250 linear feet. The Hillside Federation had long supported this matter.

Digital Billboards

The Hillside Federation continues to be involved in the ever-evolving sign ordinance and recently the issue of digital billboards. Digital billboards are all over the city and have led to complaints about visual blight, light trespass into homes and apartments, and potential traffic hazards. The Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc., has also opposed the sign ordinance. For a detailed summary of the most recent city council debate on the issue please visit <http://banbillboardblight.org/>

BEVERLY GLEN PLAYGROUP

Julie Kolahi

Beverly Glen Playgroup is a parent-run cooperative preschool located in the heart of Beverly Glen. We occupy the Les and Dorothy River Community Center on Scenario Lane.

Tucked away in a quiet corner of the Glen, Beverly Glen Playgroup endorses a play-based developmental approach to learning, emphasizing the uniqueness of all children and respecting their individual rates of development. We believe that children learn by doing. Our focus is on the process

of education versus the end product. In operation since 1946, “Playgroup” is a close-knit community of current students, parents, siblings, and alumni – a warm and supportive extension of home and family.

We offer a morning and afternoon program. Our morning program is for older children (must be 3 years old by September 1st of the school year), and our afternoon program is for younger children (must be 2 years old by September 1st of the school year).

We are currently accepting applications for the 2013-14 school year. Applications must be received by December 15th. As part of the application process, families are required to take a tour of the school before December 15th. The remaining tour dates for this year are Thursdays, November 29th and December 13th.

As a neighborhood school, we try to give priority to Glen families, but they are not guaranteed acceptance. All families must complete their applications on time, attend a tour and be able to fulfill all co-op requirements. Other admissions factors include the need to accommodate gender balance, siblings and alumni.

For more information about Playgroup, please visit our website at beverlyglenplaygroup.org. You can also email admissions directly at admissions@beverlyglenplaygroup.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Julie Kolahi, Membership Chair

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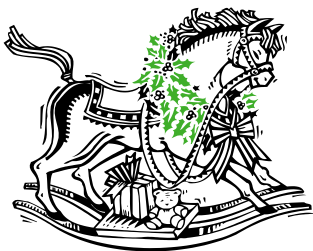
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CALLING ALL GLENITES

By Elke Heitmeyer

Our precious Glen Canyon can stay “the best little community in town (LAT)” – with a little help from all of us. We are threatened with mud slides, fires and earthquakes. But the Residents of Beverly Glen has a great emergency preparedness team that gets us organized for such an event. The Association also works on preventing overdevelopment and creating improvements in the traffic situation; and we can connect with our wonderful neighbors during the social events. We encourage you to be part of your community. Join the Residents’ Association, come to the events (next is the Holiday Party on Dec. 9), join a committee or the Board. A couple of hours each month is all it takes. Email president@beverlyglen.org or just show up. Next Board meeting at LDRCC, 10409 Scenario Ln., January 14, 2013 at 7:30 pm. www.BeverlyGlen.org.



SEEKING PLAYGROUP ALUMNI

By Julie Kolahi

Are you a Playgroup alumnus? So many in the Glen have been a special part of Playgroup since it’s founding over 50 years ago. We want to hear from you! In an effort to keep our Playgroup community in-touch and active, we are currently working on a Playgroup alumni newsletter and would love for you to be a part of it. Feel free to send photos, updates, or just your email address so we can stay connected. Please email our alumni coordinator, Kiri Miro, at kiri.miro@me.com as soon as possible.

LDRCC NEWS

By Ron Rosenblatt

We had a interesting and informative “Town Hall Meeting” led by Elke Heitmeyer and Ron Rosenblatt, two weeks before the election.

There were only twelve people in attendance which gave us the opportunity to all sit comfortably around a circular table overflowing with wine, cheese, crackers and home baked chocolate chip cookies. Ensued was a lively discussion of all the propositions and the local measures. It was perfect example of the Community meeting and utilizing the Center for its intended purpose.

The Center is available for rent for parties, or classes. It is can also be reserved at no cost for Community events.

There is a “no fee” Meditation Group that is starting up on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm. For more information, contact Steve Abo at sa@abocapital.com.

For information about using the Center, please contact Jessica Earnhardt at jessi-caearnhardt@me.com

OUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET AT THE GLEN CENTRE

By Sally Krasne

Did you brave the rain to shop at the Farmers Market at the Glen Center on the Saturday before Thanksgiving? And if so, were you tempted by the array of Buddha’s Hands or the wonderful variety of tree-ripened avocados and vine-ripened tomatoes? I certainly was, as attested to by the large Buddha’s Hand (which I discovered was a citrus fruit, not a squash) sitting in the middle of my Thanksgiving arrangement ... the tomatoes having long-since been consumed.

Our local farmers’ market is open on Saturdays from 8 AM to 2 PM. It has been operating for 3 months now and offers an impressive variety of fresh produce, prepared dishes, plants and cut flowers,

handicrafts and more. The market is sponsored by Raw Inspiration and managed by California Certified Farmers Markets. Raw Inspiration is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate children and adults on the importance of a healthy diet that includes eating fresh fruits and vegetables daily. In aid of that mission, they set up programs through which growers can distribute their produce at neighborhood farmers markets. This organization also sponsors a large number of other farmers’ markets in the Los Angeles area, including the Brentwood Farmers Market (Sundays) and the Century City Farmers Market (on Thursdays).

As a lover of freshly harvested faire and farmers’ markets, and a believer in buying locally and supporting small farmers, I am thrilled to have a farmers’ market so close to us in the Glen. Even so, I have not yet fully adjusted my mental calendar to associate Saturdays with shopping there and am sad when I have missed the opportunity. If you haven’t yet visited our local farmers’ market, I encourage you to do so. Take advantage of the (free) valet parking, and be sure to bring several, large shopping bags... you will fill them!



BG Farmers Market Buddha’s Hand waiting to grace my Thanksgiving table



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Mike Feuer honors RoBG Board members, here with Chuck Buell and Sharalee Flesche.

two parcels, only one will be assessed. Only those subject to the particular assessment will vote on it. These special assessments will last a maximum of ten years and will be subject to independent citizen oversight. For more information go to www.yesonhh.org or www.yesonmm.org.

Our councilman, Paul Koretz of the 5th District of Los Angeles, addressed the crowd giving us his up-to-date news on all of the things he is doing to make our lives better in the 5th District. He also commented on how much he appreciates this vibrant community, stating that the whole city would function better if citizens participated in their communities as much as Glen people do. He said that he loves coming to the Fair every year, seeing old and new friends and enjoying the music and the food, and that he loves his Glen T-shirt!

Delicious desserts and a tasty cheese tray were provided by the Residents of Beverly Glen Board Members, and Beverly Glen Realty provided another successful wine tasting event. Beverly Glen Market at Crater Lane graciously supplied all of the non-alcoholic drinks and beer at a great discount.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for all of their help in making our annual meeting a success. It takes all of working together to put on these events, and volunteers are always welcome.

The Residents of Beverly Glen Annual Holiday Party is Sunday December 9th from 5pm until 7pm.

Please contact me at social@beverlyglen.org or call me at 310-967-9025 to volunteer your time, food or ideas for the party!

Sincerely,
Sharalee Flesche, Social Chair



Paul Koretz laughing it up with Tensie and Dan Palmer

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DIANE

by Diane LaFleur



Roasted Beet Salad

Serves 4

This is one of my favorite recipes that I will make over the weekend and use during the week as a side dish.

Ingredients:

7-8 large dark red beets, trimmed and scrubbed (keep the skin on). I like to use organic if possible; they have much more flavor.

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees. Place beets on a stainless steel tray, and bake for about 1 1/2 hours or until tender. Cool and peel the skin, it should pull right off. If you prefer the skin on that is ok as well. Dice and put into a bowl. Sprinkle with extra virgin olive oil and a small sprinkle of either fresh lemon juice or red wine vinegar. If you prefer balsamic vinegar, that is good too. Add in a small handful of fresh minced herbs. I use fresh mint with lemon thyme. Parsley and dill are good as well. Season to taste with sea salt and fresh ground pepper. (I like the mixed medley pepper with pink peppercorns).

Serve as is or on a piece of lettuce with a bit of greek yogurt.

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