

Winter 2013



The Glenite

News and Noteworthy Goings-on in the Glen

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Save the Date

**Annual Glen
Garden Walk
Sunday April 14
1 - 3 pm
Start at LDRCC**

GET INVOLVED!

By Sharalee Flesche

Showcase your home! Email social@beverlyglen.org or call me directly at 310-967-9025 with your address.

**Save the date for the Annual Glen
Fair on Sunday, June 2nd from
noon-5pm and volunteer!**

Right now, volunteers are needed for:

**Food Table Director
Vendor/Artist Director
Scrip/Ticket Taker Director
Set Up/Clean Up Director**

As a "Director", it is your job to recruit volunteers for your department, not to take on the tasks yourself. Remember, "Many hands make light work," so please join in with your neighbors and volunteer to help.

Call or email Sharalee today for details.

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Happy New Year Residents of Beverly Glen!

By Sharalee Flesche

Sunday December 9th brought the community together again for the Residents of Beverly Glen Holiday party. It proved to be a great success and fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone that attended and contributed their holiday spirit and support.

Our local vendors generously offered donations again this year. Joe from the Beverly Glen Market provided us with turkey and gravy. The brothers at Fabrocini's offered us a fabulous pasta dish. Barry and Loretta proprietors of the Beverly Glen Deli donated a deli platter with Elke's favorite potato salad. Abe from The Glen market donated all of the non-alcoholic beverages and Steven Foonberg of Beverly Glen Realty continued the long tradition of supplying the wine. Tino from Mulholland Grill could not donate this year; so please remember Mulholland Grill when thinking of a place to dine, and they deliver! As a community we need to show our appreciation to our local vendors by continuing to utilize the services that they provide.

Jadon Gershon did an amazing job spinning the tunes at the DJ booth and traditional holiday movies were enjoyed al fresco as it was a mild California evening. Many children big and small had fun getting creative and sticky at the cookie and cupcake decorating table. Richard Renaldo was in town and went wild preparing vats of delicious chili for all of us to enjoy. Hildreth Simmons donated many of the holiday decorations.

Thank you to everyone who came early and stayed late to make this party a success. A special thanks to my co-worker Michelle Vannoy; together we just get things done and throw a great party!



... and a good time was had by all!



From top, clockwise: Gillian Calof and her big guy;
Stefania Panfili, Hildreth Simmons and Michelle Vannoy;
Deralee Scanlon and Kathleen Rosenblatt

Photos: Marc Olevin

Letter from the President

What an amazing start for 2013! I hope and pray that you and your family are staying well! Germs, Flu, Colds seem to surround us at every side. Rule #1 – Wash your hands... often! I would love to hear how your year has started. I would appreciate you writing me a little email about your 2013 beginning (president@beverlyglen.org).

Winter is here in the Glen and that means unexpected rain storms, slippery roads, and just a few weeks ago, a 7-car pileup because of "black ice". This is just something that Southern Californians are not expecting. Will we have more rain, or are we done for the year? Regardless, be sure that your sprinklers are in good repair, that the deadwood is cleared from your trees and property, and hillside grasses are kept low. (I wish I had a goat!) Check the roof gutters to be sure they are clear.

I thought I would give you an update on the rules in L.A. for "trash cans". Containers must be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection, and removed no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of collection. If you have any

questions concerning your City issued containers or would like to inquire about other services, please call them at 1-800-773-2489, or check http://www.lacitysan.org/solid_resources/refuse/services/container_services.htm.

Trash containers in the street beyond our Wednesday pickup day can cause additional traffic hazards, and just doesn't look pretty.

Please read this Glenite newsletter carefully. Keep it on hand and/or go to our website for the current publication. There is always information that can help you in your life in this urban forest. We are all here to work together, to serve one another. Take note of the names and email addresses of the board members. If you have questions about anything, please contact us. We cannot help, if we do not know....

Enjoy Winter! Spring and the Garden Walk will be here before you know it.

Sincerely,

Tensie Palmer

President

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Glenite Summer 2013 deadline:

Submissions needed by April 15, 2013

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BEL AIR BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (BABCNC)

by Ramin Kolahi

November and December 2012 Meetings

At-Large Board Member Positions

As some may know, BABCNC is primarily made up of stakeholder groups (like RoBG) that send designated representatives, but it's also made up of two "At-Large" positions. Due to budget cuts and inability to get elections administered by the City, BABCNC decided to hold a Town Hall Selection meeting whereby candidates are "elected" by the residents who attend this town hall meeting.

BABCNC originally approved the December, 2012 meeting but due to low turnout and as recommended by the City, BABCNC will hold its Selection at another date and time to be announced. If you're interested in being part of the democratic process and having real input (official advisory to the City), please consider becoming a candidate. More information can be found here, <http://babnc.org/election-information>.

Standing Rules

BABCNC is working hard to approve and implement additional standing rules that will make the organization stronger and a better platform from which to operate.

Transit

RoBG proposed a motion to ask Metro to give the San Fernando Valley transit corridor (from the Valley to West LA) a higher level of

importance in their long-range plan. If you're concerned about traffic, the only way to alleviate it is to give commuters an alternative, and transit is that alternative. The motion was tabled. RoBG may seek to put it on the agenda again; we'll need your help.

If you are interested in any BABCNC items or have questions, contact babnc@beverlyglen.org.

TRAFFIC

by Evelyn Alexander

Skirball Southbound On-ramp Opens

The new southbound Skirball on-ramp opened Sunday morning, Feb. 3. The new southbound Skirball on-ramp has been relocated to Sepulveda Blvd., approximately 2,000 ft. south of the Skirball Bridge. Construction of a new southbound off-ramp should be completed in about 6 months. You can visit Metro's website at www.metro.net/405 to obtain more information regarding the new Skirball ramps, and a fact sheet regarding the new Skirball ramps can be viewed at the following: www.metro.net/projects_studies/I405/images/I405_SkirballBridgeDemo_factsheet.pdf

Reduce Speeding and Commercial Traffic on Beverly Glen Blvd.

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

Please address concerns/complaints about Beverly Glen traffic (speeding, oversized trucks, commercial vehicles) to

- 1) Councilman Paul Koretz (call his office at 818-971-3088).
- 2) The LAPD (call the West LA Traffic

Division at 213-473-2222 and ask for Sgt. Kunz).

We will only get additional LAPD enforcement if we show our Councilman and the police that our community needs to be their priority.

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 at traffic@beverlyglen.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Dan Palmer

Here we are in 2013. Are you ready? Really ready? January & February are great months to check your emergency supplies. Do you have 1 gallon of water for each person and animal for 7-10 days stored? How long has it been there? Rotate your stock depending on the type of container it is stored in or purchase new. Earthquakes & Fires can occur at any time of year. There is much we can do to be ready for unexpected emergencies. We are going to focus on this all 2013. I look forward to working with you so we can all be prepared.

HILLSIDE FEDERATION UPDATE

By Gillian Calof

Holiday Party

The Hillside Federation celebrated its holiday party on December 5th. Honorees

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included Dennis Hathaway of Ban Billboard Blight for his efforts in curtailing illegal digital billboards, Steve Twining, Chair Emeritus; BABCNC, Roscomare Valley Association, and for their efforts in saving the Hastain Train in Franklin Canyon, Ellen Scott, Eric Edmunds and Steve Jones.

Digital Billboards

California's 2nd District Court of Appeal ruled that two sign companies should not have been allowed to convert billboards to digital. Despite this, the City's PLUM committee, scheduled to discuss the sign ordinance on December 11th, postponed the discussion to January 22nd - a move most feel is to give sign lobbyists time to make the ordinance more favorable to them and to investigate ways to validate those illegal digital billboards. Furthermore, PLUM continued to consider allowing advertising signage in city parks. For a detailed recount of the issue please visit <http://banbillboard-blight.org/>

Rim of the Valley

Congressman Adam Schiff has initiated a resource study with the National Parks Service that considers expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area that would further protect the natural, cultural and historic resources in the area. It would also establish greater cooperation among the agencies responsible for management of lands. Our community sits squarely in the study area. Please see <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley/Newsletter3EnglishWEB.pdf> for more information.

Report Problems with your Smart Phone

There is a new, free app for smart phones that allows you to instantly report problems such as graffiti, potholes, and abandoned vehicles directly to the City. You can take a photograph of the problem and the app will automatically include the location of the problem with the report when you submit it. The report goes directly to the City for appropriate action. For more information please visit <http://www.citysourced.com/default.aspx>

Bike Lanes on Lankershim

The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition is proposing bike lanes on Lankershim Boulevard. This project would address a gap in bicycling connectivity between the Valley and Hollywood communities, and provide greater safety to cyclists along Lankershim, in addition to other benefits. For more information you can visit <http://la-bike.org/ridelankershim>.

BEVERLY GLEN PLAYGROUP

Julie Kolahi, Membership Chair

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).

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.

The deadline to turn in applications for the 2013-14 school year has passed; however, we do maintain an active waitlist. If you are interested in Playgroup, we still encourage you to take a tour and submit an application.

Upcoming tour dates are
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Thursday, March 21, 2013
Thursday, May 23, 2013

All tours are on Thursdays and begin at 9:45 AM. (Children are not allowed on the tours.)

For more information about Playgroup or to sign up for a tour, please visit our website at beverlyglenplay-group.org. You can also email admissions directly at admissions@beverlyglenplay-group.org. We look forward to hearing from you.



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TIP FOR A WINTER WEEKEND

By Chris and Rhoda Holabird



Photo: Rhoda Holabird

We suggest you try a place like Switzerland, only a lot closer. That's our personal advice after driving back from our cabin at June Lake in the Eastern Sierra, just a half hour beyond Mammoth and minutes from Mono Lake. The Swiss style mountain backdrop for June Lake is supplied by the summits of the eastern edge of Yosemite Park and right now they form a vista of huge snowy peaks for as far as the eye can see. If you want a weekend of such spectacular sights, with diversions for the whole family including sledding (which our granddaughters love best), snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, snow man building, or just plain romping in the snow, then this is the place for you. There are lots of inns and motels and restau-

rants to match, with music on Saturday nights. Our personal favorites are the Tiger Bar for breakfast, the Sierra Inn for supper, and the Double Eagle for a splurge. Many places are within walking distance of one another since the town of June Lake is a really small village. This winter June Mountain is closed for skiing but will reopen next winter. Meantime Mammoth skiing is only a half hour away, with shuttles available. We met people who do their skiing at Mammoth but prefer staying at June Lake because it is so much more cozy and because many people think, and we do too, that it is one of the most beautiful places in California, if not in the entire country. Just give it a try. We think you will agree. (Check the internet for up-to-date information and listings.)

GREG HEIMER: ANOTHER FRIEND LOST

Greg and Dobie Heimer had been married for almost 40 years when Dobie passed away 1½ years ago. On January 24, 2013, Greg joined her. Both together and individually, they were integral, core members of the Glen community, and we shall miss them both greatly.

Greg was born on July 17, 1929, in Maywood, N.J. He graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and then received an M.A. in Speech, Radio and Television from the U. of Alabama Communications, Film & TV School. After serving in the army during the Korean War, Greg worked as station manager for a radio station in Jacksonville, FL and as general manager of one in



Greg Heimer, 1929 – 2013

Pittsburgh, PA. But he dreamed of the movies, so in 1965, he brought his then-wife, Jean Heimer, and four sons to West L.A. and attended UCLA Film School for a year. Soon Greg found work with KCET as Director of Special Projects and subsequently for Encyclopedia Britannica as Executive Producer of the West Coast Film Unit. After that, he free-lanced in many

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Greg Heimer, continued from page 5

areas, including industrial films, educational films, documentaries and narration.

Greg loved skiing, hiking and camping and was a strong Glen supporter, serving on both the LRCC and Residents boards, on many committees, and running the Annual Fair one year. A devotee of art of storytelling, he enjoyed performing his original stories for audiences and, later in life, performing improvisational pieces with an ensemble group. He put on a series of popular programs at the Center, "Sunday Afternoons in the Glen" which were plays, readings, and music, all with Glen residents. Greg also worked hard to develop a shuttle bus route from Sherman Oaks to Century City, working with the Dept. of Transportation, the Metro bus companies and Glenridge developer J.H. Snyder, who originally promised such a shuttle. But because of a variety of obstacles, it just didn't happen.

For the last few years, Greg struggled with both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. He is survived by three of his sons (from his first marriage), Jeffrey, Tony and Christopher and by his grandchildren, Jennifer Heimer Bridges, Autumn Heimer Davis, Guillermo Heimer, Danielle Heimer, Ingrid Heimer, Mikaela Heimer and Melissa Heimer.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at 1:00pm at Gates Kingsley Gates Funeral Home, 1925 Arizona Avenue in Santa Monica. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Greg can be sent to: Leeza's Care Connection at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, c/o Stephanie Elkins, 501 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91505 (indicate "in honor of Greg Heimer" in memo line). In addition, a guest book to honor Greg can be signed at <http://www.legacy.com/guest-books/latimes/guestbook.aspx?n=gregoryheimer&pid=162794426&cid=full>

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DIANE

Easy Chicken Soup



by Diane LaFleur

My husband and I both came down with really severe colds these past months, and this soup was the most effective cure. It freezes well and is really yummy.

Ingredients:

- 8 chicken breasts (with skin and bones)
- 2 leeks (white part chopped)
- 1 bulb of fresh garlic (which is about 12 cloves) minced
- 1 large celery root peeled and chopped (this comes to about 1½ cups)
- 3 large parsnips peeled and chopped
- 6 large carrots sliced into chunks (I don't peel them but do use organic if possible)
- Herb-infused olive oil (olive oil and herbs, see recipe)

Makes approx. 12 servings

In a large stainless steel pot, sauté the chicken in a few tablespoons of olive oil until golden brown. Add salt and pepper while sautéing. Meanwhile put all of the veggies, including leeks and garlic, into a flat, oven-proof dish (I use a stainless steel casserole dish) in a single layer. Sprinkle the veggies with a small amount of olive oil, salt and pepper, and roast in a 400 degree oven for about 45 min. or until golden brown. Add the roasted veggies to the chicken, and cover with about 5-6 quarts of water. Bring to a simmer, and then turn the heat to low for about 1 hr.

Meanwhile, make an infused herbal oil by taking fresh herbs (I use marjoram, thyme and rosemary), adding them to a few tablespoons of oil, and bringing to a slight simmer. Turn off the heat after a few seconds and let stand for an hour in the pan. Skim off any film that accumulates on the soup. Let cool a bit, and then add the infused herbal oil (not the herbs themselves).

Salt and pepper to taste (I like to use sea salt and the mixed pepper-corns with pink, white and black). Remove the chicken breasts, cool and remove skin and bones. Shred and add back into the soup. Serve with your favorite bread and enjoy!

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