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- Live Entertainment
- Unique Arts and Crafts
 - Local Artists' Show
- Yummy Foods and Desserts
- BBQ * Chili * Wine Tasting
 - Lots of Kids Games
 - Great Fun for All Beverly Glen Place

The Meaning of the Glen Fair

By Elke Heitmeyer

Living in this amazing metropolis of ours, we constantly face a myriad of choices of how to spend our precious time.

Here in Beverly Glen we have wonderful nature surrounding us! Just walk up Scenario Lane, or now also Caribou Lane, to be in nature. We have a history of community and connection. We have a history of being there for each other in disaster time.

And we have a history of having a fabulous time at the Fair – whether we are a family with little kids who just love the Playgroup activities; whether we are looking for a unique gift for our loved ones or ourselves at the hand crafted exhibitors' stands, or just want to hang out and enjoy some really good live music. Seriously, if you have not been there, the quality of

what seems to me every Fair I have worked on (30+...), enticing young and old to get into the swing of things and do a little dancing.

I myself also think it a special treat to admire the art our local artists are showing. LACMA take note!

And then there is the food – some of which may even be contributed by yourself – the fabulous Glen chefs are coming out in full force at the Fair! Plus



Excitement at the start of the Children's Parade!



Pam, Nancy, Steve and Shawn

the performances is really amazing! And the teens in the Canyon love our local talents Shayne and Noah! The beloved Flatland Band has entertained us for there is the juicy BBQ and the famous Chili by Ned. Wine lovers get to indulge and taste the incredible selection the Beverly Glen Realty is offering. And of course you can have some cold beer or soft drinks. Every year the neighbors who attend the Fair say—"this is the best ever!" Let's see if we can beat that this year.

Sunday May 31 – noon - 5 pm Beverly Glen Place

Our Neighborhood Council

by Elke Heitmeyer, adapted from a letter Robert Ringler, former President of Residents of Beverly Glen wrote in 2001

Residents of Beverly Glen is a member of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, which reaches from Sepulveda to Laurel Canyon, from Mulholland to Sunset Bl. and includes about 25,000 residents.

Neighborhood Councils are different from traditional homeowner associations as they are made up of all the "stakeholders" in the designated area. This means that, in addition to the residents, property owners, businesses, schools, and those who feel they have a stake in the defined area can participate and work together to obtain results vis-à-vis the city.

The vision is that all parties to an issue meet "at the same table", so to speak. The Neighborhood Council intends to provide an arena in which all stakeholders participate, giving an opportunity for dialog to take place at the incipience of an issue, rather than after the problem has been exacerbated.

For example, in the case of a homeowner who is protesting the construction of a large and invasive project adjacent to his property, typically the homeowner would work through the homeowners or residents association and the city departments. However, the developer would represent himself on a separate track to the city. This process has worked to the disadvantage of the homeowner, and to the advantage of the developer for two main reasons. First, the developer may have the financial

capability to hire the resources necessary to challenge the residents association's contention, whereas, typically, the association has limited resources to support its arguments. Secondly, the residents often find out about a problem after the process has progressed so far along that it is virtually impossible to reverse or stop. Under the Neighborhood Council idea, everyone who feels affected is sitting at the same table, where the outcome of a positive resolution is more likely.

Neighborhood Councils are funded by the city, so that they can be effective in their operation to represent their stakeholders and actually have a budget to pay for improvement projects in the neighborhood.

Under the BABCN Council bylaws, Beverly Glen has two votes on the Council. The Council has various committees, such as Traffic, Planning and Land Use, Public Safety, Public Education, Finance, and Other City Services. Each committee has a chairperson and interested parties. For a Neighborhood Council to be effective volunteers from the community have to participate. If you care about our quality of life we encourage you to come to the meeting of the Residents Association at LDRCC (every 2. Monday of the month) and consider becoming a delegate of our community to the Neighborhood Council. All it takes is two evenings most months.

Contact Robert Ringler 310-365-5723 for

any questions. Robert is our current dele-

gate to the BABCNC.

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ATTENTION: GLENITES WITH PRE-SCHOOLERS!!

If you are a resident of Beverly Glen who would like to send your child to Beverly Glen Playgroup but cannot afford the tuition, the Les and Dorothy River Scholarship Fund might be able to help. The fund will provide a scholarship for up to half the tuition amount to residents whose child would otherwise be unable to attend our local preschool. If you are interested in knowing more about this scholarship, please contact Ron Rosenblatt 310-625-2200 tel:310-625-2200 or Hadassa Gilbert 310-474-7487. This scholarship is only available to residents of the Beverly Glen Community.

The Les and Dorothy River Community Center is available for rent for parties, classes, etc. The cost is \$50 for Glen residents and \$75 for non-residents. It can also be reserved at no cost for community events.

Currently, there is a "no fee/donations only" Meditation Group that is held on Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Steve Abo at sa@ abocapital.com.

For information about using the Center, please contact Jessica Earnhardt at jessicaearnhardt@me.com or 310-962-1776

BRUSH CLEARANCE

By Tensie Palmer

Be very careful while clearing your brush and deadwood.

I have seen several tweets from LAFD.org regarding brushfires started by use of equipment that causes sparks.

Sparks start brush fires.

YES, clear your brush and YES clear all deadwood. Do not use metal electric tools to clear grass and low brush, as any spark on a dry windy day can start a fire. The lack of rainfall and the lack of humidity have increased the fire danger throughout Los Angeles, especially in the hillsides. Instruct your gardeners in safe practices as well.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Beth Handzo

Are you ready for the earthquake? After the 3.5 mini-quake in early April I attended a meeting on emergency preparedness at the LDRCC. I thought that the two gallons of water in our garage and the hand crank radio are a good start. But as a recently transplanted New Englander, I was surprised how much preparedness is already in the works in the Glen. Here are some of my stories on surviving Nor'easters and hurricanes.

In December of last year, my husband George and I drove from Greenwich Connecticut to Los Angeles to be closer to our sons and families. As the toll taker in Indianapolis said, "Dang that's a long way!" We are not new to coping with natural disasters. We experienced NY blackouts, and

more recently Hurricane Sandy. A winter week without power or phones is a long, cold, dark time, especially when downed trees and power lines block the streets. A summer blackout brings no relief from the heat. We have always thought about preparedness in several phases: Family Preparedness, Surviving a real disaster, and Recovery / Restock / Improve. Before we bought a generator, we stayed at a hotel where a generator provided power. Even with a generator, power issues are not solved. Gas stations have no power for their pumps or local distribution fails. Only houses with permanent propane powered generators had power (not sure how that works in an earthquake zone). Our situation was better than many, who lost their lives, their homes, and their businesses. Sadly one of our neighbors lost her life when a tree fell on her. Our primary Connecticut home was located on a hill. We were not in danger of flooding. However we also have a beach home on a tidal estuary on Long Island Sound. Hurricane Sandy pushed an onshore wall of water 6 feet high. Huge waves smashed many houses into matchsticks, or carried houses off their foundations. FEMA and local police locked down the areas. Many houses were marked for demolition. We were in the dark for a week regarding our home, which survived with some repairable electrical damage and lots of mud in the garage. Many homeowners were denied claims and even those who were insured are still working through Continued on p. 4

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the restoration. What does all this mean? Personally our move is a great source of amusement to our East Coast friends, one of whom commented that he has some "beachfront property in Arizona for sale." We didn't have earthquakes, but hurricanes and they have their own dangers- And just like earthquakes, one needs to prepare. It took us many years to invest in a generator. In terms of preparedness here, our house and others are on single lane roads that are barely passable on a good day. Earthquakes occur with little warning; a small amount of community planning can improve our readiness. Dan Palmer and Dean Gamburd chair regular meetings on community preparedness every 3. Sunday of the month at LDRCC. There is a plan for a communications system of 2-way radios, a volunteer network of block captains, and a resource readiness database. We will be part of this plan and hope you will too! Please contact them at emergency@beverlyglen.org.

Reference: http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit

DO YOUR NEIGHBORS GET THE GLENITE?

If you have relatively new neighbors, please check in with them, to make sure they are getting the Glenite. If not, ask them to email me their address and tel. nr. to glenite@beverlyglen.org.

The Glenite is free to all residents, but of course, membership in the Residents of Beverly Glen Assoc. is strongly encouraged. The more members we have, the stronger we are, and the more power we have in City Hall!



BEVERLY GLEN PLAYGROUP

Beverly Glen Playgroup is a parent-run, cooperative preschool that endorses a play-based, developmental approach to learning. Located in the heart of Beverly Glen, we occupy the Les and Dorothy River Community Center on Scenario Lane. The focus at Playgroup is on fostering children's natural creativity and curiosity, developing communication and social skills and encouraging age-appropriate independence while assessing and guiding each child's mastery of key developmental milestones.

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). Learn more about us at our website: beverlyglenplaygroup.org.

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.

Summer Camp: Summer Camp is available to children during the summers following their completion of the Star and Circle Programs. Summer Camp runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for eight weeks. Families pick days to attend. Extracurricular summer classes are offered from 12:45 to 1:35 p.m.

The next date for a tour of the school: **Thursday, May 21, 2015.** Sign up for it on the website: www.beverlyglenplaygroup.org

STATE ACQUIRES SEVEN PARCELS AT END OF CARIBOU LANE

by Travis Longcore and Catherine Rich

On April 13, 2015, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) closed escrow on a 7-lot (0.4-acre) cluster of parcels at the end of Caribou Lane. The MRCA is a sister agency of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and acquires properties on its behalf.

MRCA officials worked with Steven Foonberg of Westside Realty Group – Beverly Glen Realty, who represented the seller, to negotiate the acquisition. The MRCA will hold the parcels in perpetuity as open space in its natural state.

Near the end of the negotiations, the parties agreed upon a price but the MRCA needed an additional \$5,000 to close the deal. We put the word out to the residents of Caribou Lane and adjacent Calgary Lane and the neighbors pledged and donated the funds within days, ensuring that the deal would go through.

This acquisition was significant for the MRCA because if the parcels had been developed, they would have adversely impacted other State-owned parcels on the south side of the "paper street" extension of Caribou Lane.

This purchase is a wonderful example of the use of funds raised through parcel taxes to protect the hillsides and to preserve the natural environment. If you know of other parcels that are for sale, developable, and are contiguous with undeveloped open space (e.g., end of street) please let Travis know at tlongcore@babcnc.org.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Glenite,

I am writing you to voice my concern. I believe someone is using rat poison as pest control in our neighborhood. I have encountered two incidences in the past two months. One was a squirrel and the other a rat.

My concern is that if someone is leaving poison around they are not only killing rats - someone's pet that might consume the poisoned animal or even consume the poison by accident. I can also tell you from what I have recently witnessed that the animal dying from the poison suffers a long, horrible death. And we have seen the images of P22 the mountain lion in Griffith Park, who almost died from feeding on a poisoned animal.

Please don't get me wrong. I am not antipest control, but I believe there are other solutions. In fact, there is a store in Sherman Oaks called Wild Wings that currently has an Organic Rodent Control Program...Barn Owl Boxes!

Barn Owl nest boxes are very economical way to control rodents when compared to poisons and other abatement methods. And because Barn Owls are faithful to their nest sites, they establish rodent controlling populations that require very little human interaction.

The owners are very nice and knowledgeable people who are passionate about our environment and wildlife and offer consultations to see if a Barn Owl Box makes sense in your situation. I would like to see my neighbors join the growing number of Angelinos who are on the leading edge of erecting a network of Barn Owl Nesting Boxes. Become part of the solution of ridding Southern California of first and second-generation rodenticides and saving the countless lives of apex predators - from Raptors to Mountain Lions to domestic dogs and cats.

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SUNNY FOOS—A GLEN ORIGINAL, HAS PASSED ON

by Elke Heitmeyer, with excerpts from a profile Warren Garfield wrote about her in 2007

hen folks think of Sunny Foos, what comes to mind is the dedicated environmentalist, who went up and down the Boulevard, collecting cans and bottles for recycling, with the proceeds going to the Community Center. We also remember her as the cheerful server of beer at the Glen Fair. After a hard shift at the bar, she loved to join her "customers" and have a beer herself, her faithful German Shepherd by her side.

Sunny and Dr. Robert Foos, a renown eye pathologist at Jules Stein Eye Institute, moved to their home on Beverly Glen Place in 1964. Sunny loved his nature photographs, especially of the baby humming birds in the nest by her front door. She was very proud of her wonderful grandchildren, Sean and Maya.

For many years, Sunny opened her yard to serve as a food court and entertainment venue for the annual Glen Fair. The community is very grateful, that her son Robert and wife Lauren continue that tradition. Sunny is also survived by her other sons Michael and David and daughter Claudia.

The family and the Glen community miss our dear Sunny! I know I will see her waving down from the balcony at the Fair.



In the Kitchen with Diane

PUMPKIN MUFFINS

(No flour, gluten free and low sugar)
My husband is on a flourless diet for a
few months. I made these muffins and
they taste great. The cranberries help
add a bit of sweetness. The use of 3
eggs make them quite light and the flax
seed meal gives a nice bit of fiber.

Serves 12

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups almond flour
- 1 cup flax seed meal
- 1 cup canned pumpkin (try to buy organic)
- 3 large eggs
- $1-\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon aluminum-free baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 2 Tablespoons almond butter
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 almond for each muffin top

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat muffin tins with olive oil (or you use paper cup liners). Beat the eggs and mix in all the ingredients. Pour into the muffin tin. Top each muffin with an almond. Bake for 27 minutes on the middle rack. Remove from the oven and let cool for 10 min. before removing from tin. Cool muffins on a rack. Enjoy!



MY SENSE OF CAMBRIA

The trees sway and rock with the powerful wind as the sea steadily erodes. The grass is a magical green, and golden flowers spot it. The grassy hills are filled with a nature smell, with evergreens and pine trees creating a forest in the back. But best of all the birds chirp their new songs as they gather scraps to build nests in every nook and cranny of the crimson trees. The air carries such a sweet aroma, and in the fields there is a pine scent wafting, making it's way to new places.

- Maya Danovitch, 9 years old Playgroup Graduate



Dolores Dorn has lived in the Glen for over 40 years. She has had an interesting life and would like her neighbors to know about it and read her memoirs, if they so choose. Amazon.com, \$2.99, (no kindle needed). A share is donated to charity.

GENE COE PASSES PEACEFULLY

Dear friends and neighbors,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Gene Coe, resident of Beverly Glen since 1954, died peacefully in his sleep on February 27, 2015. Having struggled with Alzheimer's dementia for several years, he was blessed to have had no pain, no anguish, no anxiety. Born on August 8, 1925 in McCool Junction, NE, he moved with his family to southern California in 1939. He served honorably in Naval Aviation during World War II, then went to art school and UCLA on the GI Bill.

Coe was a supremely creative painter, collagist, and assemblagist. His work showed at museums and galleries and remains now in private collections. He designed the original Goat that appeared on the stickers all Glenites needed to come and go during the construction of the storm drains and curbs in the early 1960s.

He taught Film Graphics and Experimental Cinema at USC for thirty years, retiring only because his arthritis made the commute so difficult. The thousand or so students he mentored include many notable filmmakers and animators.

Coe made his home for fifty-six years at 1322 NBG and loved the Glen for his whole life long. He used to say that when he died, he wanted Chris Holabird to pipe him out with "Flowers of the Forest," a traditional Scottish dirge. Alas, that didn't happen.

Caitlin and I feel profoundly blessed to have had him in our lives for so long, and will hold him in our hearts forever.

Paula Powers Coe

FREE SERVICE FOR BEVERLY **GLEN RESIDENTS! MAY ONLY!**

An exciting local start up is offering a Free Trial of their services for residents of the Glen. HelloTech is an in-home tech support service that is aiming to make technology in the home simple and easy. They have hired mostly students from UCLA and trained them to be expert technicians. The goal for this pre-launch program is for HelloTech to fine tune their service while helping our local residents solve any lingering technical, computer, or wireless issues in their home. This Free Trial only lasts through the month of May so sign up and schedule your service appointment today at www.hellotech.com.

HELICOPTER NOISE UPDATE

The Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition has worked for many many months to find a way to complain about and ultimately reduce helicopter noise, such as during celebrity or other 'events' such as the closing of the 405,

Now the FAA's complaint system for Los Angeles County went live on April 1.

There are three different ways to report

- 1. Call 424-348-4354 (424-348-HELI) and follow the voice prompts;
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