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## Enjoy the Best of the Glen!

### The Golden Glen Fair: June 13th

Our Glen is the most unique and wonderful neighborhood in this huge metropolis of the Angels. And on June 13 you have a special opportunity to really enjoy—and participate in—this unique community! You and your family and friends are invited to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Glen Fair! Have a grand time—enjoy wonderful Glen food (if you would like to bring some, just let us know!), while listening to—or even dancing to—fabulous live music in a variety of styles and talents will have you clapping! Enjoy wonderful art—adult and kids—and you could also display some of your own! There will be historical photos to give you and your children a sense of place.

Shop for that unique gift to your self, your home, patio or friend...or do you have something you would like to offer, to exhibit, to sell?

While this is the Golden Fair, it will also be a Green Fair: Reduce—Reuse—Recycle is the Motto, and there will

be opportunities to learn how to make our gardens less thirsty in a beautiful way. There will be lots of fun things for children to do, plus you and your kids will be able to interact with Police and Fire Fighters. AND if you can contribute anything—Food or Talent—to this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fair, it will turn out to be even more wonderful and unique than we imagined!

Respond to [fair@beverlyglen.org](mailto:fair@beverlyglen.org) — or call chair Elke @ 1.800.400.7772.



*Don't get shut out of this year's Fair*



## Save the Date

### 50th Glen Fair

### June 13

### 12-5 pm

[www.beverlyglen.org](http://www.beverlyglen.org)

## WEBSITE UPDATE

*by Ramin Kolahi*

If you've visited [www.beverlyglen.org](http://www.beverlyglen.org), you may see something old and something new. With many thanks for our own **Jeff Schroeder** for spending many hours taking our new website and adding all sorts of functionality. Please visit the site, many hours went into developing it and that cannot be said without huge thanks to **Warren Garfield**, past President and tireless advocate for our website.

A great new function is that you can subscribe to updates via email: so take a minute, check out the site, subscribe your email address, and as we learn all the new functions we'll keep you posted on things you never thought ROBG does, and hopefully feel compelled to join or increase your membership level.

## Letter from the President

I sit here in my chair and the song of a mockingbird is outside my window. Spring is in full swing here in The Glen! It started out slower than usual, due to all the much needed rain and cooler than usual weather. We are well on our way to summer. As the temperatures rise, I am ever thankful we live here, in this microclimate. It still amazes me how we are protected by the ridgelines that surround our canyon from severe heat and cold. Yes, Glen living is the best! I was so happy to meet many of you at our Garden Walk in April! What a glorious day full of beautiful gardens and friendship. We have exciting times ahead of us! The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Glen Fair is in June! Have you attended them in the past? It is a great time for all of us to gather together and celebrate The Glen!

It is that time again...when we all turn to our surrounding hillsides and wonder if everyone has cleared their own portion of dry brush and dead tree limbs. You should have received your information newsletter from the Fire Dept. in the mail. Read it care-

fully. There are some changes. All things hillside clearance can also be found online at <http://lafd.org/brush/>. Let's make Beverly Glen as safe from wild-fire as possible this year. The wonderful rain we have received has watered the land well...which means we have more vegetation than usual.

I want to encourage you to get involved in our community this year. We have so many things going on that need our attention or help. You will read details of some of these in this newsletter. If something strikes a chord in you, please contact the board member that wrote the article and volunteer. Even if you only have an hour or two a month, you would make a great contribution. Many people + a little time = accomplishment of much!

I look forward to seeing you all at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Glen Fair in June. In the meantime, remember to watch for walkers as you drive the Glen slowly.

Tensie Palmer  
President

## The Glenite

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## TRAFFIC REPORT

*Evelyn Alexander*

Traffic on Beverly Glen — it's too heavy and too fast. You've had drivers zip past you as you attempt to pull into your own driveway, and you've had drivers go around you—cutting across into the oncoming traffic lane—as you drive the speed limit—or even 5 mph over on Beverly Glen. What's a Glenite to do? Well, you can start by joining the Traffic Committee! We are here to find creative ways to slow traffic down in our neighborhood, and to get people to treat it just like any other residential neighborhood! Here are a few quick things you can do:

**Slow Down** Drive the 30 MPH speed limit on Beverly Glen. Drivers behind you may be cranky, but you are serving as a role model for those who drive our canyon.

**Call LAPD at 213-473-0222** and let them know if you have experienced someone driving too fast or dangerously, like zipping into oncoming traffic to go around a driver going the speed limit. LAPD needs to hear from us. You don't need to give a license plate — just let them know that we need additional speed enforcement in the Glen.

**Sign the petition** asking shops and restaurants at the Glen Centre to ask their vendors and suppliers to slow down their delivery vehicles. Trucks speeding on Beverly Glen present a danger to residents, children and pets. You can "sign" the petition by e-mailing your name and the name of the street you live on (don't need your address) to Traffic Committee chair Evelyn Alexander at [traffic@beverlyglen.org](mailto:traffic@beverlyglen.org). If you would like a printed copy of this petition and can ask some neighbors to sign it as well, please ask Evelyn and she will send you a copy!

**Stay informed** You can learn more about the improvements to the 405 freeway, which has begun to impact traffic in our area, from the project website: <http://www.metro.net/projects/I-405/>.

Additionally, we are working with LAPD's community Speedwatch supervisor to train members of our community to use the LAPD's laser speed gun. Once trained, we will be able to monitor traffic in small groups. Speeding drivers will be sent a letter by LAPD informing them that they have been seen speeding in our area. No tickets will be issued, but other areas with a community Speedwatch have reduced the number of speeding cars in their communities. If you would like to volunteer for this activity, please contact Evelyn Alexander at 310-470-3024, or [traffic@beverlyglen.org](mailto:traffic@beverlyglen.org).

Your Traffic Committee is also working to identify other traffic calming improvement options. All Beverly Glen residents are welcome to join in this effort — please set a good example for visitors through our community and drive the speed limit!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Linda Paddor*

Hello Glenites: Thank you to everyone who has sent in their 2010 memberships! To date our accounts hold \$19,451. If you haven't renewed your membership this year, please send it in today. I look forward to seeing you all at the Glen Fair!

## BEL AIR BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (BABCNC) BOARD REPORT

*Ramin Kolahi*

### LADWP

BABCNC passed a motion to request the City Council reject the recent rate increase and continues to work with our Councilman, Paul Koretz, to create a rate-payer advocacy committee. In light of the water rates that had no consideration for hillside water demands as well as the recent prolonged blackout, LADWP must have more control from its shareholders and owners, you the residents.

## Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir

Coming to a head at an expected early April vote, the Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir will finally have a game plan to cover the drinking water reservoir. Some final details about public access and other issues are being worked out but ROBG sits on a subcommittee for the Coalition to Preserve Open Space, the main negotiator for local residents. Remember Lower Stone Canyon is now only used for emergency purposes and why it remains uncovered, Upper Stone Canyon must be covered due to federal regulations, how, how much and what will be left are to be determined.

## LAPD

Captain Evangely Nathan, Commanding Officer for West Area informed BABCNC that West Area will get 8 additional units (16 officers) in addition to 10 people sent in a recent transfer. Much needed for our hard working West LAPD officers.

## Brush Clearance

Many have seen the notices from LAFD, it's nothing new, it's an old 1999 ordinance but with the budget crunch, City of LA is looking for every way to collect fees not previously collected. Not to worry, you can self-inspect, read the instructions, take your photos, send in your documentation and if the inspector feels no further inspection is needed, no fee needed. However, if you don't send it in or don't do a good job, they will have to inspect and charge \$13 for the inspection fee. Brush Clearance is a matter of life and death for us in the hillsides, take it seriously and report neighbors who do not take it seriously as they endanger your home! Visit [LAFD.com](http://LAFD.com) for more information.

## Hillside Amendment

BIG, BIG, BIG deal, wording for the hillside amendment to the baseline mansionization ordinance is out, if inter-

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ested about specifics visit, cityplanning.lacity.org, or contact our new Hillside Federation Representative, Gillian Calof at hillside@beverlyglen.org for more information.

### I-405 Construction

Keep checking [www.metro.net/project/I-405](http://www.metro.net/project/I-405) <<http://www.metro.net/project/I-405>> for updates, sign up for the twitter updates, [twitter.com/I\\_405](https://twitter.com/I_405), don't say we didn't tell you about them!

### Mars Lane/Sandall Lane/Isadora Lane Project

The developer is scheduled to be at the BABCNC Planning and Land Use Committee meeting on April 28, 2010, 6-7pm. If you want more information about this project that will affect Glen residents, mostly those living around the Glen Market, come to the meeting and learn more!

If you have questions about the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, please contact me at [abcnc@beverlyglen.org](mailto:abcnc@beverlyglen.org).



Jane Padgett's basement distillery

## MOONSHINE AND THE WILD 20'S

by Warren Garfield

“There was a lot of rough and illegal stuff going on in the Glen during the days of Prohibition,” says Janie Padgett, standing at the wooden stairs leading down to the basement of her home on Beverly Glen Place. “This was originally a one-room cabin built in 1912 and has since been remodeled.” Janie is known to many Glenites as the lovely belly dancer at the annual summer Fair. In the 20's this was where then-residents made “moonshine” (unlawful home-made whiskey) in a “still” (distilling apparatus) and bottles of the stuff were stored and hidden. When Janie was little in the '60s, the Glen was a hippie haven and she saw Steve McQueen riding his motorcycle to the 4 Oaks and Hell's Angels fighting there. Her neighbors were babysitters and they told her the stories of the 20's, of men hiding out in the bushes with shotguns, and cops looking for them, and of bar busts and bribes.

Getting up to the Glen before those early days was by wagon from the area that is now Santa Monica Blvd. and Wilshire Blvd. The road, known as Brown Canyon, ended where Beverly Glen Place now ends; the road going through to the Valley was not yet there. There were bars, a dance hall and yes, a whorehouse.

That would be the three-story at the end of the Place. It had redwood siding, with the dance hall downstairs and the

ladies upstairs. You could imagine a Mae West-type saying, “Why don't you come up and see me sometime?” According to Janie, there was a bar on the boulevard called, “The Glen” around 1508, and its competition was the original Four Oaks.

At 1216 North Beverly Glen actor John Barrymore had his hunting lodge and hideaway. Of course there was the notorious Kennedy murder -- the August 6, 1921 Beverly Glen shooting with a .12 gauge buckshot that almost took off J. Belton Kennedy's head. It seems that J. Belton's father, John D. Kennedy, never got over the death of his son, or the exoneration of the accused, Arthur C. Burch. The 62 year-old father was in court for assault and battery. Said Kennedy, “This is the first time I have met Burch face to face since his trial for the murder of my boy. At the sight of him I was seized with a frenzy and choked him until he began squealing and they came and separated us.” Kennedy changed his plea from not guilty to guilty and the judge gave him thirty days, suspended, with the caveat that if Kennedy saw Burch coming, Kennedy was to “go to the other side of the street.”

Janie Padgett's home was bought by her parents, Carol and Norm Padgett (famed UCLA rugby coach) in 1957, and the basement where the still was kept was left intact. For years the Padgetts found bottles of every description surfacing from the mud -- from Milk of Magnesia to cough syrup -- anything glass was used to hold the booze. Today underground water still sends mud up to collect, and ghostly bottles still appear. Janie plans to restore the house and of course, to keep the basement with all its Glen history.



Merrell behind the bar at the 2009 Fair

## FAREWELL, MERRELL FRANKEL

Merrell Frankel has taken her last journey and this time it wasn't on American Airlines to Mexico or New Zealand, or China or some exotic destination. This time on March 1st she left on a journey to the unknown, but if I know Merrell she's having a wonderful time meeting lots of new people and old friends who have preceded her on this journey. Those of us who were lucky enough to know Merrell knew that she was an amazing teacher, scholar, activist, community leader, parent and friend. She was recognized by the City of Los Angeles, State of California, and National Council for Social Studies as the "Outstanding Middle School Teacher of the Year."

But here in Beverly Glen we will remember her as a wonderful neighbor in the 1900 block on the Boulevard. When she wasn't on a plane you would see Merrell in her aquamarine Thunderbird convertible, her red hair blowing in the wind on her way to the UCLA pool or a quick bite of sushi at the top of the hill. Merrell was one of our lovely barmaids at the Glen Fair and we will sorely miss her smiling face this year as we celebrate the fair's 50th anniversary. Merrell raised her two wonderful children Victoria and Macabee from small children to outstanding adults in the Glen and we commiserate with their loss.

Merrell would have been 64 on June 27th, and although she was taken from us much too soon she lived every moment of her life to the fullest. So we say "good job Merrell, enjoy the next journey."

—from Pat Forrest

## GLEN ASTRONOMER DIRECTS IMPRESSIVE NEW SKY SURVEY

*Ned Wright*, UCLA Professor of physics and astronomy as well as distinguished Glenite of long standing, now leads the new Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope Project which will greatly increase our ability to catalogue and photograph objects in space as remote as distant galaxies and as close as nearby asteroids and comets. Ned comments on the motivation for the project, saying "We have a deep seated desire to know what the universe is like and how our solar system came into being." The new telescope with its vastly increased sensitivity to infrared wavelengths of light will do a lot to increase that knowledge. Ned also reminds us that UCLA continues to maintain its dominant position in the field of infrared astronomy. Congratulations to Ned and to UCLA!

—Thanks to the *UCLA Daily Bruin* for its report of the story.

## LOOKING FOR JOHNNY

*Annabel Beard*, from the *hotel l'equipe* is looking for JOHNNY HALLYDAY. She can be reached at [morzine@hotelequipe.fr](mailto:morzine@hotelequipe.fr). Johnny, if you live in the Glen, and would like to contact Annabel, please do so via email.

## BEVERLY OLEVIN'S NEW NOVEL

*The Good Side of Bad* by Glen resident *Beverly Olevin* has found a publisher and will be out in September. The story: It's 2008, Florence has jumped off a bridge, and there's more melting down than the economy. Peter and his two sisters are forced to discover if they'll show up for each other, and ultimately for themselves.

We're planning a pre-publication reading and party at the LDRCC in the summer, so look for the announcement as we get closer.

## ANNUAL GARDEN WALK

Glen residents were treated to a tour of four beautiful and unique gardens (and grounds) on Sunday, April 11th. Mother Nature cooperated and provided a cool day for the event, sparing Spring showers until the evening. Thank you so much to the gracious residents who hosted this year's Annual Garden Walk: *Todd Clark and Jama Laurent, Mark Papale and Darrell Spain, Barton Phelps and Karen Simonson, and David Scott May*. If you would like your gardens to be included in next year's Walk or would like to suggest a neighbor's botanical beauties, please e-mail the Social Chair at [social@beverlyglen.org](mailto:social@beverlyglen.org).



A garden full of smiles

First I'd like to announce the birth of the newest Glen resident, our son, **Ryan Elijah Grunauer**, born on 3/29/10 at 7.1 lbs. and 20". He is amazing and we can't wait until he is old enough to join the Playgroup!!!

I would also like to express our gratitude to our new and continuing members. If you are new to The Glen or have not yet renewed your annual membership, please consider joining today by filling out the Membership Application on the BACK PAGE of this issue and sending it in.

Please keep in mind that your membership includes FREE entry to all our annual events including this year's 50th ANNIVERSARY GLEN FAIR!!! We are hoping to make this the most memorable fair to date and we need your help to do it!!! To show our appreciation for your support, you will receive a gift with your membership:

Single: \$25/yr get a Residents of Beverly Glen Sticker

Family: \$35/yr get a Beverly Glen Poster

Silver Sycamore: \$50/yr get a Glen Fair T-shirt

Golden Oak: \$100/yr get (2) Glen Fair T-shirts

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**Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available for Businesses**

The Residents of Beverly Glen Board has approved a multi-level sponsorship package to offer businesses interested in appealing to approximately 800 residents in The Glen, as well as to increase funds for the general account.

Local businesses, from Bel-Air to Beverly Hills and Sherman Oaks to Westwood, now have a great opportunity to increase their visibility and offer special promotions to Glen residents by becoming a sponsor at a level designed to fit the budget of a small, medium or large business.

**Bronze Level \$250**

Listing and link to business site on new *Friends of The Glen* page at <http://www.beverlyglen.org> and in the quarterly Glenite publication for one year.

Business card sized ad for one year (4 editions) of *The Glenite*.

**Silver Level \$500**

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Quarter-page ad for one year (4 editions) of *The Glenite*.

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10' exhibit table at the Glen Fair.

Announcements acknowledging sponsor during all annual events (approx. 4 per year).

Booth or Registration Table space for company literature at check-in areas at all annual events (approx. 4 per year)

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With the Glen Fair scheduled for Sunday, June 13th, now is the perfect time to become a sponsor. For more information please contact [babnc@beverlyglen.org](mailto:babnc@beverlyglen.org) or [president@beverlyglen.org](mailto:president@beverlyglen.org).



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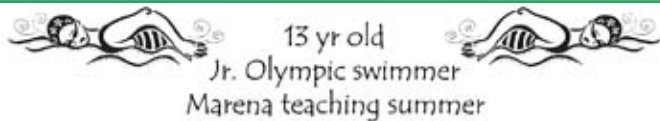
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