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President's Message

ADUs; We Join Coalition Opposing More Upzoning

By Peter Fuad
NWGHA President

We are seeing a surge in new accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in Northwest Glendale. Currently, there are more than 60 permitted ADUs under construction in our area. See the screen shot of permitted ADUs in Northwest Glendale on page 12.

While ADUs allow more housing, a laudable goal, they are breaching a number of the hard-fought design compatibility requirements championed over the years by your Association. California laws allowing ADU laws trump local regulations.

Residential Zoning Under Siege

And a handful of state legislators continue to craft housing bills that up zone neighborhoods. SB 9 and SB 10 are California State Senate bills that will effectively eliminate single-family communities in California. They will also accelerate gentrification and increase the financial pressure on communities of color and our low and moderate-income neighbors who are struggling to find affordable housing to buy or rent



To combat this, NWGHA has joined United Neighbors, a coalition of over 100 neighborhood residential groups throughout the Southern California region. Member organizations are from San Dimas to Torrance, from Agoura Hills to South LA, Santa Monica and the Hollywood Hills. The group's goal is to protect single-family neighborhoods while supporting affordable and equitable hous-

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Broken Grand View Memorial Park wall from Glenwood Road (Carol Brusha photo)

Grandview Cemetery Wall In Disrepair

By Carol Brusha

Several homeowners on Grandview Avenue, who face Grand View Memorial Park and Crematory, are tired of looking at a sloppy jury rigged patched up broken concrete block wall.

Approximately three years ago a major windstorm toppled over the now missing section and a see-through chain link fence was installed in the empty space, leaving tombstones open to public view. I was told that a neighbor found he could not sell his home because prospective buyers did not want to look into the cemetery.

After complaints, some boards were erected to cover it but a windstorm blew them down into the street and one homeowner removed them to prevent an accident. Now there is a canvas-like fabric covering lining the fence. It is an eyesore for sure.

One of the impacted neighbors said that requests to both the cemetery and the

city do not get any action since both sides seem to feel the other entity is responsible.

In 2014, Glendale posted that it "has no legal or financial responsibility" since it is privately owned and the state regulates all private cemeteries. This statement can be found when searching online for Grand View cemetery:

"Because Grand View is a privately-owned business, and because the State of California (and not the City of Glendale) regulates all private cemeteries in California, the City of Glendale cannot take control of the cemetery, operate it or maintain its grounds. At present, State law does not allow the City to replace the private owners as the cemetery's operator, or even make the owners open the cemetery for burials, interments or disinterments."

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Hoover High Opened in 1929; Rebuilt in 1937 and 1967



By Katherine Peters Yamada
Glendale Historian

Hoover High School Prior to 1967 Rebuilding (*Glendale Unified School District Collection, Glendale Library, Arts and Culture*)

Our town was growing so rapidly in the twenties that the only high school in town, Glendale High, couldn't accommodate all the students.

School Bond Issue Approved

After residents approved a 1927 bond issue, the school board purchased twenty acres on Glenwood Road - at \$8500 per - from landowner Mary Gardner. Local architect Alfred M. Priest designed the campus' nine buildings, which terraced their way up the sloping site.

The Mechanical Arts Building housed woodworking, sheet metal and auto shops while the Home Economics Building included complete kitchens, pantries, dining rooms and sewing classrooms. State of the art stage equipment and lighting was installed in the huge auditorium, which could seat nearly 2000 students.

Two gymnasiums, nearly identical, one for girls and one for boys, provided space for physical activity and competitions. Ferguson Field, on the north side of

the campus, was the envy of neighboring schools, according to R.E. Philp, assistant business manager, who described the campus in the first yearbook. (Note: Philp is correct.)

Naming Stirs Controversy

Glendale Union High School West was slated to open in the fall of 1929. But, it seems, no one liked that name and it was soon changed to honor Herbert Hoover, the new U.S. President, a northern California resident.

But, that name also generated a lot of dissent, and the school board went back to the table again, considering names such as Northwest High, Glendale Hoover High and later, Glenwood High. Finally, on April 11, 1929, according to "Glendale Area History," the school board reaffirmed their choice of Herbert Hoover High.

Why would Glendale honor a man from Northern California? Well, during his

campaign trip around the Western states, Hoover told voters that he wanted to dam the Colorado River to provide much needed energy for our rapidly growing area. (Construction on Boulder Dam began in 1931 and was completed in 1936. It was renamed for Hoover in 1947.)

And, some residents may have remembered that a few years earlier, while serving as Secretary of Commerce, Hoover spent a night in a house on Cumberland Road built by Charles P. Nesselroad, vice president of Signal Oil in Los Angeles.

Hoover Recognized for Humanitarian Efforts

Whatever the inspiration for the name, Hoover High opened that fall. Students dedicated their first yearbook, "The Scroll," to the president because of "...his humanitarianism, statesmanship and the honor he has brought to the state of California."

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Hoover High Opened in 1929; Rebuilt in 1937 and 1967

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During World War I, Hoover played a vital role in providing food supplies to starving victims of a military blockade in Northern Europe. After the war, as head of the new American Relief Administration, he continued his efforts to send food to Europe. He is credited with saving close to 10 million lives, according to a Cornell University online source.

The Scroll included letters from the president and his wife, Lou Henry Hoover, who was raised in California. Lou Hoover wrote, "It is difficult for me to picture a high school at Glendale as I remember it very well as a tiny village when I was a child, and the school children used to swarm over the surrounding low hills, gathering spring flowers."

Shortly after the school opened, the stock market crashed and "the worldwide economy began to spiral downward into the Great Depression," according to Wikipedia. Hoover ran for a second term, but lost to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

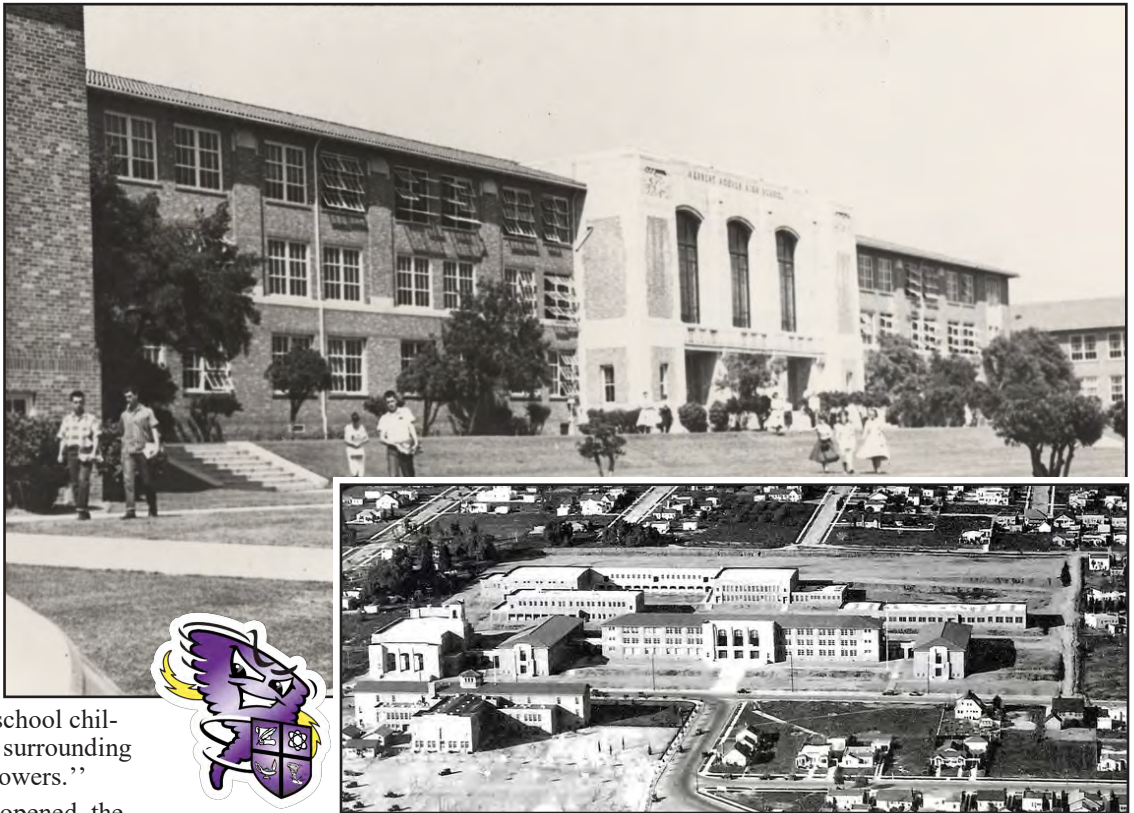
1933 Long Beach Earthquake Damage

Alas, the 1933 earthquake, centered in Long Beach, severely damaged some of the buildings and the auditorium was deemed beyond repair. A 1935 newspaper reported that the auditorium's tower had been removed, and that the auditorium itself was still off limits due to fears of falling brick.

A brand new auditorium, named for newly-installed principal Normal (*sic*) Hayhurst, opened in 1937. Hayhurst had served as the school's first vice-principal and remained at Hoover until 1945 when he was appointed deputy superintendent of Glendale schools. He held that position for two years before becoming superintendent.

Mostly Rebuilt in 1967

In 1967, the Hoover campus was almost completely rebuilt. Only the 1937 auditorium and Ferguson Field's stadium were retained. Funding came from a 1964 bond issue that also provided a new campus for Glendale High.



Hoover High School Front Lawn Prior to 1967 Rebuilding (Glendale Unified School District Collection, Glendale Library, Arts and Culture) Inset: 1929 aerial view.

New Mailing Address For NWGHA

NWGHA maintains a mailing address to receive legal communications, dues payments and other correspondence. As an organization we have tried to support local businesses, and most recently utilized the mail center in Kenneth Village. We realized in late December that the it had permanently closed without notifying us, necessitating NWGHA to quickly obtain a new mailing address. In January we made the move. Please note that our mailing address has changed to:



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City Protects, Promotes Our Urban Forest

By Jerome Sander

We may not think of it as a forest, but Northwest Glendale is rich with trees. Integral to the pleasure we derive from our neighborhood, and essential to a healthy ecosystem, trees are everywhere in our lawns and along our streets.

While homeowners are individually responsible for trees on their properties, street trees (sometimes called parkway trees) are within the public right-of-way, and are planted, cared for and maintained by Glendale's Urban Forestry Department (part of Public Works, Maintenance Services division). Loren Klick is Glendale's Urban Forester.

Owners of the adjacent property are responsible for watering street trees, which is why before any parkway planting, the City contacts the owner by letter informing them of private and City responsibilities relating to the trees.

Need a Street Tree Trimmed?

If you want a street tree trimmed or you would like a tree planted on your parkway, contact the Public Works hotline at (818-548-3950), and they will assess the situation and proceed accordingly.

Street trees are maintained (trimmed,



examined for disease, removed if necessary) on a regularly scheduled basis by City arborists and contractors. West Coast Arborists are currently contracted to prune street trees. Their trucks are clearly labelled; if you see street tree trimming by any other company, please call the hotline, even on weekends, to prevent unpermitted and potentially damaging work. The City is committed to responding as swiftly as possible and to enforce ordinances relating to illegal trimming and removal of street trees.

If a Street Tree Must be Removed

Street tree removal or root-pruning is sometimes necessary, in which case the City provides written notice to adjacent property owners.

Removal is rare, usually performed only if a tree is diseased or damaged beyond the point of viability, or if public safety is endangered.

Root pruning may be required to perform repairs to sidewalks or adjacent hardscape. If severe enough to irreparably harm the tree, removal may be the last resort. In all cases of removal, a new tree will be planted if conditions allow.

Property owners can appeal such work by contacting the Forestry office. It should be noted that for large engineering projects

like road construction, Public Works Engineering, not Urban Forestry, is the responsible department.

Oaks, Sycamores and Bay Trees Protected

Certain native California trees (four varieties of oak, sycamore and bay) are protected, even on private property. Glendale has a robust Indigenous Tree Ordinance that homeowners and developers owning or encountering one of these trees should read. The Indigenous Tree program, a division of Public works, is a great resource for learning about indigenous protected trees.

Call (818-548-3950) or visit the website www.glendaletrees.org to get information about tree maintenance, the permitting process or to schedule a free site visit from a City arborist.

You can get advice on heavy pruning that requires a permit or "routine" pruning that can be done without one, or how to provide soil conditions that promote optimum tree health. There is also a list of recommended tree care professionals.

"Tree City USA" Recognition

Trees are a valuable resource, particularly in our increasingly crowded and developed urban environment. Glendale has been recognized for 37 years (26 of them consecutively) as a Tree City USA municipality on the basis of its urban forestry practices and city governance promoting and protecting our Urban Forest.

We're thankful for our beautiful forested community and mindful of our responsibility to preserve and protect it.



Theft Rocks Landscaping

As the sign at the left indicates, a homeowner seeks to shame those stealing rocks on their parkway. Rocks can be expensive depending on their shape. The theft is reminiscent of thefts of rose bushes planted next to sidewalks in New York City. There, homeowners actually chained the bushes' root balls to halt thievery.

Welcome New NWGHA Members

NWGHA welcomes the following new members who have joined us in the last six months: Benjamin Ipekjian and Anika Mardian.

If you know someone who would like to join NWGHA, please email us their address and we will mail them a complimentary newsletter and an application. nwglendale@gmail.com.

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How City Selects Trees for Parkways

By Loren Klick
Glendale Urban Forester

Glendale, like Pasadena and many other neighboring cities, encourages increasing its tree diversity, while also planting street trees that have some uniformity in appearance on a block or street.

Longer streets typically have several species of street trees in an effort to incorporate diversity into the community forest. This helps avoid the negative impacts of species monocultures and diversifying species in neighborhoods where a certain type of trees makes up the vast majority of

trees. Encouraging diversity helps slow the spread of various tree diseases and pests and lessens the impact on neighborhoods where many stricken trees must be cut down. See adjoining box on tree pests.

The city has established forestry planting palettes for individual streets. That palette is reviewed every five years, with the next review coming in 2023. For example, the designated species of trees for Ard Eevin Avenue today are primarily gum and peppermint willows. Space limitations also dictate what is planted. The city maintains all street trees even if a property owner plants another kind of tree.

Arborists take into account a number of factors when selecting a tree, including growing space in the parkway, character and basic design of the surrounding area, pests, diseases, and drought tolerance, root habits, irrigation and soil need, and so on.

Trees Change as They Mature

Many young trees have different, more unkempt forms than when they reach maturity. The coast live oak is a good example. From a very bushy young tree, an oak will mature into a tree with long, graceful limbs and bare trunk.

Branches of the peppermint willow are weeping in form, but as the tree matures its branches will be well out of the way of walkers on the sidewalk. Young trees ben-

efit from having lower limbs and foliage. It helps the tree gather more nutrients and protect the bare trunk from damage or sun. Accordingly, city arborists prefer to retain those limbs as much as possible during the early years of a tree's life, while keeping the sidewalk and road clear.

A stretch of Burchett Street between Highland and Concord is a good example of changing palettes resulting in a mix of street trees. Newly introduced species on the street are better suited than the oaks now dominating the street and planted in the limited space available at those locations. Even though a different species, the new trees, when mature, will reach similar heights and canopy shape consistent with the oaks. An untrained eye may not be able to tell the species apart!



◀ Pepper Willow (*Agonis flexuosa*)
Red Flowering Gum (*Corymbia ficifolia*) ▶



Which Trees Are Subject to Pests?

By Loren Klick
Glendale Urban Forester

Luckily, there are currently no trees that are under such threat from pests that the City is no longer planting a species. The emerald ash borer threatens all ash trees from the east coast to Colorado. That pest hasn't reached California yet, though the City is careful to limit its plantings of ash in case the beetle does arrive here. Perhaps like the Dutch elm disease, we will be lucky and careful and avoid the worst of it here in California.

Sycamores

Sycamores are susceptible to a new invasive shot hole borers (ISHB for short). These pests thrive in sycamores,

but also in many common species of trees across Southern California. For whatever reason, their population has leveled somewhat to the point where cities seem able to manage trees with frequent pruning of deadwood and ensuring trees are watered (as that assists the tree in utilizing its natural defenses). Some researchers are studying the connection between our recent extended drought and the success of the pest, which aligned perfectly.

According to the latest research, planting new sycamore trees is fine, as these pests prefer mature trees – and it gives us the opportunity to regrow a canopy in a place where a sycamore may decline sooner than it would due to the pest. This is still a major threat to trees across Southern California.

Coast Live Oaks

Coast live oaks are impacted by this pest but not as a primary target. The most common issue we see with oaks is overwatering from turf lawns, or changing the grade and water regime of established oaks – both of which are not new issues!

Conversely, native oaks in their natural setting appear to be suffering from the increasing number of very hot days, as available water decreases and they lose more water than they are able to take in, resulting in some leaf dieback. This is a California-wide issue in chaparral environments such as ours. However, planting native oaks is still fine, especially when paired with a good area of mulch and an appropriate irrigation set up.

There is more information at ucanr.edu/sites/pshb/

Grandview Cemetery Wall In Disrepair

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However, any rebuilding or new building does require city permits.

Part of the wall on Glenwood Road is also gone and patched up with wood but it's not as noticeable because cars from the apartments across the street park in front which partially obscures it, unless there are no cars. The remaining concrete wall's foundation is exposed and appears to be structurally inadequate for the wall.

Robert Doyle, vice president of Heritage Cemetery Management which purchased Grand View in 2014, said the company is working on the problem but COVID-19 made it extremely difficult to move forward to get needed materials delivered, as well as getting construction workers under Glendale's pandemic guidelines. "We are trying as fast as we can to get a better looking wall," he said.

There is a pending case with Neighborhood Services but the city has been hampered by the pandemic's state and county closure mandates that brought Glendale's staffing levels down 50 percent.

John Brownell, head of Neighborhood Services, said the pandemic had switched priorities in 2020 and his department had to concentrate on pandemic violations but now Glendale is in "improved directions."

On April 9, Glendale's Community Development Code Compliance and Licensing Department had set up an inspection.

"Now that things are getting back to somewhat normal we will be moving forward on this case. We will be issuing a follow-up notice to the owners and are



requiring them to replace any missing portions of the block wall. If after the time to remedy expires and no corrections have been made we will then start issuing Administrative Citations," said Rene Sada, Community Development supervisor in the Code Compliance and Licensing Division.

A 30-day notice has now been given with a follow-up set for May 12. At that time the inspector will check for any additional wall damage.

Sada pointed out that a masonry wall is required when the property line of a cemetery is adjacent to residential zones.

The grounds reveal that the wall is in much more severe condition than just the broken parts. Some portions on the Grandview side are being held up by temporary braces and piled up blocks from the broken wall.

The best would be for an entire new wall to be erected since parts of the concrete block wall are not in alignment.

Grandview is a historic cemetery but it

has gone through some rough times.

Founded in 1884 as Glendale Cemetery, it preceded Forest Lawn by 22 years. In 1919, it became Grand View Memorial Park and in 1930 a judge ordered the owner to sell it in order to pay alimony to his wife. Years later, the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau (CFB) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs was called in to investigate bad record keeping and years after that a scandal broke about storage of cremated remains and other horrendous practices. It later closed and soon there were many legal issues to settle. When it finally was on the market, there were no offers.

Vancouver-based Heritage Cemetery Management bought it in 2014 for \$890,000, according to Wikipedia, and changed the name to Grand View Memorial Park and Crematory. The company began restoring it -- locating graves which had become overgrown by grass and uncovering markers, renovating the chapel, and repairing the north and west mausoleums. The company also spent \$500,000 upgrading the crematory, so that it could begin operating again and generating income for the cemetery.

There are a number of celebrities there but only people of a certain age or film fans would know them: Leo G. Carroll, Verna Felton, Harry Langdon, Chill Wills plus major league baseball player Homer Summa.

Wikipedia would be a good place to get detailed information and hopefully in our next issue there will be some good news to report.



▲ Broken wall along Glenwood Road.
◀ View of wall propped up along Grandview from inside cemetery. (All photos Carol Brusha)



Thunderhead over Glendale (Carol Brusha photo)

City Considers One-Year Pilot Bike Sharing Plan

By Carol Brusha

The city council is considering a one year pilot program to test what is termed “Shared Mobility Devices” that could allow regular bicycles, electronic bicycles and electronic sit-down scooters in a specific part of Glendale.

City staff has to do more revisions on the proposal before council’s approval on both the plan and the selection of a vendor. The decision is contingent on a staff report that will take into consideration council’s suggestions and concerns.

Current plans called for a total of 750 devices broken down to 250 of each. They would be available in the southern downtown portion a bit north of the 134 Freeway between San Fernando Road and Chevy Chase Drive down to the Glendale Transportation Center and melding into Atwater and part of L.A.

Access would be through dockless parking hubs and the devices would be kept within the prescribed areas through geofencing. The program, part of a city transportation system to get people to drive less, could be terminated before the one year if it’s deemed to not be working or if problems arise.

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◀ Scout Service Center on Grandview.
(Ron Brusha Photo)

“A 67-year old facility that has limited accessibility for the disabled, and was developed for traditional Scouting programs no longer serves our needs. As much as we all had a sentimental attachment to the building, it was time to move on. We knew we needed a modern facility that wasn’t tired, and promoted active family Scouting,” he said.

Proceeds to Scouting Programs

Turner noted that the Scouts went through the same difficult decision-making process in 1954, when they sold their then-headquarters on Elk Street downtown. “On top of that,” Turner said, “with the real estate market where it is, our Board felt that we could get top dollar for the property and invest the proceeds to provide Scouting programs to our kids for years to come. It’s a win-win all around.”

The late Carl Moseley, a NWGHA board member, was a young Scout volunteer at the time the Grandview building was planned and constructed. He recalled Scouts “selling individual bricks” as a means of raising the funds needed to get the building built.

Carl remained lifelong friends with Scout Executive Robert “Tubby” Huston, with whom he worked on this project, and proud of his small role in the construction of the building.

The Boy Scouts will continue to operate out of the facility until new space is secured. No information about the new owners is known at this time.

Verdugo Hills Boy Scouts Sell Grandview Service Center

By Sam Engel

The property at the corner of Glenwood and Grandview housing the Scout Service Center for the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America has been sold.

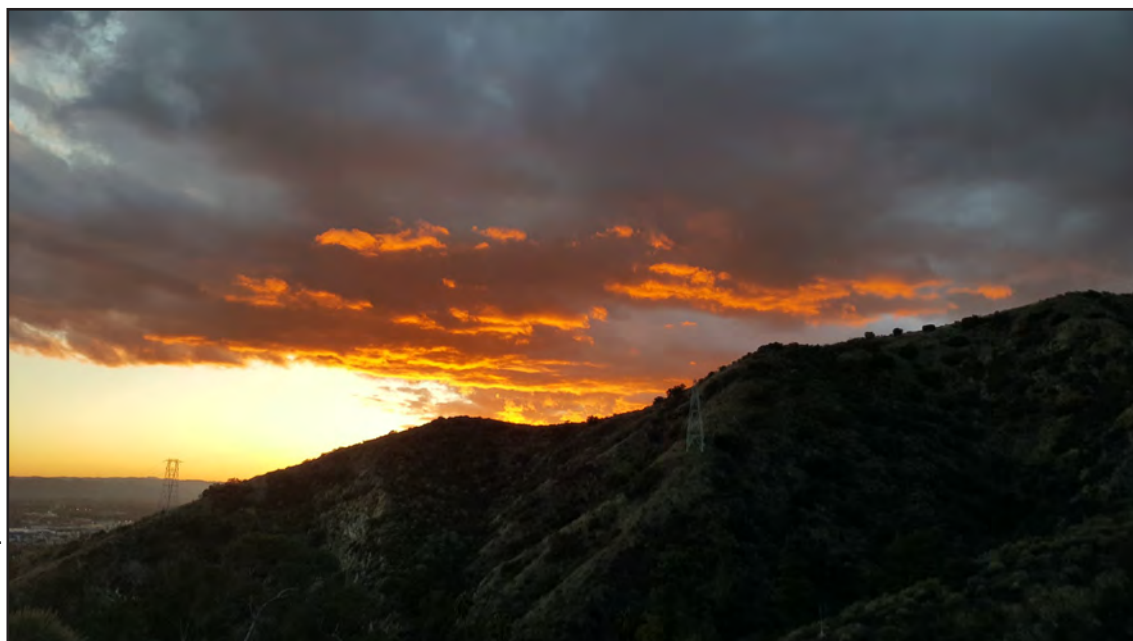
Designed by noted architect Alfred Wolfe in a modified Streamline Moderne style, the building was constructed in 1954, and included many special features designed just for the Scouts, including custom fireplaces, inlaid terrazzo flooring and wrought iron gates, both with the Scouts’ logo.

Wolfe designed many public buildings in Southern California, including the Glendale Courthouse and the Glendale Public Health Building. The Scout Service Center is consistent with these other designs.

The Verdugo Hills Council serves Burbank, Glendale, Sunland, Tujunga, Sun Valley, La Canada, La Crescenta, Eagle Rock,

Highland Park and Atwater Village; and celebrated its centennial in 2020.

Council President Andrew Turner notes that the sale of the property is part of the Council’s strategic plan to move into the next 100 years of Scouting. “With the introduction of girls and young women into the Scouting program, and programs geared more towards family participation, we need a facility that can serve our changing clientele.



Sunset over Brand Park
(Carol Brusha photo)



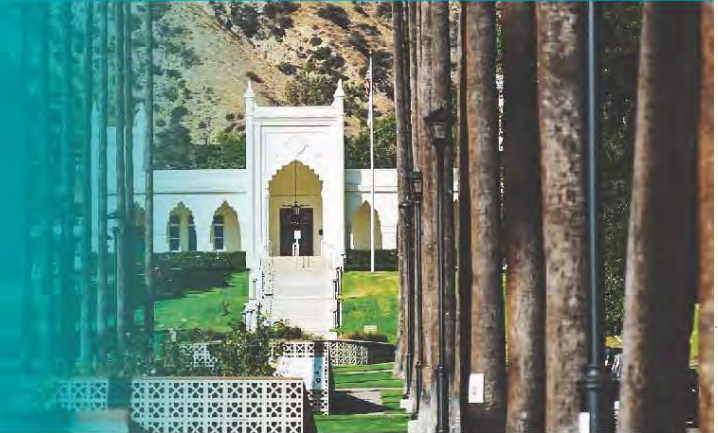
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Glendale City Council Opposes Aerial Tram in Griffith Park

By Carol Brusha

Opposition to the proposed aerial tram in Griffith Park, that would take tourists to the Hollywood sign, has increased with our Glendale city council and the Burbank city council sending letters to the city of L.A., adding to the growing list of entities against it.

There were four routes proposed and any one of them would potentially destroy the ambience of the park by destructive construction.

Glendale's two page letter stated, among other reasons, that "Griffith Park is part of a larger eco-system that provides benefit to the entire area and it is incumbent upon all of us as good stewards to this wonderful amenity to protect not only the Glendale community but also to honor the original mandate of the Griffith Family to preserve the area in its pristine condition."

The letter pointed out that the city has a commitment to the Riverside Rancho neighborhood that is home to its equestrian community, is adjacent to Griffith Park and one of the proposed routes would have a direct negative impact to equestrians.

The increase in traffic was also brought up. "The ATS appears to be envisioned without adequate connection to and benefit of a public transit system leaving access mostly car dependent. With a presumed increase in visitors destined for use of the Tram, the result would be a shift and increase in traffic on locals streets adjacent to the I-5 freeway."

Another Important Letter

State Senator Anthony J. Portantino (25th district) also wrote claiming there were a number of questions that must be resolved regarding park impacts such as what would become of historic Martinez Arena and pointing out that all the proposed routes would have negative impacts including bringing tramway cars within ten feet of the tops of equestrians heads which could spook horses, especially novice riders on rentals.

"We must be careful stewards in preserving Griffith J. Griffith's most generous gift," he concluded.

Why the Tram?

The idea came about because irate residents in Beachwood Canyon and surrounding areas were (actually are) tired of high tourist traffic to see the Hollywood sign up close. Many were disrespectful of homeowners, leaving trash, using lawns and bushes for bathrooms, and sometimes blocking driveways.



Strategies were proposed via a feasibility study initiated by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to reduce traffic and congestion and somehow the tram came into the picture. This idea seemed all the more wonderful to city leaders for the 2028 summer Olympics. All of the proposed alignments would have routes encroaching on various wilderness areas. There could be as many as 24 massive towers in the park, which was designated an Historic-Cultural Monument in 2009 by Los Angeles.

A Bit of Good News

One of the biggest financial players was Warner Bros. with a \$100 million plan but, thankfully, possibly seeing substantial errors in this idea, it backed out on March 18.

This plan would have gone into a wild section of the park.

In its statement, it pointed out the "challenging construction issues" among other reasons plus "protocols necessary to protect guests during emergencies."

Brush fires, earthquakes and strong winds are definitely emergencies.

It is Not Over – Yet

With Warner Bros. out there are still three other routes being studied -- LA Zoo, Travel Town and the Zoo Magnet School --but hopefully with many opposition letters Los Angeles may decide to back down.

As of now there are 30 letters with many from homeowner associations. Others come from the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter and the Verdugo Chapter, California Native

Plant Society, National Wildlife Association, Center for Biological Diversity, Friends of Runyon Canyon to name a few. And, of course, Friends of Griffith Park.

Protest Letters Important

Please send them to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

A Personal Thank You

I want to thank the entire Glendale City Council for giving unanimous approval to send a letter and a special shout out to Mayor Paula Devine for initiating it.



Filming in Kenneth Village. Frame from Prolia ad recently shot in the Village.

President's Message

ADUs; More State Up Zoning Bills

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ing for all. Their website is unitedneighbors.net.

Joining this group does not compromise our independence. Rather, it is an advocacy group that allows homeowner groups to amplify their voices. It includes homeowner groups that are experienced in lobbying state legislators.

The coalition will keep everyone informed on what is going on, when and where to send position papers on bills, and coordinate email blasts to our membership and lawmakers. What we want is a seat at the table.

We want to find solutions and will work with legislators that also are seeking real world solutions to these housing issues. It only makes sense for homeowner groups to join together to protest these proposed laws. A number of other Glendale homeowner groups and the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council have joined in this effort.

We think the savvy and weight of United Neighbors will greatly enhance the power of neighborhoods like our own.

Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 will:

- End single-family zoning in California.
- Allow 4-10 units of housing on our single-family lots.
- Allow the splitting in half of every single-family lot in California.
- Demand no infrastructure improvements from developers.
- Mandate maximum four-foot rear yard setbacks.
- Remove environmental protections.
- Cause the mass removal of our trees.
- Eliminate yards and greenscape.
- Mandate not one unit of affordable housing!

Join Us!

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Give a Hoot—Save our Owls

By Holly Keenan

The other night, when my daughter and I walked outside to take our dog for a quick walk, we were delighted by the sound of a hooting owl up in the trees.

Everything else in the neighborhood was silent except for the owl's clockwork hoots that were surprisingly loud and the sound carried through the night air even when we were a block away.

The sound was magical and almost sounded too perfect to be real. We sat in our front yard for a few minutes enjoying the hoots.

I live on Bel Aire Drive near Western Ave., and it can be quite busy with cars in the afternoon and into the evening so hearing these hoots was a welcome change in atmosphere.

Owl Population Increasing

It seems we are having a little bit of an owl population increase and anecdotally I have spoken to several neighbors whom have seen and heard more owls lately. My son's friend told me a Barn Owl moved into a tree in front of his fam-

ily's house and he named it "Gus."

Avoid Rat Poison

Recently I read a very sad Nextdoor.com post that a family nearby found a dead owl on their driveway and the cause of death was most likely due to rat poison. Our local owls do us a great service by eating our rats and mice but when they eat a rodent who has ingested rat poison it will also kill the owl.

Instead of rat bait boxes please choose alternatives like good old fashioned snap traps. Most pest companies will offer alter-



Barn Owl

natives to rat poison because they have become aware of the damage that the bait boxes can do to our local eco system.

Install an Owl Box

We've considered installing an owl box to encourage owls to live near me but unfortunately our yard isn't a great habitat for owls due to our pool and proximity to a telephone poll. Owls need a good open run to their nests or owl box and my yard just doesn't have such space as required.

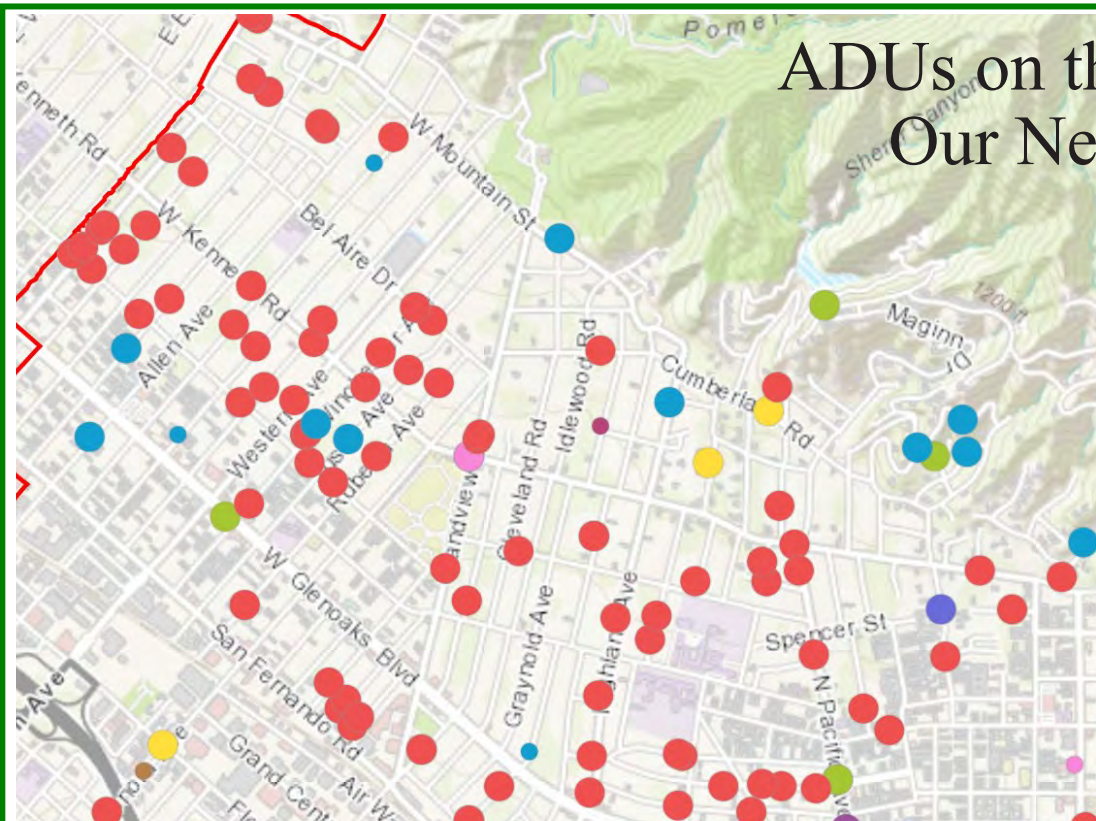
But I'd like to encourage Northwest Glendale neighbors who do have larger yards with trees to consider an owl box.

A great resource online is Wildwings-la.com. They sell owl boxes and will consult with you to see if your yard is a good space for an owl box.

Another good resource is The Hungry Owl Project (hungryowls.org). They have videos of what owls sound like so you can identify your local owl.

From their website I was able to determine that the hoots I was hearing were from a Great Horned Owl and the owl that screeches while flying over our house at night is a Barn Owl. Both organizations have great info on non-toxic pest control so you can remove the bait boxes which create the toxic food web that kill our local birds.

ADUs on the March in Our Neighborhood



More than 60 ADUs have been permitted or owners are now applying for permits in our area.

The Northwest Glendale portion of the online [City of Glendale Planning Projects Map](#) is to the left. Each red dot represents a an ADU project. See President's Message for more information.

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North Hollywood-Glendale-Pasadena BRT Progresses



By Peter Fuad

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is finalizing plans for its 18-mile long North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The \$249 million to \$367 million line will extend from the North Hollywood subway/BRT station to the Gold (L) Line and Pasadena City College. The proposed opening date is 2024.

Major Impact in Northwest Glendale

As shown on the above map, the line will go through Eagle Rock on Colorado Boulevard, through Glendale on either Broadway, Colorado or the 134 Freeway, before turning up Central Avenue to Glenoaks Boulevard to Olive Avenue.

The Glenoaks portion of the line will have a major impact on Northwest Glendale. There will be stations along Glenoaks in Glendale at Pacific, Grandview (optional), Western and Alameda Avenues.

Dedicated median-running bus lanes will be created along Glenoaks by restriping the inside lane for bus-only use. One driving lane will be lost, but there will be no loss of parking, and the existing bicycle lanes along this section will be retained. The median will be narrowed for stations.

Eagle Rock Beautiful Boulevard

The design of the line along Colorado Boulevard through Eagle Rock has been particularly contentious. Local activists have developed an imaginative plan for a transit-friendly, walkable, bikeable Colora-

do Blvd. dubbed “Beautiful Boulevard” which Metro is considering. A rendering of that concept is below.

Not the Fastest or Most Direct Route

The street route, with its jog through Burbank, is not the fastest or the most direct route. Metro states that the end-to-end travel time of the BRT entirely along the freeway would, depending on traffic, be 41 to 43 minutes, while the current route would take 65 minutes. However, Metro

studies indicate that most trips along the route would *not* be end-to-end trips. A trip is more likely to be from Eagle Rock to Glendale rather than Pasadena to North Hollywood.

The revised NoHo-Pasadena BRT plans are scheduled to be presented to the Metro board in May. The board is expected to approve the project’s final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) this summer.

More information on the project are available at metro.net.



Rendering of Beautiful Boulevard proposal for transit-friendly, walkable, bikeable Colorado Blvd. in Eagle Rock.



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