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a guide to our neighborhoods

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## glendale, california

Since incorporating in 1906, Glendale has grown from a small community into an animated, cosmopolitan city, rich in history, cultural diversity, and limitless lifestyle opportunities. Glendale offers a unique downtown area that features art and entertainment, shopping, dining, hotels, multi-national and entertainment companies, and the legendary Alex Theatre. Glendale is also home to award winning schools and hospitals, quaint businesses districts, and distinctive and character neighborhoods. Glendale is a dynamic, fun, and safe place to live, work, and play.

Residents and businesses in Glendale are supported by a full-service City ([www.ci.glendale.ca.us](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us)) dedicated to providing:

- First class Police and Fire Departments,
- A wholly-owned municipal utility company offering water & power,
- A complete Public Works Department to maintain infrastructure,
- Libraries to provide programs for lifelong learning,
- A variety of parks for quiet enjoyment, organized sports or open space adventure, and
- Community programs for youth, seniors, and all ages in-between.

Throughout its growth, Glendale's residential neighborhoods have maintained their special character and continue to offer a host of diverse opportunities. Our beautiful neighborhoods are perfect for families, executives, or young urban professionals seeking a unique and safe neighborhood. Each neighborhood and home possesses its own flavor, feel and texture. This booklet offers a snapshot of our neighborhoods and the features that make them so special.

It's no secret why Glendale is called the Jewel City.



## message from the city manager scott ochoa

Welcome to Glendale!

As one of the most dynamic cities in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, Glendale balances a unique quality of life for its residents with a robust business community. We are a recognized leader among cities and help set the pace for local government resourcefulness and creativity across the country.

Glendale is one of the most diverse communities in Los Angeles County. With businesses that offer customary traditions from every corner of the world, Glendale features interesting and exciting opportunities to gain cultural awareness through events like the annual "Unity Fest" or "Week of Remembrance." Our diversity is truly a source of strength - test scores and graduation rates in Glendale Unified Schools are leading edge, we are one of the safest large cities in America, and recreation in Glendale is supported by events celebrating who we are as a community.

As one of the largest cities in the County, Glendale has the resources and expertise to flourish yet remain organizationally fit. This means that our value proposition to residents and businesses is refined and sharp - we will provide the best, most cost-effective level of municipal service in this region. As demanded by our Mayor & City Council, the City of Glendale seizes opportunities and strives toward continuous improvement. From attracting new businesses and navigating them through our development review process, to protecting our residential neighborhoods and maintaining the infrastructure that serves them, Glendale is the premiere full-service community within all of Los Angeles County.

Thank you for joining us, and please let us know how we can make your experience in Glendale even better.

New York Park 4525 New York Ave., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Nibley Park 1103 E. Mountain St., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Oakmont View Park 2940 Oakmont View Dr., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Pacific Community Center and Park 501 S. Pacific Ave., Glendale, CA 91204	(818) 548-2184
Palmer Park 610 E. Palmer Ave., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Pelanconi Park 1000 Grandview Ave., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Piedmont Mini-Park 1145 E. Lexington Dr., Glendale	(818) 548-2000
Lower Scholl Canyon Park 2849 E. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Scholl Canyon Athletic Fields, 3200 E. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale Golf & Tennis Complex, 3800 E. Glenoaks Blvd	(818) 548-6420 (818) 243-4100
Skate Park 229 S. Orange St., Glendale	(818) 548-6420
Sparr Heights Senior Center 1613 Glencoe Way, Glendale 91208	(818) 548-2187
Sports Complex 2200 Fern Lane, Glendale 91208	(818) 548-6420
Verdugo Adobe 2211 Bonita Dr., Glendale 91208	(818) 548-3795
Verdugo Park 1621 Cañada Blvd., Glendale Stengel Field, 1601 Cañada Blvd., Glendale Babe Herman Little League Field, 1726 Cañada Blvd	(818) 548-2184 (818) 548-6420 (818) 548-6420
Wilson Avenue Mini-Park 1101 Wilson Park, Glendale	(818) 548-2000
For assistance with Park Maintenance related problems	(818) 548-2060

Visit [www.parks.ci.glendale.ca.us](http://www.parks.ci.glendale.ca.us) for more information

# parks

Adams Square Mini Park 1020 E. Palmer Ave., Glendale 91204	(818) 548-2184
Adult Recreation Center 201 E. Colorado St., Glendale 91205	(818) 548-3775
Brand Park 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale 91202	(818) 548-2184
Carr Park 1615 E. Colorado St., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Casa Adobe de San Rafael 1330 Dorothy Drive, Glendale 91202	(818) 548-2184
Cerritos Park 3690 San Fernando Rd., Glendale 91204	(818) 548-2184
Civic Auditorium 1401 N. Verdugo Rd., Glendale 91208	(818) 548-2787
Deukmejian Wilderness Park 5142 Dunsmore Ave., Glendale 91214	(818) 548-2184
Dunsmore Park 4700 Dunsmore Ave., Glendale 91214	(818) 249-2187
Elk Mini Park 800 E. Elk Ave., Glendale	(818) 548-2000
Emerald Isle Park 2310 Lenore Dr., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Fremont Park 600 W. Hahn Ave., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Glenoaks Park 2531 E. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Glorietta Park 2801 N. Verdugo Rd., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Griffith Manor Park 1551 Flower St., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Maple Park 820 E. Maple St., Glendale	(818) 548-3785
Mayor's Bicentennial Park 1787 Loma Vista Dr., Glendale	(818) 548-2184
Milford Mini Park 601 W. Milford Ave., Glendale	(818) 548-2000
Montrose Community Park 3529 Cifton Pl., Glendale	(818) 548-2184



# the jewel city

## Education

Glendale is committed to providing an excellent education for its residents. We offer an outstanding public educational system with students consistently outscoring the local, state, and national averages. All levels of education are a top priority in the City of Glendale.

### Glendale Unified School District [www.gusd.net](http://www.gusd.net)

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) serves pre-school through 12th grade and has a well-deserved reputation as a leader in educational quality. Glendale schools are consistently among the best, garnering California Distibuinshed, Blue Ribbon, Silver Medal, and Title 1 Achieving Schools designations. GUSD includes 20 elementary schools (K-6), four middle schools (7-8), and five high schools (9-12), including a magnet high school emphasizing science and technology. In addition, GUSD has a Home Independent Study Academy and Special Needs School.

### Glendale Community College [www.glendale.edu](http://www.glendale.edu)

Glendale Community College (GCC) has served Glendale and the surrounding area since 1927, earning a strong reputation for academic excellence that meets the needs of a changing world. As a fully accredited institution, GCC provides an exciting variety of academic, vocational, and short-term course programs to adults or high school graduates.

## Health and Safety

Glendale is committed to providing proactive law enforcement and high-quality police services for the community. The City credits the professionalism of its officers and their close relationship with the community as contributing to a low crime rate.

The Glendale Fire Department has achieved a Class I rating by the Insurance Service Office, indicating that it has exceptional fire fighting abilities, personnel, response times, fire prevention efforts, water supply availability, and communications. The Glendale Police Department ensures that Glendale remains one of the safest communities in the United States.

Glendale has three regional medical centers, one county health center and numerous social service agencies located in Glendale to ensure that residents have access to superior health care.

## SPECIAL SCHOOLS

College View, 1700 E. Mountain St., 91206 (818) 246-8363  
Cloud Pre-School, 4444 Cloud Ave., 91214 (818) 249-1414

## HIGH SCHOOLS

Clark Magnet, 4747 New York Ave., 91214 (818) 248-8324  
Crescenta Valley, 2900 Community Ave., 91214 (818) 249-5871  
Allen F. Daily, 220 N. Kenwood St., 91206 (818) 247-4805  
Glendale, 1440 E. Broadway, 91205 (818) 242-3161  
Herbert Hoover, 651 Glenwood Rd., 91202 (818) 242-6801

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Theodore Roosevelt, 222 E. Acacia, 91205 (818) 242-6845  
Rosemont, 4725 Rosemont Ave, 91214 (818) 248-4224  
Eleanor J. Toll, 700 Glenwood Rd., 91202 (818) 244-8414  
Woodrow Wilson, 1221 Monterey Rd., 91206 (818) 244-8145

## COLLEGES

Glendale Career College  
1015 Grandview Ave., 91201 (818) 243-1131  
  
Glendale Community College  
1500 N. Verdugo Rd., 91208 (818) 240-1000  
  
Glendale University College of Law  
220 N. Glendale Ave., 91206 (818) 247-0770  
  
Woodbury University  
7500 Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank, 91510 (818) 767-0888

# schools

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Balboa, 1844 Bel Aire Drive, 91201	(818) 241-1801
Cerritos, 120 E. Cerritos Ave., 91205	(818) 244-7207
Columbus, 425 Milford St., 91203	(818) 242-7722
Dunsmore, 4717 Dunsmore Ave., 91214	(818) 248-1758
Edison Pacific, 435 S. Pacific Ave., 91204	(818) 241-1807
Benjamin Franklin, 1610 Lake St., 91201	(818) 243-1809
John C. Fremont, 3320 Las Palmas Ave., 91208	(818) 249-3241
Glenoaks, 2015 E. Glenoaks Blvd., 91206	(818) 242-3747
Thomas Jefferson, 1540 Fifth St., 91201	(818) 243-4279
Mark Keppel, 730 Glenwood Rd., 91202	(818) 244-2113
La Crescenta, 4343 La Crescenta, 91214	(818) 249-3187
Abraham Lincoln, 4310 New York Ave., 91214	(818) 249-1863
Horace Mann, 501 E. Acacia Ave., 91205	(818) 246-2421
John Marshall, 1201 E. Broadway, 91205	(818) 242-6834
Monte Vista, 2620 Orange Ave., 91214	(818) 248-2617
Mountain Avenue, 2307 Mountain Ave., 91214	(818) 248-7766
John Muir, 912 S. Chevy Chase Dr., 91205	(818) 241-4848
Verdugo Woodlands, 1751 N. Verdugo Rd., 91208	(818) 241-2433
Valley View, 4900 Maryland Ave., 91214	(818) 236-3771
R.D. White, 744 E. Doran St., 91206	(818) 241-2164



### Housing

Glendale offers a diverse and affordable mix of housing styles and types; perfect for families, executives, and young urban professionals. Glendale's homes provide close proximity to schools, libraries, parks, and shopping, and are nestled on beautiful tree lined streets. Glendale neighborhoods feature a variety of character and historic homes, high-quality condominiums, and apartments.

### Shopping & Dining

Exceptional selections of dining and shopping experiences are available in Glendale offering dining cuisines and shopping selections for everyone.

Premier shopping in Downtown Glendale is offered at The Americana at Brand, a 15-acre lifestyle center, and the Glendale Galleria, the second largest mall in Los Angeles County. The Americana is an ultimate shopping, dining and entertainment destination with over 75 shops and restaurants, an 18-Plex theatre, kids club, farmers market, outdoor water fountain and park, and over 200 residential units. A new Nordstrom store, with restaurant and café, opening in 2013 will add additional shopping and dining options.

The Galleria has over 200 specialty stores and includes the first Apple store in the world and the first three-story Target. A new Bloomingdales store, opening in 2013, will further add to the retail mix at the Galleria.

Adams Square, Downtown Glendale, Kenneth Village, Sparr-Heights, and Montrose Shopping Districts are known for providing unique and charming shopping and dining to nearby residential neighborhoods.

Brand Boulevard of Cars is the nation's first auto row and features over 20 auto brands in 16 dealerships. It is in close proximity to the downtown and provides convenient shopping and auto related services.



## Arts & Culture

The City of Glendale is home to a multitude of talented artists, arts organizations, and cultural events that play an important role in bettering the lives of residents and making our city a dynamic, culturally rich community.

### Alex Theatre

The Alex Theatre Performing Arts and Entertainment Center is a Glendale landmark; the community's premier performing arts venue and a hub of artistic and economic activity for the city's downtown business and entertainment district. It offers a variety of programs including classical, contemporary and world music concerts, film screenings, live theatre, and stand-up comedy.

### Galleries & Museums

Brand Library & Art Center offer some of the largest and most stunning exhibition spaces in Southern California and the opportunity for Glendale residents and others to view art in a magnificent setting in their own community. The curated exhibitions offer an array of art experiences that reflect a variety of media, styles, and cultures in the art world, provide diverse viewing experiences, and allow for many tastes.

Glendale Forest Lawn Museum offers a permanent collection of western bronzes, stained glass, historical American pieces, original paintings and cultural artifacts.

Glendale Area Temporary Exhibitions (GATE) provides temporary art displays and galleries in the downtown area, offering a variety of interactive and visual art installations for residents and visitors.

## HOSPITALS / HEALTH CENTERS

Verdugo Hills Hospital [www.verdugohillshospital.org](http://www.verdugohillshospital.org)  
1812 Verdugo Blvd., 91208 (818) 790-7100

Glendale Adventist Medical Center [www.glendaleadventist.com](http://www.glendaleadventist.com)  
1509 Wilson Terrace, 91206 (818) 409-8000

Glendale Memorial Hospital [www.glendalememorialhospital.org](http://www.glendalememorialhospital.org)  
1420 S. Central Ave., 91204 (818) 502-1900

Los Angeles County Public Health Center [www.lapublichealth.org](http://www.lapublichealth.org)  
501 N. Glendale Ave., 91206 (818) 500-5762

## LIBRARIES

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

Central Library (818) 548-2021  
222 East Harvard Street, 91205

Brand Library and Art Center (818) 548-2051  
1601 W. Mountain Street, 91201

Casa Verdugo Branch (818) 548-2047  
1151 North Brand Boulevard, 91202

Chevy Chase Branch (818) 548-2046  
3301 E. Chevy Chase Drive, 91206

Grandview Branch (818) 548-2049  
1535 Fifth Street, 91201

Montrose-Crescenta Branch (818) 548-2048  
2465 Honolulu Avenue, 91020

Pacific Park Branch (818) 548-3760  
501 S. Pacific Avenue, 91204

Library Connection @ Adams Square (818) 548-3833  
1100 E Chevy Chase Drive, 91205

## SENIOR CENTERS

[www.parks.ci.glendale.ca.us](http://www.parks.ci.glendale.ca.us)

Adult Recreation Center (818) 548-3775  
201 E. Colorado, 91205

Sparr Heights Community Center (818) 548-2187  
1613 Glencoe Way, 91208



## resources

To obtain more information on your neighborhood please contact:

City of Glendale, Neighborhood Services (818) 548-3700  
[www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/neighborhood\\_services.asp](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/neighborhood_services.asp)

City of Glendale, Planning Division (818) 548-2140  
[www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning)

Glendale Historical Society (818) 242-7447  
[www.glendalehistorical.org](http://www.glendalehistorical.org)

### The Committee for a Clean & Beautiful Glendale

The Committee for a Clean & Beautiful Glendale was established by the City Council as a volunteer citizen advisory board to discuss issues affecting the quality of our neighborhoods and the habitability of our city. In partnership with Neighborhood Services, the Committee conducts programs to keep the city clean and involve residents in their neighborhoods. This brochure, highlighting the positive qualities of our neighborhoods, is one of their projects. For more information on the Committee's programs or to apply for membership, please visit [www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/neighborhood\\_services.asp](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/neighborhood_services.asp) or call (818) 548-3700.

### The Glendale Historical Society

The Glendale Historical Society maintains an archive of the development of the city and its neighborhoods and the city's architectural heritage. They also oversee a museum of local history at the Doctor's House in Brand Park. Visit [www.glendalehistorical.org](http://www.glendalehistorical.org) for more information.

### Neighborhood Services

The City of Glendale Neighborhood Services office is responsible for providing services that improve Glendale's neighborhoods. Neighborhood Services provides code enforcement education, graffiti removal, and neighborhood clean up programs. A host of citizen involvement activities and local neighborhood revitalization initiatives are also offered at Neighborhood Services. To contact the personnel working in your neighborhood, please call (818) 548-3700.



### Community Events

Glendale encourages neighborhood and corporate spirit and hosts a variety of fun-packed, educational, beautification, and fundraising community events throughout the year. Some of our most popular activities include: Caesar Chavez Celebration, Cruise Night, Downtown Dash (5k run/walk), Foothill Community Clean-up Day, Great American Clean-Up Day, Harley-Davidson Love Ride, Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash, Man's Inhumanity to Man Event, Montrose Christmas Parade, Oktoberfest, Relay for Life, Summer Night on the Plaza, Taste of Downtown Glendale, and Unity Fest - An International Street Fair.

### Historic Sites

Glendale is proud of its history. We have numerous famous landmarks, including the Brand Library and Art Center (including the Doctors House Museum and El Miradero), Casa Adobe de San Rafael, City Hall, Derby House, Grand Central Air Terminal, Hotel Glendale, Le Mesnager Stone Barn, Masonic Temple, Oak of Peace, Rodriquez House, Southern Pacific Train Depot, U.S. Post Office, and Verdugo Adobe.

Currently, Glendale has three designated historic districts in residential neighborhoods: Royal Boulevard, Cottage Grove and Ard Eevin Highlands. Growing interest in preserving Glendale's beautiful neighborhoods may lead to more historic districts in the future.

## HEALTHY LIVING AND SUSTAINABILITY

### (GreenerGlendale.org)

Glendale continues to promote healthy and sustainable living through eco-friendly programs and projects, and through outreach and education to our residents. Our programs include energy efficiency and water conservation, waste reduction and recycling, green building and construction, and clean air.

Glendale's "Breath of Fresh Air" smoking ordinance is an example of Glendale's commitment to clean air and healthy residents! Regulations provide smoke-free air in public places and areas where smokers and nonsmoker might interact to limit the impact of secondhand tobacco smoke on non-smokers.

Glendale offers four community gardens, numerous parks and recreational facilities, and three Farmer's Markets (Downtown Glendale, Montrose Shopping Park and The Americana at Brand). In addition, the City provides free trees and assistance with planting through the GWP Tree Power Program.

### Parks and Recreation

Glendale has a variety of parks for quiet enjoyment, organized sports, and open-space adventure. Some of the most popular facilities are Verdugo Park, Skate Park, Brand Park, Sports Complex, Adult Recreation Center, and dozens of natural and urban trails. The City also offers programs for youth, seniors, and all ages in-between.

### "Keep America Beautiful" Affiliate

Glendale is one of 600 communities world-wide designated as Keep America Beautiful Affiliates. This certification recognizes the City's commitment to waste reduction and litter prevention.

### "California Healthy City" Designation

One of 75 communities statewide, Glendale has received this prestigious designation since 1996, due to the efforts of the Glendale Healthier Community Coalition. The Coalition sponsors health fairs, educational seminars, free immunizations and other programs to encourage Glendale residents to lead healthy lifestyles.



### Woodbury

Serving as a gateway to Glendale's "other" canyons - Glenoaks and Chevy Chase, Woodbury feels like a private neighborhood with its winding roads, vintage lamppost and limited access. Woodbury lives up to its name, delivering a "New England" small-town appeal. The neighborhood also shares its name with Woodbury Road, located near its center. Home to the Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Woodbury hosts neighborhood businesses and professional activities that support the hospital. Beautiful residential homes of the Spanish, Mediterranean and Tudor Revival styles can be found on quiet, curving tree-lined streets. This area also includes the scenic view neighborhood of Oak Ridge, which overlooks the canyons on one side and City Center on the other.





### Vineyard

This neighborhood originally was the location of Glendale's earliest vineyards, whereby it derives its name. We can thank the people at Cal-Trans for creating this delightful little neighborhood. Formerly included in the Fremont Park neighborhood, it was separated from it in the 1960s by the routing of the 134 freeway. Since that time, Vineyard has remained a quiet place, convenient to downtown, yet still secluded. Tree-lined streets and craftsman-style homes accent this area, and residents take pride in their homes and property. Condominiums and planned developments have made their debut here, and blend nicely with the neighborhood's ambience. Residents here have easy access to transportation as well as the commercial services offered by downtown.

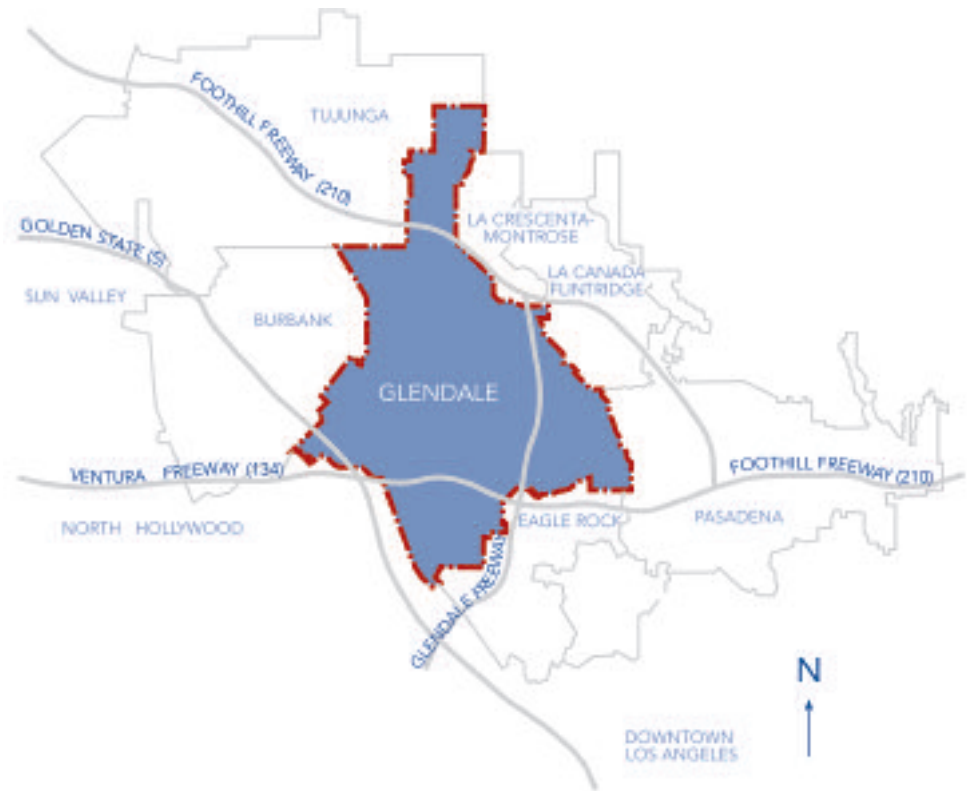


### Whiting Woods

Whiting Woods offers its residents a secluded retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life with its mature oak trees and rural setting in the northeastern canyons of the Verdugos. It is not unusual to see deer browsing on lawns in the early morning hours or to see red-tailed hawks circling overhead in the afternoon sun. Yet, it is still close to city amenities. This neighborhood shares its name with the original subdivision, and has an active Homeowner's Association, around which many neighborhood events are centered.

## HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Glendale is an ideal location for visitors. Just minutes from Downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena, Burbank, Hollywood and Universal City, Glendale provides easy access to many of Southern California's leading attractions and commercial districts and the hassle-free Bob Hope Airport.

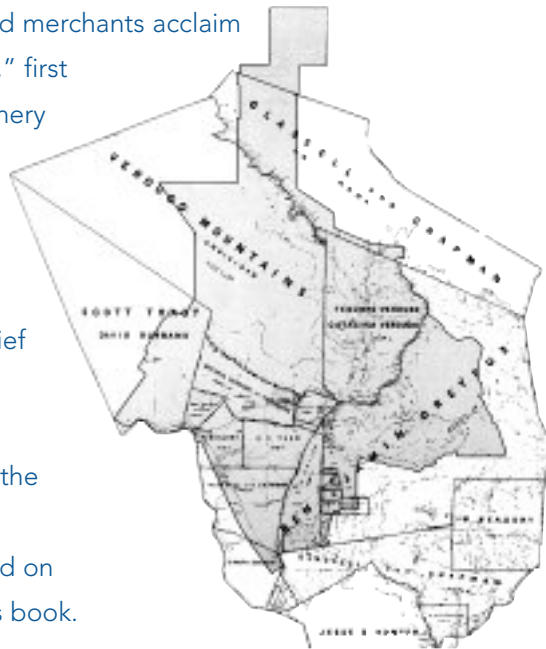


Glendale boasts a variety of hotels fitting for anyone. The four-star Hilton Glendale and Embassy Suites are conveniently located in Downtown Glendale. The Hilton embodies the exceptional service and pro-business lifestyle for which the city is known. A state-of-the-art Executive Meeting Center provides companies and business travelers with amenities such as video conferencing, one-touch media presentation, and private dining. Embassy Suites caters to families and business travelers. It is a 12-story, 272-room, all-suite hotel with 4,000 square feet of meeting and 2,910 square feet of lounge space. The Homestead Studio Suites Hotel, sited toward the west side of town, is designed especially for longer stays with studio suite rooms featuring a fully-equipped kitchen.

# a brief history of glendale & its neighborhoods

The area including what is now known as Glendale had long been home to the "Gabrielenos" Native Americans. Glendale's modern history began more than 200 years ago when Don Jose Maria Verdugo established the Rancho San Rafael, which encompassed most of present-day Glendale, Burbank, Eagle Rock, and Highland Park. Forty years after his death, Verdugo's rancho was dissolved by a court decision known as the "Great Partition." This made land available for people to build homes and establish businesses in the area.

The City of Glendale is divided into 33 neighborhoods, which are delineated by streets, washes, and mountain ridges. Each neighborhood has a unique history and character. As these neighborhoods developed throughout the years, they combined to form the City of Glendale as we know it today. Residents and merchants acclaim Glendale as the "Jewel City," first nicknamed by Edward U. Emery in 1910, because "it sparkled like a jewel in the sun." The following pages contain locations, historical references, and brief descriptions of the neighborhoods which contribute to the sparkle of the "Jewel City." A map of the neighborhoods can be found on page 18 in the center of this book.



## Verdugo Viejo

Located in the heart of old Glendale, Verdugo Viejo developed on land once part of Rancho San Rafael, owned by the Verdugo family. A combination of large and small homes, condos and apartments, make up this cosmopolitan neighborhood. With its own Post Office and convenient to markets, banks, restaurants, schools, shops, and transportation, Verdugo Viejo is home to commuting professionals and longtime Glendale residents. Historic Casa Adobe Park, which was built by Tomas Sanchez, first Sheriff of Los Angeles County, is nestled in the middle of the neighborhood and is often used by the community for receptions, special events and to celebrate Glendale's Hispanic heritage.



## Verdugo Woodlands

Nestled in historic Verdugo Canyon, this neighborhood began as the center of the original Rancho San Rafael. A portion of the area was subdivided in 1919 as the Selvas de Verdugo, or "Verdugo's woods". Attracted by the canyon breezes, early Angelinos escaped downtown Los Angeles by establishing vacation retreats in the canyon. Indigenous trees such as sycamores and bays, as well as a sense of history, define the canyon neighborhood. Homes, apartments, and condominiums in a country setting surround Glendale's Verdugo park and picnic grounds on Cañada Blvd. and the Verdugo Adobe on Bonita Drive. Locals refer to their neighborhood as "The Woodlands".



### Sparr Heights

Once the center of a thriving orchard business, Sparr Heights was the terminus for the Glendale to Montrose streetcar system. Indiana native William S. Sparr planted citrus groves in the area and opened a fruit packing plant down the line at Glendale and Lomita Avenues. In 1922, this millionaire citrus grower and land developer constructed and donated the Sparr Heights Community building to the City, which was the only building in the area. It now serves as a senior citizen center. Developed as a residential neighborhood in the 1920s and 1930s, Sparr Heights retains much of its original character. A neighborhood park and school serve as focal points for residents who enjoy walking through Montrose village, either to shop or for a casual evening stroll.



### Adams Hill

Adams Hill is famous for its bohemian enclave of film industry employees, artists, writers, young professionals, tradespeople, and longtime residents. Adams Street winds over the hills, into Los Angeles and gives the neighborhood its name. The quaint winding streets are lined by vintage lamppost and homes of the Spanish, Tudor Revival, English Cottage, and Modernist styles. Of the homes built in the 1920s and 1930s, most are still architecturally intact. Some homes have dozens of stairs leading to second level entrances, creating a striking "mountain retreat" effect. Nearly every home enjoys a view of downtown Glendale or the San Rafael hills. The Adams Square commercial district with its landmark Art Deco Building is located at the foot of the hill.



### Tropico

Home to the county's first commercial strawberry farming operation, Tropico was named after a strawberry plant and was developed in the 1880s. Originally incorporated as its own city, Tropico was one of the first in the county to pave streets, install concrete sidewalks, and provide street lighting. It merged with its northern neighbor in the 1920s, and has served as the gateway to Glendale from Los Angeles. This neighborhood offers vintage single-family homes and a bustling commercial core and transit center, convenient for locals.



### Brockmont

Many of these 1920-era homes, constructed on the western slope of the Verdugo Mountains, have spectacular views of downtown Glendale. The area was named for John Brockman, who in 1910 built a home, adding a three-story clock tower in 1914 to accommodate a clock purchased from what is now Children's Hospital Los Angeles. In 1925, the area was subdivided and named Brockmont Park. Residents enjoy the seclusion of the hillside as well as the convenience to the amenities of the central city, which are just minutes away.



### Chevy Chase Canyon

The name Chevy Chase is associated with the Cheviot Hills, which separate Scotland from England. Derived from the Ballad of Chevy Chase, which describes the 1388 battle at Otterburn, which took place on a hunting ground, or "chase", in those hills. A combination of large and medium-sized homes line the streets, winding up from the confluence of the 2 and the 134 freeways, deep in the San Rafael hills. Once around the first turn, visitors encounter this neighborhood with its Lloyd Wright-designed Derby House, Country Club, community library, and country atmosphere. Residents have a convenient commute to downtown Glendale, Pasadena, or Los Angeles, but can quickly escape the city to their canyon retreats.



### Rossmoyne

Judge Erskine Mayo Ross successfully farmed this area and built a house at the mouth of Verdugo Canyon, which he named "Rossmoyne." This area was later subdivided into the planned neighborhood that is marked today by curving tree-shaded streets, period lamppost, classic custom built homes, and close proximity to downtown Glendale. Mountain Avenue gracefully winds its way through the center of Rossmoyne, while quiet side streets adjoin it. Rossmoyne is an elegant neighborhood of single-family homes, whose residents consist of many longtime Glendale homeowners and a growing cadre of those employed in the entertainment field. Glendale College and the commercial services of the Central-Stocker Business District are also within walking distance.



### Citrus Grove

This area's name is derived from its origin, the early site of commercial orange and lemon groves. Fannie Briggs Carr Park and Piedmont Park provide residents with a green refuge within this active neighborhood. This area also includes the Byrum House and the Goode House, two sites prominent in the history of Glendale. Citrus Grove offers convenient transportation providing access to restaurants, stores, and shops that grace Glendale's two main east-west commercial thoroughfares.



### Somerset

Somerset is Glendale's hidden neighborhood, with many residents enjoying the seclusion that it offers, as well as the ambience of an established residential area. It is named after Somerset Farm, which was once owned and operated by Glendale's pioneer Sherer family. Later it was known as "Thornycroft," named after the Farm and Sanitarium, which treated World War I soldiers. Somerset streets are shaded by mature trees and lined with traditional single-family homes and apartments. Downtown Glendale is a five-minute commute, and Colorado Street, adjoined on the north, provides many commercial services for residents.



### Rancho San Rafael

This neighborhood and Camino San Rafael, (the street running through it), are both named after the Spanish land grant that encompassed the entire region. This is a Mediterranean-themed, planned community of homes and condominiums catering to working professionals. Perched upon the San Rafael Hills, it provides excellent views of the Los Angeles basin and surrounding foothills. With easy freeway access, Rancho San Rafael is home to many residents who are employed in the Los Angeles central business district.



### City Center

Glendale's City Center showcases its vitality through its developing skyline. A diverse blend of housing is available in this area, which surrounds downtown offices, stores and businesses. Contemporary condominiums are found adjacent to Craftsman-era homes. Apartments interspersed throughout the neighborhood provide a good source of rental housing. Glendale's Civic Center, including City Hall and the Court House, anchors the professional area at the eastern edge of this neighborhood. City Center is also home to the historic Alex Theatre.



### Riverside Rancho

Popular with equestrians, Riverside Rancho is one of the few urban areas in Los Angeles County that allows residents to keep horses on their property. The name describes both its proximity to the Los Angeles River and its "ranch-style" environment. The neighborhood is bounded by Burbank, the river and the Los Angeles Equestrian Center and is convenient to the Ventura Freeway, Travel Town and the Los Angeles Zoo. Easy access to Griffith Park by trails and riding paths make this area attractive to riders, as it is not unusual to see horses sharing the streets with cars and bicycles.



### College Hills

Featuring two distinct styles of neighborhoods, College Hills derives its name from nearby Glendale Community College. The canyons of southern College Hills are lined with early California-style bungalows and period homes from the 1920s and 1930s, while the northern section consists of executive view homes developed in the late 1960s. Winding tree-lined streets connect the two areas and offer convenient access to Glendale's commercial core on Glendale Ave. and easy freeway access.



### Crescenta Highlands

Crescenta Highlands derives its name from the neighboring area of La Crescenta. Previously home to grizzly bears and mountain lions, it remains a place removed from the rest of urban Los Angeles. Nestled against the majestic San Gabriel Mountains, the streets of the Highlands stair-step up the hill. The air is crisp and the wind blows through the mountain passes. Residents regularly see hawks, deer, raccoons, opossums, and other wildlife in their streets and yards. Oak trees and single-family homes make this an attractive neighborhood in which to raise a family. Nearby Foothill Boulevard offers a bustling commercial venue for locals.



### Pacific-Edison

This charming little neighborhood acquires its name from Pacific Park and Edison Elementary School, which are located adjacent to each other and make up the site of an innovative joint community center and school. The area was once known as Riverdale, after a subdivision was laid out in 1876 by pioneer developer Andrew Glassell. Riverdale was Glendale's original name, until it was changed for postal necessity. Much of the activity of this neighborhood centers on the social activities of Edison School and the two churches located here - Saint Mary's and Holy Family. An eclectic mix of vintage homes and contemporary apartments, Pacific-Edison is a neighborhood of families. Convenient to downtown, the neighborhood is well-served by convenient transportation and commercial centers.



### El Miradero

El Miradero is a neighborhood that lives up to its name - "watchtower" or "vantage point". Located on the southern flank of the Verdugo Hills, it offers spectacular views of the Verdugo Mountains to the north and Griffith Park to the south. El Miradero residents enjoy the unique features of historic Brand Park with its art galleries, Japanese Tea House, local history museum, and hiking trails, accessing the Verdugo Mountains canyons. The "Village" at Kenneth Road and Grandview Avenue features unique shops and restaurants. There are a variety of Traditional family homes throughout this neighborhood.



### Pelanconi

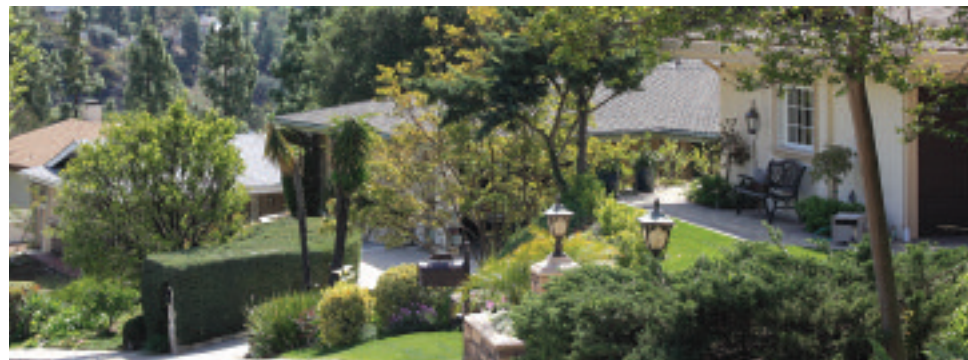
Gently curving wide streets, shaded sidewalks, and mid-sized homes make this a wonderful family neighborhood. It was named after the Pelanconi family, which once operated a vineyard in the area. Mature palm trees and a baseball diamond grace the landscape of Pelanconi Park. Restaurants, markets, convenient transportation, and a variety of shops make this area a pedestrian's delight. The ribbon of older apartments along Glenoaks Boulevard and a scattering of light industrial and manufacturing shops located on San Fernando Road mark the boundaries of this cozy neighborhood.





### **Moorpark**

The Galleria separates this small neighborhood from downtown, with Colorado Street and Broadway bordering it on the south and north. This neighborhood derives its name from the original Moore Park subdivision. Vintage homes sit side by side with well-maintained apartments and condominiums, offering a variety of housing choices for people who enjoy living close to downtown. Young professionals and first time property owners have discovered the small-town feeling and value that Moorpark provides.



### **Emerald Isle**

Emerald Isle received its name from the original subdivision laid out in the 1960s, which borrowed the name from Ireland. Many of the street names also reflect Irish roots. This neighborhood is located at the northeastern edge of the city, bordering the San Rafael hills. The "Isle" is a secluded retreat in a woody environment featuring scenic views. Executive-style homes are positioned along tree-lined winding streets, offering sanctuary from urban areas just down the road.



### **Oakmont**

Overlooking the Country Club and Golf Course after which it was named, Oakmont, which includes the neighborhood of Oakmont Woods, features homes built in the 1930s, 1960s, and 1980s. Each of the various home types offers its own amenities, with some featuring luxurious canyon settings. Others are spacious, with views to the crest of Mount Wilson. Many provide the convenience of an executive home with minimal yard maintenance. Oakmont is secluded, yet convenient to the commercial services of La Crescenta and Montrose.



### **Fremont Park**

A combination of Spanish and character homes, apartments, and condos are within walking distance to beautiful Fremont Park. The neighborhood and the park both derive their name from the famous 19th century explorer, surveyor, and soldier John C. Fremont, who negotiated the end of the Mexican-American War in Verdugo Canyon. With its palm trees, play areas, and numerous tennis courts, the park serves as the focal point for this neighborhood. Fremont Park is a quiet enclave, nearby the 134 Freeway and downtown Glendale. Family-style restaurants, churches, and small businesses line Glenoaks Boulevard and Pacific Avenue, serving area residents.



### **Glenoaks Canyon**

Named for Glenoaks Boulevard, the name is derived from the combination of "Glendale" and a natural feature of the area, the oak tree. Driving into Glenoaks Canyon, one gets the feeling of entering a California of the 1930s. Here, Spanish-style courtyard homes are intermingled with ranch homes, and much of the local activity centers around the neighborhood park and elementary school. As with other canyon neighborhoods, Glenoaks residents share their environment with foxes, coyotes, raccoons, hawks, and deer, all of which contribute to the canyon atmosphere.



### **Montecito Park**

Montecito Park Drive, subdivision and neighborhood acquired their names from the Spanish phrase, "little mountain." A neighborhood of custom built homes in the 1920s and 1930s, historical Spanish Colonial Revival, mid-century Ranch style homes and tree-shaded streets, Montecito Park is a hidden gem in the Jewel City. Montecito offers residents both privacy and urban convenience. A marker on Verdugo Road notes the entrance to this neighborhood.



### **Glenwood**

Glenwood Road traverses this neighborhood and gives it its name. As in the name "Glendale", the prefix "Glen" means valley. The name is a reference to trees that once grew in the area. A mixture of single-family homes, large estate homes and newer condos offers a great variety of housing choices. Residents enjoy family restaurants, transportation, and convenient stores along Glenoaks Boulevard. Kenneth Village provides local commercial amenities as well as an area for social activity. The historic district of Cumberland Heights has also been established in this neighborhood.



### **Montrose/Verdugo City**

This neighborhood borrows its name from the Verdugo family who once used this area to raise cattle. Montrose/Verdugo City traces its roots to the early 1900s when the area was a mountain retreat for the downtown residents of Los Angeles. Because of the clear, crisp mountain air, Montrose/Verdugo City was home to many sanitariums and retreats. Residents continue to choose this area for the same reasons today. This area includes downtown/historic Montrose, which retains its village character with hometown merchants, community festivals and a variety of trendy shops, restaurants and cafes.



### **Greenbriar**

Long-time residents remember Greenbriar as Dead Horse Canyon. Renamed in the 1950s, Greenbriar consists of attractive modern homes, many with large lots and spectacular views. Greenbriar Road, accessed from Mountain Avenue, climbs the hillside to the top of the ridge, where residents are treated to glorious views stretching 270 degrees from Burbank to Verdugo Canyon. Palm-lined Royal Boulevard, part of which is designated as a historic district, is frequently photographed for promotional Glendale post cards and brochures.



### **Grand Central**

Offering an interesting mix of modest homes and attractive businesses, the Grand Central media complex extends from Burbank, along San Fernando Road to the Los Angeles boundary. The Grand Central Airport terminal is the last remaining building on the site of the nation's first transcontinental air passenger service, reminding visitors that this was a bustling airport in the late 1920s. Walt Disney Imagineering, DreamWorks SKG, and ABC 7 have established their headquarters in the Grand Central neighborhood. Ample ancillary and production facilities make this area an entertainment industry hub, which is rapidly becoming a central media district catering to the needs of the media industry.



### **Mariposa**

Mariposa is the Spanish name for "butterfly" and is a popular California place name. Mariposa is a vibrant, multi-ethnic neighborhood with restaurants, local shops, stores, and markets that cater to its residents. All housing types are available in this neighborhood. Contemporary apartments, vintage homes, condominiums, and co-ops line the streets. Maple Park is located in Mariposa and is a gathering place for neighborhood residents of all ages. The gym and community center provide recreation facilities not offered in other neighborhoods.



### **Grandview**

This neighborhood is named for Grandview Avenue, which marks its eastern boundary. The street was named as an Anglicized translation of El Miradero. Grandview extends from its namesake street west to Burbank. Residential neighborhoods adjoin Glenoaks Boulevard, with its landscaped median and vibrant street life. On the southwest side, San Fernando Road follows the path blazed by Spanish explorers between Pueblo Los Angeles and Mission San Fernando. Historic Grandview Cemetery is the final resting place for many pioneer Glendale and Burbank families. Busy professionals live in this area, which offers a variety of lovely homes, condos and apartments.

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Glendale neighborhoods nestle among the foothills and canyons of the Verdugo and San Gabriel mountains, providing breathtaking hillside and city views.

