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With the State of California's dissolution of redevelopment agencies, many communities are confronting the harsh reality that local governments' primary economic development tool has been stripped away--just when we need all available tools to claw our way out of the Great Recession. Erasing decades of case law, complex transactions, urban planning and community improvement in a matter of weeks was perhaps shortsighted. Now, State Legislators have introduced numerous bills seeking to fix the situation. A number of the bills gathered some momentum; however their progress is slowing. Maybe this is due to the realization that a true remedy will require a comprehensive approach to the problem, or maybe it is because legislative leaders understand that any solution will be intertwined with the adoption of next year's State budget. Ultimately, the impact on California communities is the same--local resources and decision-making are being denied.

The loss of the redevelopment agency is being felt inside the City of Glendale organization; soon it will be felt out on the

**Glendale Welcomes a New Park**  
*Just in time for spring...*

*Central Park at the ARC*



The new Central Park at the Adult Recreation Center is ready for visitors! A great place to relax, stroll or meet friends, this Phase II project for the ARC included the park improvements, lighting and ADA accessibility for the entire ARC building and site, bringing it into full compliance with current code. The park features include:

- 1.5 acre open landscaped area
- Security and safety lighting
- Redesigned and rehabilitated Tai Chi Lawn
- New irrigation, landscaping and new drinking fountain
- ADA Concrete walkway around entire site
- 6 new tables with bench seating near pathways
- Large open lawn area for multi-use

Come out and enjoy this beautiful green oasis in the heart of town.

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*Glendale's 11th Annual Commemorative Events*

street. Recently the Community Development Department learned that its workforce will be cut by 28 full-time positions. These range from the Neighborhood Services Section, to Community Planning, to Economic Development. These positions represent key employees who provide important services to the City. Just as important, the loss of redevelopment funding means that the resources of that former agency are lost as well. The elimination of a \$7 million loan repayment from the Agency to the City may trigger more cutbacks and service reductions; and a "fire sale" of Agency assets like the historic Alex Theatre could mean the end of the public's enjoyment of that venue.

In the end, the State must own up to its elimination of redevelopment agencies. The City of Glendale will do what most cities do well--we will adapt and overcome. There will be painful cuts and reductions in services. But the future of California rests with its cities' resiliency, creativity and dedication to public service. If the State cannot fully appreciate the magnitude of the loss of redevelopment, there is no way it can learn anything from this episode.

And if the State cannot take away any meaningful lesson from this situation, then we are very likely to repeat it.

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*"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes"* In recognition of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women will partner with the YWCA to present this event. The march gives men the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their commitment to preventing sexual violence.



The City is sponsoring the 11th annual Commemorative Events in April, beginning with the Armenian Genocide commemoration on **Tuesday, April 24** at the Alex Theatre. Keynote speakers are writer and director Eric Nazarian (*Bolis*) and the Honorable Jim Karygiannis, member of Canadian Parliament. Doors open at 6:30 pm; the event which begins at 7:00 pm, will also feature musical performances. Tickets will be available beginning April 6 at:

- Alex Theatre Box Office, 216 N. Brand Blvd.
- Americana at Brand Box Office, 889 Americana Way
- Glendale Community College - Auditorium Lobby, 1500 N. Verdugo Road
- Online: [Alex Theatre Box Office](#)

*(Ticket sale times vary; check with location for hours)*

The Man's Inhumanity to Man event takes place **Thursday, April 26** at 6:30 pm in the Central Library Auditorium, 222 E. Harvard St. The top three videos from the short film competition will be shown, and their producers will be recognized.

Both events are free. For more information, call (818) 548-4844 or visit: [Glendale City Website](#)

### Are You a Merchant?

If you are a merchant in Adams Square, downtown Glendale, Kenneth Village, Montrose Shopping Park or Sparr Heights, you may now apply to use a pedestrian sign to promote your business. Visit: [Planning Visitor Signs](#) to see what types of signs are permitted, and where they can be placed.



**Thursday, April 19**  
Begins at 5:30 pm at YWCA  
735 E. Lexington, Glendale  
[Women's Commission](#)

**Library Author Events**

*Information: (818) 548-2030*

***Judgment at Istanbul: The Armenian Genocide Trials***

This work is the prime source of legal evidence of the crime of genocide against Armenians. Vahakn Dadrian, presenter, is Director of Genocide Research at the Zoryan Institute.

**Tuesday, April 3 - 7:00 pm**  
Central Library

***Independent Voices***

Local authors Patrick Caneday, Dean Hartwell, Gary Huerta & Laurie Stevens discuss how to publish your own book

**Wednesday, April 4 - 7:00 pm**  
Central Library

***The Geographer's Wife***



Bart Edelman's 6th poetry collection explores how our sense of environment creates and frames our world.  
**Sunday, April 29 - 2:00 pm**  
Central Library

***GPD Joins National Police Unity Tour***

The Police Unity Tour is an annual bike ride of police officers from across the country and world who raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and



**Verdugo Road Gets a Facelift**

The Verdugo Road Rehabilitation Project, which began in late summer 2011, is nearly complete. The benefits of street resurfacing include the rehabilitation of existing streets that have deteriorated beyond normal maintenance work such as slurry seal, crack seal or pothole repair. As part of the Project, 66 new parkway trees were also planted. Street resurfacing improves the ride along the road and the structural integrity of the pavement, providing a new service life for the street.

The Project was partly funded by the voter-approved "Measure R Funds" in the amount of \$750,000 to improve the traffic signal facilities at intersections, enhance traffic flow, increase pedestrian safety and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The trees enhance the streetscape and expand Glendale's urban forest. Glendale's street resurfacing and road repair projects help create jobs, save motorists repair costs, help provide our community with increased safety and aid local economic growth by making our streets more attractive.

*Verdugo and Monterey (before)*



*Verdugo and Monterey (after)*



Museum in Washington, D.C. A team from the Glendale Police Department will participate, paying their own way, and taking vacation time to do so. On Wednesday, April 4, the California Pizza Kitchen will partner with GPD to help raise funds, by donating a portion of its proceeds to the cause. For more details about the ride, visit [Police Unity Tour](#).



### CALENDAR

**April 1**  
Hoop Heroes - Police V. Fire Basketball Game  
3:00 pm, Glendale HS Gym  
*Tickets online from Fire and Police or at the door*

**April 3**  
Glendale Beautiful - 45th Awards Program -- 11:30 am  
Joe Bridges Clubhouse  
(818) 248-4415

**New Glendale Mayor Selected at City Council meeting**

**April 7**  
Art and Book Sale @ Brand Library  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
(818) 548-2051

**April 11**  
Commission on Status of Women Self-Defense Class - 6:00 pm  
Glendale Police Community Room  
(818) 548-4844 for reservations

Community Meeting - Acacia Ave. Wastewater Improvement Project  
6:00 pm, Muir Elementary School  
(818) 548-3900

**April 13 & April 14**  
Loading Dock Book Sale  
[Central Library](#)

**April 16**  
Income Taxes Due!

**April 18**  
"Grandma's Tattoos - the Forgotten Women of the Armenian Genocide"  
7:00 pm, Central Library  
(818) 548-2030

**April 19**  
"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes"  
5:30 pm @ YWCA  
(818) 548-4844

**April 21**  
Earth Day @ Deukmejian Park  
8:00 am

### Spring Day Camp for the Kids

Community Services and Parks is offering several spring day camps for Glendale youth during the week of April 9. Pick from the following:

**Kool Dayz Spring Camp - Pacific Community Center**  
501 S. Pacific Avenue \* (818) 548-3220  
For ages 6 - 12

**Maple Starz Spring Camp - Maple Park Community Center**  
820 E. Maple Street \* (818) 548-3785  
For ages 5 - 12

Campers will spend time with friends in a fun, supervised indoor setting with some activities taking place outside, weather permitting. Recreation leaders will provide general supervision and recreation programming. Specialists offer unique and creative enrichment activities on a rotating basis including sports and games, arts and crafts, discovery and performing arts. Fees include all daily activities and the ratio of children to counselors will never exceed 15:1. Campers must provide their own lunches, drinks and snacks. All children must be picked up by their registered times or a late fee will be charged. For times and fee schedules, call the number of the camp in which you are interested.



**Sparr-tacular Spring Camp - Sparr Heights Community Center** 1613 Glencoe Way \* (818) 548-2187  
For ages 5 - 12

Children will enjoy games games, crafts and a special Friday celebration. Camp runs half day from noon to 6:00 pm.

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**Red Light Camera Enforcement - Terminated**

**April 24**  
Armenian Genocide Event - 7:00 pm  
(Doors open at 6:30 pm)  
Alex Theatre

**City Council meeting cancelled**

**April 25**  
Commission on Status of Women  
Self Defense Class - 6:00 pm  
Glendale Police Community Room  
(818) 548-4844 for reservations

**April 26**  
Man's Inhumanity to Man Event  
6:30 pm, Central Library

**April 28**  
Brand Park Hiking Trail Clearance  
8:00 am @ the Park  
Register at (818) 548-2877

Neon Tour of Glendale  
6:00 pm  
[Neon Museum](#)



Due to a series of court cases on the State level over the legality of red light camera enforcement, the City of Glendale has voluntarily decided to terminate the program. Although State law continues to allow municipalities the use of cameras to enforce red light violations, as of February 24, 2012, the Glendale Police Department will no longer issue citations to violators captured on these cameras.

### *Diamond Awards - Achievements in the Arts*



This free public event recognizes artists, arts organizations, community members and businesses who have contributed substantially to the cultural life of the community. The entrants are nominated by the public and reviewed by a committee of community representatives and arts professionals. Diamond Awards are given in six categories. For more details, visit [Glendale Diamond Awards](#).

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