



Two New “Jewels” Join City Park Inventory

Maple Park. After years of planning, the new facility opened in June, just in time for summer. Residents now have access to a new and improved Maple Park that received \$2.5 million in renovations, including new landscaping and an overhaul to the community center. The building includes a modernized second-floor gym and a nearly 5100 square foot addition featuring larger rooms and a computer lab. One of the main focal points is a mural painted by many of those that use the renovated facility who will enjoy seeing their artwork for years to come.



Painting the mural was a highlight at Maple Park’s grand opening.

Griffith Manor. Near the City’s western border in the San Fernando Road corridor, a revamped version of Griffith Manor Park opened to the public on July 2nd. The park had been closed for more than two years for upgrades and construction. Residents now have the use of a 2400 square foot community building, designed to resemble an airport terminal from the 1920’s when the area hosted the Glendale Grand Central Airport. The Park also features new restrooms, a lighted basketball court, benches, and two separate play areas for the kids.



City Hosts Video Game Industry Group



The City of Glendale, along with the International Game Developers Association (IGDA), hosted the “Southern California Game Industry Incentives” forum, a discussion between business and governments. Over 70 people representing the video game industry and economic development agencies attended the forum in Glendale—the first time this industry partnered with local government to address issues of importance on a statewide or regional basis.

California is home to the largest number of computer and video game designers in the

nation, accounting for approximately 41 % of total industry employment nationwide. These companies provided over \$2.6 billion in direct and indirect compensation to the state in 2009. The average salary for an entertainment software industry employee is approximately \$90K. Glendale is home to two large industry names: Disney's Interactive Media Group and Nickelodeon Virtual Worlds Group.



Public Works to “Work” on our Streets

Beginning this month, drivers will observe Public Works staff and equipment renovating street surfaces and sidewalks in various City neighborhoods. The work will consist primarily of the selective removal and replacement of deteriorated pavement, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway aprons. Both rubberized and regular asphalt will be utilized and the application of slurry seal will take place in some areas. The Verdugo Road project also includes the reconstruction of a traffic island, repair of damaged sewer pipes, and the modification of traffic signals. The projects and timeframes are listed below. We appreciate your consideration and caution when driving in the areas where work is being conducted.

Riverdale – Maple Street Neighborhood: August to October.

Verdugo Road: August to December.

Slurry Seal Project: August to October in various neighborhoods.

For more information, visit www.glendalepublicworks.com or call (818) 548-3986.



A freshly-applied slurry seal makes a street look brand new.

Glendale Joins National Night Out on August 2

Glendale is joining thousands of communities across the nation in National Night Out. This event is designed to help neighbors get to know each other, improving community health and safety and lowering crime as people begin to “network.”

The event takes place all over the City, and often includes potluck suppers in a front yard or nearby park. City officials, including members of the Council, Police and Fire Departments visit various locations to answer questions and address issues and concerns. If you are interested in attending an event in your neighborhood, visit www.glendaleno.com to learn locations and times.



Glendale firefighters joined neighbors at the 2010 National Night Out.

Dog’s Do what Dogs Do – But We Can Help Keep Our City Clean

Dogs may be man’s best friend, but their waste can be a neighbor’s worst nightmare! Neighborhood Services has introduced a new program to help keep Glendale “clean and beautiful”—Animal Waste Courtesy Stations. Anyone can “adopt” one of these stations which dispense bags for pet owners, to make sure they are always able to clean up after their pet when nature calls. The stations feature a sign highlighting the leash and waste disposal laws, the name of the person or group responsible for that station, and a pet waste bag dispenser.

Volunteers who adopt a station are asked to make a \$200 tax deductible contribution for the first year. In turn, Neighborhood Services will provide the volunteer(s) with disposable bags upon request and maintenance of the station as needed. The agreement is renewable on an annual basis and the contribution amount is reduced after the first year. If you are interested in having a station in your neighborhood, contact Philippe Eskandar at (818) 551-3099 or by email at peskandar@ci.glendale.ca.us.



Glendale Library Presents:

Teen Poster Contest Winners: The winning posters from this contest are on display through August at the Glendale Central Library at 222 E. Harvard St. The three finalists were all from Clark Magnet High School. Emily Arakelian, a sophomore, was awarded 1st prize for her poster of the Verdugo Skate Park; John Barbar, a senior, took 2nd for his poster of the Alex Theatre and Mariam Adamyan, also a senior, was given a 3rd place award for her poster of the Glendale Marketplace. The contest was held in conjunction with The Byrd Show: 40 Years of Art & Design, a recent exhibit at Brand Library Art Galleries.



More from Brand Library: The Glendale Community Jazz Combo will perform a free outdoor concert on the steps of Brand Library on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 pm. Bring a picnic and listen to jazz, samba and hard bop.

West Coast Mudslingers at Brand: The Brand Library Art Galleries will present an all-ceramics exhibition featuring the work of local artists. The event is a showcase for the variety of subjects, styles and techniques used in modern ceramic work. The exhibit is on view through September 9th. For more information, go to: www.brandlibrary.org

As always, we want to hear your thoughts and ideas, so please let us know via [the City's website](#). You may also telephone Vicki Gardner at: (818) 548-4844 for suggestions and/or questions.

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