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MESSAGE FROM
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Glendale City Manager

Happy (Fiscal) New Year...July 1st has come and gone, and a new budget is being implemented.

It is tough to muster enthusiasm for a year like this--City service levels are being impacted by the loss of redevelopment dollars that were swiped by the State; we have cut spending and full-time positions significantly; and the economy continues to sputter along. Still, thanks to the vision and leadership of the City Council, and the pride and dedication of our City of Glendale staff, we are ensuring that Glendale remains the premiere community that is emulated by cities in this region.

Continuous improvement is a key element in maintaining Glendale's position as a leader among cities. We understand that there is a difference between achieving excellence and maintaining excellence--very often remaining at the top of your game year after year is more difficult than getting there. That means that we, as public sector professionals, must push ourselves to keep a critical eye on our own operations and endeavor to



Inaugural Glendale City Golf Championship
August 22nd & August 27th

The Glendale Parks and Open Space Foundation is pleased to announce the inaugural **Glendale City Golf Championship**. The event is sponsored by the local Trusted Choice Insurance Agents and 100% of the proceeds will go to the Glendale Parks and Open Space Foundation to support their mission to foster well-maintained parks, picturesque open spaces, and innovative recreational programs which enrich our entire community.

The first round will take place at the **Scholl Canyon Golf Club** on **August 22**, followed by the finals at **Oakmont Country Club** on **August 27**. Registration is \$75/person. For more information or to register, please visit [Glendale Golf Championship](#) or call (818) 531-2833. Watch the video promo [here](#).

Affordable Home Ownership Program
Now Accepting Applications!



Doran Gardens, located at 331 - 343 W. Doran Street in central Glendale, is a 57-unit, for-sale homeownership development for moderate-income households who are first-time homebuyers. Homes at Doran Gardens are perfect for singles, couples and families, offering one-story flats and two-story townhomes with one to four bedroom floor plans up to 1,800 square feet.

Affordable sales prices range from around \$230,000 to \$320,000 and there is **NO application fee**. For more information, visit [Doran Gardens](#), or contact Heritage Housing Partners via email at dorangardens@heritagehousingpartners.org, or by calling 626-403-4663 ext 151.

Parks Make Life Better!

provide the highest levels of exceptional customer service. Sometimes this means fine-tuning our operations; periodically it means reworking significant portions of our operations to ensure that we are as cost-effective as possible.

Today, Glendale Water & Power is undergoing this cultural evolution. Over the coming year, GWP will become more streamlined and efficient. We will make even better use of our technology. We will reinvest in our essential public infrastructure. And we will do it with a keen eye for performance measurement and cost containment. It is important that you, as customers, understand and trust that this organizational transformation will ultimately result in better, more reliable service, and at the lowest possible cost. GWP's electric rates are already some of the lowest among our neighbors, and our unplanned outages are less frequent and for shorter durations. Additionally, our debt service coverage is extremely strong and our advanced metering technology is leading edge. Against this backdrop, we are continuing to plan for a future that revolves around a consistent push to demonstrate each day that we are your Trusted Community Utility.

FY 2011-12 was a tough year, and FY 2012-13 may be tougher still. Yet despite this new economic reality, GWP is well-positioned to build on our successes and compartmentalize our challenges. Together with your input and feedback, we will ensure GWP's commitment to efficient infrastructure, technical expertise, and professionalism in providing the highest level of service to our customers.

That is a New Year's Resolution worth sticking to!

**Save the Date!
Glendale Relay for Life**



This year's Relay for Life will be held from 9:00 am, Saturday, October 13, to 9:00 am,



Verdugo Swing Society Big Band
August 8, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Adult Recreation Center

The Verdugo Swing Society (VSS) has been bringing back Big Band memories since 1986. Originally formed by members of the Glendale College Jazz Band, they now have local musicians from Aerospace to Academia. In 1988, VSS was named the official band of the City of Glendale and has played a concert and dance series for the City every summer since. Join them for a live performance to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the new Adult Recreation Center. Please call (818) 548-3775 for more information.



Recreation Swim
Open Through the End of September

The summer fun continues through August and September. The Pacific Pool will stay open every day through the month of August, and then on weekends only through September 29. Come join us and beat the heat!

Wading pools throughout Glendale will remain open through August 31. If you are planning an outdoor birthday party, consider renting a wading pool and picnic site together. A lifeguard is on duty during your entire event. For information about open swim hours/days offered by the City of Glendale at Pacific Pool, visit [Glendale Aquatics](#).



Sunday, October 14 at Scholl Canyon. More information to come next month!



New Customer Hours for Permit Services

Starting on Monday, August 20, 2012, the Permit Service Center's customer hours will be changed to Monday - Friday from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm. All other city business after 12:00 pm will be scheduled by appointment only. For more information call (818) 548-3200.

LIBRARY NEWS

Teen Summer Reading Raffle Party

Wed, August 15, 3:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium



Celebrate the end of the summer at the Teen Summer Reading Raffle Party with pizza, snacks, board games, and Wii. We will also raffle prizes for Teen Summer Reading, including an iPod Shuffle and other great prizes provided by the Friends of the Glendale Public Library. Bring your friends to Central Library for this end-of-summer party! Visit [Glendale Teens](#) for more information.

Library Summer Reading Program Events

The annual summer reading program for kids, teens, and

Glendale Rocks!

The portable climbing wall is 26 vertical feet of pure fun and excitement! The wall can be used for fundraisers, company events, grand openings, physical education classes, or special events. The wall can handle four climbers at a time and up to 45 climbers per hour. The standard rental package includes two employees, the wall, and safety equipment for a two-hour period. For program information, call (818) 548-3220.



Join us on Friday, September 28 at 7:10 pm

You're invited to the inaugural Glendale Dodger Night at Dodger Stadium! Our LA Dodgers will be taking on the Colorado Rockies as we celebrate the City of Glendale and Tommy Lasorda's birthday. Plan to stay after the game to walk onto the field to enjoy the Dodgers' spectacular Friday Night Fireworks show. See you at the ballpark!

All proceeds for ticket sales will benefit the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation. For more information and to buy your discounted tickets, please visit [Glendale Dodger Night](#).

Surfin' Safari Silent Auction



Come join Glendale Clean & Beautiful at this summer's premier event, the Surfin' Safari Silent Auction on Thursday, August 16, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm inside/outside the Glendale Police Community Room, 131 N. Isabel Street. The event will help raise funds for many community programs operated by the non-profit such as city-wide graffiti removal, litter abatement, and youth education!

Multiple food trucks including Kogi BBQ Truck, Fry Smith, and Goodie Girls Cupcakery will be joining us throughout the day so come out and enjoy some delicious food and bid on the many wonderful items. For more information, please visit [Surfin' Safari Silent Auction](#).

**Take a Stand Against Crime
Join the Community During
National Night Out!**

adults will conclude for the year this month. Visit the [City Calendar](#) to see what's left for the season!

Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project
Fri, August 3, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium



This event will provide the community with a wealth of information on Korean culture and art. Films highlighting artistic, cultural, and industrial achievements will be screened. The audience will also enjoy a live reenactment of a traditional Korean wedding ceremony followed by a complimentary traditional Korean meal.

Please RSVP with the number of attendees to jolivares@ci.glendale.ca.us or call (818) 937-7817.

SAVE TIME with the Glendale Public Library Mobile App

Search the catalog for books or eBooks, renew your items or place holds, browse the collection of historic photos, and get directions! Search the Android or Apple app store for Glendale Public Library.



National Night Out is set for the evening of **August 7**. This is a community-driven event where neighbors meet neighbors to share concerns, strategies, and ideas for safer communities. The Glendale Police Department partners with event hosts to coordinate and plan events. Organize with your neighbors to come together to take a stand against crime, drugs, and disorder in Glendale neighborhoods.

Members of the Glendale City Council and City officials visit these events to hear concerns and ideas, and to get to know the community. If you are interested in hosting an event, please visit [Glendale National Night Out](#) or call Sergeant John Gilkerson at (818) 548-4015.

Staying Safe Around Glendale's Wild Animals



The Glendale community includes more than just our residents--the City is also home to a wide variety of wildlife. Recently, animals such as bears, mountain lions, and coyotes have become more of a regular sight. It is important to remember that our City is their natural habitat, but there is a danger when such animals become comfortable with frequenting neighborhoods.

Please educate your family on how to properly dissuade animals from your neighborhood and how to stay safe in the event of an encounter: learn more information about [bears](#), [mountain lions](#), and [coyotes](#).

If you see a bear or mountain lion in your area, call the Glendale Police Department at (818) 548-4911 or the Pasadena Humane Society at (626) 792-7151.

View Your Energy Usage Online

Take Advantage of The Benefits Your Smart Meter Has To Offer!

Glendale Welcomes Newest Historic District



After over two years of hard work by local residents, City Council has designated the **Rossmoyne Historic District**. Consisting of over 500 homes that include great examples of the architectural styles popular in Glendale built between the 1920s and 1940s, Rossmoyne is, by far, the City's largest historic district.

In historic districts, changes to properties over time don't stop, but they're reviewed to make sure that any alterations visible from the street don't have a negative impact on the historic character of the area. For more information about Rossmoyne or about districts in general, please visit [Historic Preservation in Glendale](#).

CALENDAR

August 2 - Shakespeare in the Park, 7:00 pm
Glenoaks Park
2531 E. Glenoaks Blvd.

August 7 - National Night Out 6:00 PM CITY COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED

August 16 - Surfin' Safari Silent Auction, 11am - 7pm
Police Community Room
131 N. Isabel Street

August 22 - Golf Tournament Qualifier Round
Scholl Canyon Golf Club
3800 E. Glenoaks Blvd.

August 27 - Golf Tournament Final Championship
Oakmont Country Club
3100 Country Club Dr.

[LINK TO THE CITY OF GLENDALE CALENDAR FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

Smart Energy Insights



Review your energy use by the day, or even hour

Now through the GWP and Opower websites, customers can view their energy usage online. They will be able to compare their usage with prior months and get a more detailed view of monthly, weekly, daily, or hourly usage.

Previously customers could only see their usage data every two months. The new features will allow customers to see what time of day they are using the most energy in order to make changes to cut down on wasteful energy consumption. Customers can also compare their usage to that of similar homes and download tips to save energy. Visit [GWP Opower](#).

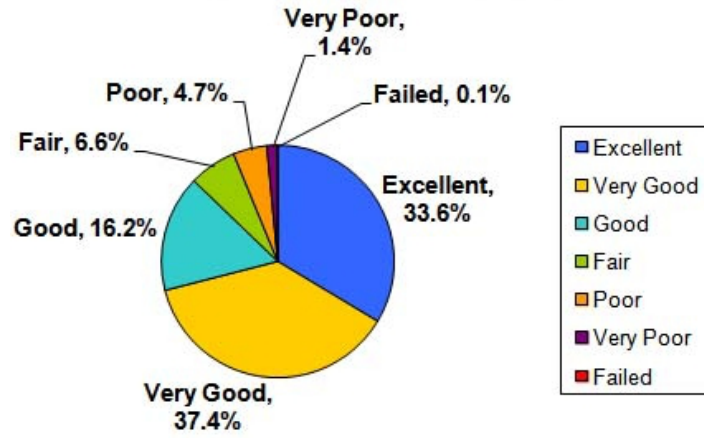
Pavement Management Program Update



The Pavement Management Program for the City of Glendale provides a current inventory, with condition and preservation requirements, for the roadways throughout the City. The condition ranges from "Excellent" to "Failed," with an "Excellent" condition corresponding to a pavement at the beginning of its life cycle, and a "Failed" condition representing a badly deteriorated pavement with virtually no remaining life.

The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating for all pavement surfaces within the City is projected to be 76.2 ("Very Good"). This will be accomplished in November 2012 with the completion of the recently awarded Street Rehabilitation Program for the 2011-12 fiscal year. In just the past seven years, the average PCI rating has increased by 4.4%. This impressive accomplishment is in spite of dwindling funds for our Capital Improvement Projects. Recently, the Public Works Department has primarily been concentrating on the rehabilitation of our arterial streets, resulting in 81.6% of arterial pavement in the City being ranked as "Excellent" and "Very Good."

Pavement Condition Index 2012



For questions and additional information, please contact the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department at (818) 548-3945.

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