



For information regarding the current windstorms, please visit the [City of Glendale's Emergency Operations Page](#).

Holiday Spirit Awards and Holiday Lights Recycling Programs



The annual Winter Holiday Spirit Awards, sponsored by Neighborhood Services and Clean and Beautiful Glendale, recognize residents and businesses that spread seasonal cheer with festive decorations. From poinsettia plants, to wreaths and candy canes, to all-out "Winter Wonderlands" — let us know where they are by nominating them for a Spirit Award. Contact [Katrin Madatian](#) at (818) 551-3098 to submit a nomination.

Recycle your holiday lights: Every year thousands of broken or unwanted holiday lights are dumped into landfills. This year, Neighborhood Services and the Integrated Waste Division offer an environmentally-friendly solution to the problem. Cardboard recycling boxes will be placed in various City buildings where unwanted lights can be placed. At the end of the season, the boxes will be collected and the lights sent for recycling. Help make this a "greener" holiday. Contact [Philippe Eskandar](#) at **(818) 551-3099** for more information about the Holiday Lights Recycling Program.

Watch that Speedometer!

AB529, which gives local agencies more flexibility to set their own speed limits, has been signed into law. Speed data is gathered on the roads, and then speed limits are set based on the average speed that 85% of the traffic is moving. Under the previous law, agencies could round up to the nearest 5% increment; i.e. if the average speed was 37.5 miles per hour (mph), the limit could be set at 40 mph. Under AB529, local agencies are given the option to round down to the nearest 5% increment; i.e. in the above case, the speed limit could be set at 35 mph. This new law allows local agencies to set limits that will make their communities safer for drivers and pedestrians.



Maple Park Hosts an "After School Club"

Maple Park After School Club is a free drop-in program for ages 6 to 17. Note: children under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Recreation leaders provide general supervision and programming. The Center features a recreation room with foosball, ping pong, air hockey and other games. A computer lab offers Internet and video games; and a full court gym has drop-in basketball games. The Park, 820 E. Maple Street, operates this program from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm on weekdays. An extended program will be available during the Winter Break. More details are available at **(818) 548-3785**.

Have a "Hoops" Fan in your Household? Participate in "Hoopapalooza"

Hoopapalooza Inc., will conduct a holiday hoops basketball camp at the Pacific Community Center. Coached by Mark Herring of Hoopapalooza , the camp includes fundamental instruction, basketball drills, camp games, and a t-shirt. The camp is open to both boys and girls ages 10-17 and runs January 3 – 6 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration is now under way and space is limited. For fees and more information, or to register, call the Pacific Community Center at **(818) 548-4098**.

Does Your Home Comply with New Electrical Codes?

The National Electrical Code has implemented two code changes now in effect for residential dwellings. A dwelling unit is defined as a single unit providing complete and independent living facilities for one or more persons including living, sleeping, cooking and sanitation facilities.

Under the code, all new and renovated dwellings must have tamper-resistant receptacles. These are plastic covers that close off the contact openings on electrical receptacles, making the home safer for everyone.



Also, Arc Fault circuit interrupter protection is required in all new residential dwellings and/or existing residences and additions. This applies to all 120 volt, single phase 15 and 20 amp branch circuits. Some older electrical panels may need to be changed to meet the new requirements during a rewire. These breakers are intended to protect against fire.

If you have questions about these important electrical code changes, visit the Permit Services Center Inspection Office, 633 E. Broadway, Room 100 or call **(818) 548-4837**. Additional information is also available at: www.childoutletsafety.org/code_requirement.html

Rossmoyne Nominated for Historic District

The Historic Preservation Commission recently approved the Historic Resource Survey for the proposed Rossmoyne Historic District, and also authorized the distribution of a petition asking the City to designate the District. If owners of more than 50% of the homes in the area sign the petition, the nomination will move forward with future hearings before the Historic Preservation and Planning Commissions and a final vote by City Council. Historic resource surveys for two other proposed historic districts, North Cumberland Heights and Brockmont Park, are underway and will go through a similar review process.



2012 "I Love My Neighborhood" Poster Contest

The 2012 "[I Love My Neighborhood Poster Contest](#)" is underway for elementary students from public and private schools in Glendale. This year's theme is "I Am Part of My Neighborhood." Students submit self-drawn posters showing civic pride by keeping their neighborhoods litter and graffiti free. Last year, over 9,000 entries were submitted! The Grand Prize poster is reproduced and distributed throughout the community as part of a multimedia campaign.

Teacher's Guides are available online. The poster contest traditionally leaves a lasting impression on elementary-aged schoolchildren through hands-on lessons promoting environmental stewardship and neighborhood pride. Contact [Jaixen Webb](#) at (818) 551-6933 for more information.

Help Your Library By Holiday Giving

Make a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Glendale Library or Associates of Brand Library this season. Give a friend a membership, or join either organization yourself and help make our libraries stronger. The Friends is a non-profit volunteer organization that raises funds to provide the Library with new books and eBooks, CDs and eMusic, DVDs and online resources, and funds the annual Summer Reading Program for children. The popular Authors, Artists and Friends lecture series brings an impressive array of speakers to the Library and the Friends operate the Book Nook used bookstore at the Central Library. A membership costs \$20. www.friendsofglendalepubliclibrary.org/membership



The Brand Associates is a non-profit volunteer organization supporting Brand Library through sponsorship of art, music and dance programs, sponsorship and production of an annual juried exhibition, and fundraising to support library programs and collections. Memberships begin at \$35. www.associatesofbrand.org/join.php

City's Latest Effort to "Go Green"

In November, the City Council adopted the Greener Glendale Plan for Municipal Operations. The plan illustrates the City's existing and significant conservation efforts (which are not generally known); it demonstrates the City's commitment to continue and build on these efforts; and it is designed as a tool to direct future conservation efforts. The plan is available online at www.greenerglendale.org/pdf/FinalGreenerGlendalePlanMunicipalOperations.pdf.



Holiday Tree Recycling and Trash Collection

There will be no changes to the Waste Collection days this holiday season. The City is offering a Christmas tree recycling program from December 27 through January 13. Trees must be placed curbside on the regular pick-up days before 7:00 am. Visit

www.glendalewaste.com for a map that shows the collection day for your area. Please remember to remove all decorations and ornaments before recycling.

Mark Your Calendar for these Events:

December 3: Free ACT Practice Test – 12:30 to 4:30 pm, Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. **(818) 548-2048.**

December 3: Montrose Christmas Parade – 6:00 pm, Honolulu Avenue, Montrose.

December 7: Decorate the Christmas tree at Sparr Heights Community Center – 8:30 am. Please bring an ornament from home to share.

December 7: Fair Housing Workshop – 5:30 pm, Pacific Community Center. **(818) 551-6917.**

December 9: Glendale Pop's Holiday Concert – 8:00 pm, Alex Theater. Tickets at **(818) 243-ALEX.**

December 9-11: Fiesta de Las Luminarias at Casa Adobe de San Rafael. Special events including a Piñata Party for children, take place all three days. Call **(818) 246-3634** for details.

December 10: Adams Square Christmas Carnival – 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, 1100 block of Park Avenue (at Adams Street). Rides, visit from Santa and more.

December 11: "It's a Wonderful Brand" – Fundraiser for Renovation of Brand Library and Art Center. 2:00 – 6:00 pm, 1601 W. Mountain St. www.associatesofbrand.org or www.glendalehistorical.org.

December 15: Christmas Lunch for Seniors – 10:00 am at Adult Recreation Center and Sparr Heights Community Center. Reservations required. (818) 548-3775 for the ARC; **(818) 548-2187** for Sparr Heights.

December 17: Big Ol' Campfire Folk Song Sing-Along – 4:00 pm, Central Library Auditorium. With folk singers Fur Dixon and Steve Werner.

December 27 – January 6: Sparr-Tacular Winter Camp for ages 5 – 12. Details and Registration: **(818) 548-2187.**

December 27 – January 6: Kool Dayz Winter Camp at Pacific Community Center. Details and Registration: **(818) 548-4098.**

December 29: New Year's Celebration for seniors at the Adult Recreation Center and Sparr Heights Community Center.

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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