



Scott Ochoa Named New Glendale City Manager

The City Council has announced the appointment of Scott Ochoa as Glendale's new City Manager, effective January 3, 2012. He is currently serving as the City Manager of Monrovia, CA.

Scott began with the City of Monrovia in 1993. Prior to his appointment as City Manager, he held various management positions, including Assistant City Manager. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Government from Claremont McKenna and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from USC.

Scott will take over from Jim Starbird, who is retiring in December. Jim's career in public service has spanned 40 years, serving the cities of Eureka, Monrovia and West Covina in addition to Glendale.

[Read the press release.](#)



Glendale's new City Manager – Scott Ochoa

Winter Rain Storms

The Public Works Departments of Glendale and LA County are cleaning the debris basins in Glendale to get ready for the coming rainy season. While vegetation is now growing on the hillsides that were made bare by the 2009 Station Fire, roots are shallow, and the potential for erosion, landslides and debris flows still exists if a long duration of heavy rainfall occurs.

Residents living near burn areas should prepare for the winter by cleaning drainage channels, swales and catch basins. During heavy rainfall, it is essential that private drainage systems work efficiently. Sandbags will be distributed free to Glendale residents from Dunsmore Park, the Public Works Yard, 541 W. Chevy Chase Drive, and all Glendale fire stations.

Information about the storm season and preparations will be available at

www.ci.glendale.ca.us. During a declared emergency, information will also be available on GTV6 and the Glendale Information Hotline, **(818) 548-6464**. The Emergency Information Center will also be activated for call-in assistance at **(818) 548-3301** or eic@ci.glendale.ca.us. For details about LA County activities, call **(800) 214-4020** or go to www.dpw.lacounty.gov/care.



Free Mulch

Free mulch is available to Glendale residents at Brand Park beginning November 1. The mulch is the by-product of the City's tree-trimming program and is useful in landscaping, as well as preventing weeds and erosion during heavy rains. Signage at the Park will direct residents to the mulch areas. When collecting it, bring shovels, gloves and containers. For more information, call **(818) 548-3950**.

Doran Gardens: Affordable Housing for Moderate Income First-Time Homebuyers

Doran Gardens, a new 57-unit townhome and condo development at 331 - 343 West Doran Street in downtown Glendale, offers affordable homeownership opportunities for households that are first time homebuyers. Eligible incomes range from \$47,850 to \$82,950 based on household size. Project developer Heritage Housing Partners has received City funding to make the homes affordable, incorporate new energy-saving "green" technologies, and develop a 0.4 acre public park adjacent to the site.

Applications for Doran Gardens are being accepted through **November 23**. To request an application, visit www.doranapplication.com or call **(626) 403-4663, ext. 151**.



News from "Parks"

PAL Program: The Police Activities League Program (PAL) is providing boxing and dance classes for youth ages 13 to 18. The program operates Monday through Thursday between 4:00 and 6:00 pm at the Glendale YMCA, 140 N. Louise Street. For information, contact Zulema Argota at **(818) 240-4130**.

Glorietta Park: Glendale's Glorietta Park playground recently reopened after being destroyed by arson one year ago. Stop by to enjoy the beautiful new equipment at 2801 N. Verdugo Road.



Classes for Everyone: *The Winter Leisure Guide will be online shortly at: parks.ci.glendale.ca.us. Following are some of the classes being offered.*

Maple Park Karate Class: This class for ages 4 – 16 teaches basic grappling and self defense moves. Kids and teens gain self confidence to deal with bullies and strangers, as well as getting into shape through fun exercise and training drills. Class is taught by a black belt instructor.



Pacific Community Center – Make Believe (Creative Drama for Kids): Children learn

basic acting and movement, and improve skills while exercising their imaginations and building self-esteem. Tales from around the world, poetry and playwriting components become the inspiration for a final production at the end of the session. Check the [Leisure Guide](#) for days, times and fees.

Is Your Project Going to A Public Hearing? Additional Public Notice is Now Required

Previously, when a project went to a public hearing, only property owners within 500 feet of the project were required to be mailed a notice about the hearing. Now, such notice must be mailed to **ALL OCCUPANTS and ALL PROPERTY OWNERS** within 500 feet of the subject property. For more information see the following handout: [Public Noticing Requirements Handout](#).

Planning a new addition or major remodel? Make sure all notifications are made prior to beginning the work!



The Glendale Library Presents ...

One Book/One Glendale

Celebrate the power of reading by coming together and starting a community conversation. Read the 2011 One Book titles for adults and for younger readers!

Meet the authors ...

For younger readers: "My Life as a Book." While searching for distractions instead of a summer class assignment, 12-year-old Derek Fallon uncovers a family secret involving the death of his babysitter 10 years earlier. Author Janet Tashjian will be at the Central Library Auditorium at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 10 to discuss her book.

For adults: Read Alice LaPlante's "Turn of Mind." Once a brilliant orthopedic surgeon who specialized in hands, Dr. Jennifer White retired when she started experiencing symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. Now she is the primary suspect in her best friend's murder! Meet Alice at the Central Library on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 pm.

GLENDALE HISTORY – Photos of Glenn Ward

A collection of photos from Glendale (circa 1950s and '60s) is now available through the Library website. The photographs were taken by professional photographer Glenn B. Ward and feature images of local buildings, streets and businesses, such as this photo of Glendale Central Park. The photos have been uploaded to the Library's Flickr website where online visitors can leave comments to help tell each picture's story. Visit the Special Collections website at library.ci.glendale.ca.us/special_collections.asp.



City of Glendale Launches New Safety Website

The City of Glendale has launched a new website aimed at promoting the safety of Glendale pedestrians and drivers. The new website: www.D2DGlendale.org features two parts: Driven 2 Distraction (D2D) for drivers and Look 2 Live (L2L) for pedestrians.

Approximately 80 percent of vehicle crashes now involve some sort of driver inattention. Nationwide, 6000 people are killed annually in accidents where driver distractions such as cell phones, texting, applying make-up, eating or changing a CD are taking place.

The new website points out the dangers (and penalties) of driving while distracted. It also provides tips for pedestrians on how to walk about the City more safely. Glendale takes the issue of safety very seriously and believes this website will help bring down the current vehicle/pedestrian accident rate.



Post Halloween Clean Up

For the past decade, “trick or treaters” have poured into the Kenneth Road neighborhood, drawn by the great Halloween displays and generous homeowners. The morning after, this peaceful neighborhood is left littered with piles of trash including candy wrappers and other “junk.” For the second year, a “Post Halloween Clean Up Team” consisting of residents, students from Hoover, Toll and Keppel schools, Neighborhood Services (NS) staff and others, helped deal with the debris.

For more information about Neighborhood Services and volunteer-driven community beautification programs, contact Sandra Rodriguez at **(818) 548-2877** or go to:

www.CleanUpGlendale.org.



Mark Your Calendar for these Events:

November 5: 2nd Annual Glendale Health Festival – Pacific Edison Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Avenue --10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Free medical screenings, health and nutritional information, food, activities and more.

November 6: Daylight Savings Time Change. The Glendale Fire Department recommends changing the batteries in your smoke alarms when you turn back your clocks. Check their website for more winter safety tips: www.glendalefire.com.

November 7: A representative from the Alzheimer’s Association will discuss detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease and treatment. 7:00 pm, Glendale Central Library. **(818) 548-2042**.

November 11: Veteran’s Day Holiday. All City offices and Library branches will be closed.

November 12: Informational meeting for interested applicants for Doran Gardens Housing. (See related article in this issue). 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Pacific Edison Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Avenue.

November 17: Traditional Roast Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings for Glendale seniors 60 and older. Adult Recreation Center and Sparr Heights Community Center. Activities and entertainment start at 9:00 am. \$2.50 suggested donation. Reservations must be made one week in advance. For the ARC, call **(818) 548-3775**. For Sparr, call **(818) 548-2187**.

November 20: A Celebration of Leonardo Alishan’s Literary Work with Gourgen Arzoumanian, Dr. Rubina Perromian, Ara Oshagan. 4:00 pm, Central Library Auditorium. www.ci.glendale.ca.us.

November 24 – 27: – Thanksgiving Holiday. All City offices and Library branches will be closed.

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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