



Unity Fest Glendale 2011 Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On **Sunday, October 16**, Brand Boulevard between Wilson and California will be transformed into an international street faire, celebrating our City's many cultures through music, song, dance, food, arts and crafts. Special guest celebrity, Mario Lopez, will welcome visitors to our City. The festivities run from noon to 5:00 pm and admission is free, with plenty of parking available in nearby lots and parking garages. Downtown merchants will remain open during the event.

Unity Fest will also feature artwork provided by Glendale Arts. More details and a map are available on the City's website at www.ci.glendale.ca.us/UnityFest2011.asp.

The popular Lion Dancers entertain the crowd at last year's event.



City to Recognize "Green" Businesses and Groups

If your business or community group is planning to or practicing environmental or resource conservation, join the growing list of "green" entities being recognized by the City for conservation efforts. To participate, email a list of conservation efforts and the years of implementation by Oct. 15 to Cassandra Pruet: cpruett@ci.glendale.ca.us. To learn more about the Greener Glendale Plan, visit www.greenerglendale.org. This is a joint project of Glendale Water & Power and the Community Development Department.



Riverdale Drive Project Helps Pedestrians and

Bicyclists

In October, the Public Works Department will complete work on the Riverdale Drive Project, including street, pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The LA County Bicycle Coalition helped fund some of the upgrades through a grant. Three traffic circles located on Maple at Wing, at Fischer Street and at Porter Street will be installed. And three different types of signage will be used including interpretative route signs, interpretive improvement signs and wayfinding signs. Other improvements included the Central Avenue/Maple Street traffic signal, and curb extensions at Chevy Chase Drive. For more information about this project, contact Steve Lujan at **(818) 548-3986**.



Public Works crews install improvements during the Riverdale Drive Project.

Private Sewer Laterals

A sewer lateral is the pipe that connects a home or business to the City's sewer system. Property owners in Glendale are responsible for the upkeep of their sewer lateral and its connection to the City's main line. Poorly maintained or neglected laterals can be costly to repair when they fail, and can also cause even more costly sewage backups. The lateral should be regularly cleaned of all tree roots and other debris by a licensed plumber.

Expensive repairs can also be prevented by ensuring that only the following items enter the sewer system:

- Human waste
- Soaps
- Toilet paper
- Food that has been ground in a garbage disposal

Other items, especially kitchen grease, can clog pipes and drains and cause backups. In addition, chemicals, paint and other hazardous materials should not be dumped into a sewer system. These can't be filtered at treatment facilities and instead enter local waterways and the ocean. For more information about sewer laterals, contact Maintenance Services at **(818) 548-3950**.



A licensed plumber can conduct a camera inspection of a sewer lateral and help prevent major problems.

New Restaurant Opens in Downtown Glendale

With assistance from the Glendale Redevelopment Agency, **Pierre Garden** opened its doors in late August, offering an extensive menu of French cuisine by Chef Jean Marc. The Agency provided a façade grant for the improvement of the facility's HVAC system. Improving this site allowed the new restaurant to occupy a once-vacant downtown space.



Prestigious Law Firm Welcomed in Glendale



The law firm of Christie, Parker & Hale has signed a lease at 655 Central and will move to Glendale from Pasadena in mid-December. CPH is one of the top patent and trademark law firms in the US, employing a staff of 120 including 45 attorneys. The firm represents some of the most prolific patent and trademark filers in the world: Verizon Communications, Raytheon, Guess?, Neiman Marcus, Samsung, Caltech and more.

CPH is one of the latest in a succession of prominent firms that have chosen to locate in Glendale. Others include LegalZoom, Technicolor and Zecco. Companies wishing to learn more about Glendale and its business opportunities should contact Economic Development at **(818) 548-2005**.

Friday Night Lights at Verdugo Skate Park

Calling all skateboarders: enjoy some of the newest skateboard videos on a big projection screen. A raffle and one grand prize will be given away monthly. Free admission and free pizza with the purchase of a raffle ticket. Dates and times are subject to change. Call (818) 548-2786 to confirm. Follow "Park" happenings on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/verdugosk8park>.

Dates: October 28 and November 25

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: Verdugo Park, 1621 Cañada Blvd. (south end)



Clover bowl at Verdugo Skate Park

Glendale Youth Alliance

Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA) offers mentored employment for qualified candidates from low-income households who live in Glendale, Burbank or LaCanada Flintridge. The program is open to high school seniors or individuals between 18 and 21. Visit www.glendaleyouthalliance.org and complete an application to be eligible. More information is available at (818) 937-8073.

Community Services and Parks Offers Classes

Community Services and Parks offers a wide range of classes including fitness, sports, arts and crafts and more...something for all ages. To learn about them, visit www.ci.glendale.ca.us/parks and click on the "Leisure Guide" link.

Wildlife Encounters

Residents in foothill communities often encounter wildlife. The Pasadena Humane Society offers the following tips to discourage wildlife from becoming a problem:

- Bring food in from outdoors; secure lids of garbage cans; pick up fallen fruit.
- Bring pets inside before dark and shut pet doors at dusk.
- Clean away wood and brush piles after winter and keep vegetation trimmed.
- Close access to crawl spaces, attics, sheds and garages. Keep doors closed at night.

More information available at: www.pasadenahumane.org – click on Wildlife.

October Library Events

Running through October: *Things Eyes See*

For artist Eric Gomez, it's not the camera that counts, but rather the eye of the photographer. See for yourself in this exhibition of photographs taken with an Iphone4. Main floor of Central Library.



“Let’s Get it On” with Big John McCarthy

Referee “Big” John McCarthy’s trademarked call has signaled the start of some of the greatest battles in mixed martial arts. A 22-year LAPD veteran and referee of over 500 bouts, McCarthy has been the pillar of order amidst the chaos and controversy surrounding this emerging sport. Hear what he has to say about it on **Wednesday, October 26** at 7:00 pm in the [Central Library](#) Auditorium.



Mark Your Calendar for these Events:

October 1 – Octoberfest in Montrose. Noon to 9:00 pm in the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu.

October 2 – Glendale Historical Society’s 2011 Fall Home Tour. 11:00 am to 4:00pm. Tickets: **(818) 242-7447**.

October 5 – International “Walk to School Day”. Join your children and neighbors in a walk to school this morning.

October 15 – 2011 Glendale K-9s in the Park and the annual Kiwanis Duck Splash. Verdugo Park, 1621 Canada Blvd. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

October 16 – Unity Fest Glendale 2011. Noon to 5:00 pm, Brand Boulevard.

October 17 - Community Meeting – North Glendale Community Plan, 5:30 pm. 633 E. Broadway, Room 105. www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning or **(818) 937-8158**.

October 20 – Glendale Women’s Commission and YWCA Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. 6:00 pm, YWCA. **(818) 548-4844**.

October 22

- **Foothill Clean Up Day** – 9:00 am to Noon, Dunsmore Park, 4700 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta. www.CleanUpGlendale.org
- **Armenian Bone Marrow “Walk of Life”** – 9:00 am, Glendale Memorial Hospital. **(323) 663-3609**
- **Relay for Life** – Begins at 10:00 am Saturday; concludes at 10:00 am. Sunday, October 23. Scholl Canyon Ball fields. Theme: Help Us Scare Cancer Away.” **(818) 548-3803**

October 23 - Glendale Harley Love Ride. www.glendaleharley.com/love-ride.

October 29 – Drug Drop Off Day. Dispose of unused prescriptions or OTC drugs properly. Details at: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/.

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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