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MESSAGE FROM  
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Well, it is election season. With the retirement of Mayor Frank Quintero after a storied career of service to Glendale, we are assured of having at least one new member on the Glendale City Council. And with the reassignment and recruitment of new City commissioners, we will certainly have an infusion of new community volunteers, leaders, and stakeholders to help guide our community through the still murky waters of our fledgling economic recovery.

To that end, and based on the very nice feedback I got regarding the holiday playlist that was featured in the December *City Connections*, below is a list of songs that will hopefully serve as a primer for new entrants into the world of public service, and serve as a touchstone for other folks to relate to. Then again, I may have simply run out of sports analogies to describe this season of transition and change—you decide.

--"Revolution" by The Beatles. *You say you'll change the Constitution/Well you know, we'd all love to see the*



Don't Forget to Vote on April 2nd

Attention Glendale! *Election Day is tomorrow, April 2nd, and polls will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.* To find your polling place and view your sample ballot, visit [www.GlendaleVotes.org](http://www.GlendaleVotes.org) and click on **FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE / SAMPLE BALLOTS** at the top of the page in the menu bar. If you don't have access to a computer, call the City Clerk's office at (818) 548-4000 and someone will be happy to assist you.

Remember that there are a number of offices and issues to consider. You can vote for up to 3 seats for City Council, 3 for the Glendale School Board, 1 for Treasurer, 1 for City Clerk, and you can vote on Measures A, B & C.

Voting assistance will be available in Armenian, Korean, and Spanish; if you require any other special assistance, please call the City Clerk's office. Your vote makes a difference and Glendale is counting on you!

For more information about the Glendale Elections on April 2nd, please visit [GlendaleVotes.org](http://GlendaleVotes.org).

*plan/You ask me for a contribution/Well you know, we're all doin' what we can. A quintessential rock anthem that speaks to the power and purpose of social change. Community leaders shouldn't be shy about expressing and advancing their views and issues. In the marketplace of ideas, the wheat separates from the chaff pretty quickly.*

--**"Sounds of Silence"** by Simon & Garfunkel. *People talking without speaking/ People hearing without listening.* Especially in the age of near instantaneous digital media, it is easy to become confused and substitute noise for communication, opinion for fact, self-righteousness for thoughtfulness, and nastiness for pragmatism.

--**"Wise Up"** by Aimee Man. *It's not what you thought/ When you first began it/You got what you want/Now you can hardly stand it.* Admittedly, a downer kind of song; however, accepting a leadership role without embracing the parts of it that are difficult to embrace can very quickly cause you to resent the job in the first place. Balance, perseverance, and perspective are important.

--**"Rock Superstar"** by Cypress Hill. *And the best way back is to keep your head straight/Never inflate the cranium.* Being in the public's eye certainly can distort one's perspective. The fickleness of popularity, the fleeting nature of public recognition, and the toll pressure takes all make for an interesting comparison.

--**"New Kid in Town"** by The Eagles. *There's talk on the street; it sounds so familiar/Great expectations; everybody's watching you/People you meet, they all seem to know you/Even your old friends treat you like you're something new.* Becoming a public person is a new experience, and you have to think about how you handle it and how to respond.

--**"Desolation Row"** by Bob Dylan. *They are spoon-feeding Casanova/To get him to feel more assured/Then they'll kill him with self-confidence/After poisoning him with words.* An epic masterpiece by Dylan—so vivid and multi-layered. Choose your friends and confidants wisely, and understand that many people



On **Wednesday, April 24**, the City of Glendale will host its **12th Annual Armenian Genocide Commemoration Event**. The event will take place from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the beautiful Alex Theatre, located at 216 N. Brand Blvd.

This year's event will feature multiple traditional Armenian dance and musical performances by local students. The keynote speaker will be Micheline Aharonian Marcom. Ms. Marcom has published four novels, including a trilogy of books about the Armenian genocide and its aftermath in the twentieth century.

Mayor Frank Quintero will serve as Chair of the event, along with Co-Chair Council Member Ara Najarian. Members of the local clergy, as well as federal and state political leaders will also be in attendance.

Additionally, as part of the City's Annual Man's Inhumanity to Man Week of Remembrance, a **cultural awareness event** focusing on the subject of the injustices committed against the Korean **"Comfort Women"** will be held on **Friday, April 26**, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Central Library Auditorium, located at 222 E. Harvard St. The event will feature a testimonial from a victim of the injustices committed against these women, along with a film on the subject.

For more information on the Week of Remembrance Events, please contact Community Relations Coordinator, Dan Bell at (818) 550-4424 or via [email](#).



## Glendale Police Department Year in Review

The Glendale Police Department has published its 2012 Year in Review report. These challenging economic times resulted in cuts to the Police Department, but they also provided the opportunity to evaluate the organization's structure and crime-detering tactics. Even amid the reductions, Glendale remained in the Top 10 Safest Cities of its size in the United States through the use of

are apt to tell you what you want to hear.

--"Give Me Novacaine" by Green Day. *Take away the sensation inside/Bittersweet migraine in my head/It's like a throbbing toothache of the mind/I can't take this feeling anymore.* Public service is definitely for those who wish to serve the public's interest...that means all of the public. While an ill-informed harangue from an angry constituent might feel like a root canal, you cannot surrender your appreciation and respect for the public at large. Remember—most folks don't call upon the government until there's a pressing need in their lives, and a little empathy on our part goes a long way.

--"The Impossible Dream" by Frank Sinatra. *To right the unrightable wrong/To be better far than you are/To try when your arms are too weary/To reach the unreachable star.* Yes, you may prefer the Andy Williams version, or the Robert Goulet version, or the Elvis version, or even The Temptations' version; however, the message is the same: there is inherent nobility in adhering to a vision and a code, and sacrificing for the greater good. Sometimes it doesn't make good business sense, but public service is about equity—not profit.

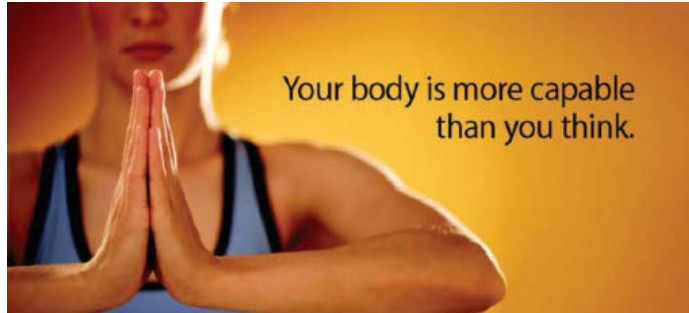
--"The Curtain Falls" by Bobby Darrin. *Your cheers and laughter/Will linger after/They've torn down/These dusty walls.* In serving Glendale and helping to develop and build this place, you are contributing to a legacy that will surely outlive all of us. On the one hand, that makes you feel a little insignificant; but on the other hand, it makes you recognize that you need others to help create and sustain something truly special, unique, and memorable.

--"Yes, I Can" by Sammy Davis, Jr. *I have just found the key/Hey, doors swing wide for me/I was just born today/I can go all the way/Yes, I can!* You have to stay positive and energetic. Give folks a reason to invest in your vision.

I suppose the theme of most of these songs is that the mantle of leadership can be difficult to carry with dignity and self-respect. Anyone willing to give of themselves and their family, and willing to lay themselves out before their neighbors to support or reject deserves credit. But climbing to the top

information technologies and redirected resources. The publication provides greater insight into crime trends, interesting cases solved by Glendale officers, and the role community partnerships have played in keeping Glendale the safe city in which we love to live, work, and play. The 2012 annual report can be found [here](#).

## Free Self-Defense Classes for Women & Girls



Violence against women is recognized today as a major issue on the international human rights agenda. This includes: rape/sexual assault (every 2.5 minutes in the US.), intimate partner abuse (every 15 seconds in the US), and human trafficking of women and girls as sex slaves. The trauma of sexual coercion and assault at different stages of a woman's life-cycle can leave many women and girls with severe loss of self-esteem, health, and autonomy.

**April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and in an effort to promote prevention of sexual assaults against women and girls, the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is providing FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES to women and girls ages 12 and up.**

Three (3) classes will be offered this year during the month of April:

- Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Adult Rec. Center
- Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Glendale College
- Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Glendale Police Dept.

More information can be found [here](#). Space is limited, and participants must RSVP to attend. To reserve a spot in the class or for more information, contact the CSW at (818) 548-4844 or by [email](#).

## PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER



### Go Outside and Play!

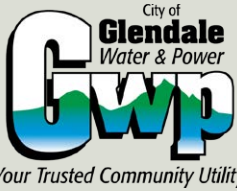
A Time of Fun and Games in Nature's Playground

Do you remember when your mother would tell you, "Go outside and play"? For some of you it might have been yesterday, for others it



of a mountain is one thing; figuring out what to do once you get there is something else entirely. The more decisions you make, the more people you will alienate. The more people you alienate, the more isolated you can become. Truly, leadership can be a lonely business. That's why it is so important to maintain a healthy perspective—laugh, love, lose, and let go sometimes. And if you want a friend, buy a dog.

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### Join Us at the 2013 Solar Discovery Faire

Glendale Water & Power has partnered with Solar Schoolhouse to bring the 2013 Solar Discovery Faire to Glendale on Saturday, April 6, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Glendale Community College. This free community event is open to all Glendale residents interested in learning about solar technology. Music, games, demonstrations, interactive projects, and activities will be available, as well as free shows at the College's state-of-the-art planetarium. Visit [Solar Discovery Faire](#) for more information.



To learn more about other GWP programs and receive important information, including the [From the Source](#) newsletter, visit the [GWP website](#) and sign up for email updates on the main page.

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### LIBRARY, ARTS & CULTURE NEWS

has probably been too long to remember.

The Community Services & Parks Department is here to help you do just that. Please join staff on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Deukmejian Wilderness Park for a morning of nature games, team building activities, and leadership skills.

This event is for all ages (not just kids), but we do recommend that participants be at least 5 years old. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes and be prepared to have fun, fun, fun! Please call (818) 548-3795 to reserve your spot. More information can be found [here](#). Hope to see you soon in Glendale's great outdoors!

### Looking for a Great Place to Eat?



Our newest [Downtown Restaurant Guide](#) features over 100 restaurants serving a variety of cuisines from around the world. Find the perfect dining experience for a quiet evening for two, a business meeting, or a night out on the town in Downtown Glendale. For more information about the Restaurant Guide, please contact the [Economic Development Division](#) at (818) 548-3155.

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### Brand Blvd. Farmers Market



Be sure to visit [Glendale's Farmers Market](#), open every Thursday from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm on the 100 block of North Brand Boulevard, for a variety of quality fruits, vegetables, and grains. Customers can use electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards to purchase eligible food items.

Please contact the market manager at (626) 791-3217, or contact the Community Development Department at (818) 548-2005 for more information.



### Community Meeting for Central Library Renovation

The Library, Arts & Culture Department wants to hear from the community. Please come share your thoughts about the design by Gruen Associates Architects for a renovation of the Central Library. The community meeting will take place Monday, April 8, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Central Library Auditorium. Free parking with validation is provided across the street from the library. Please see [flyer](#) for additional details.



A series of activities and events have been scheduled in celebration of National Library Week: April 14-20. Check them out!

#### Fine Free Week

Glendale and Pasadena library materials returned this week to a Library, Arts & Culture location are FINE FREE. Overdue fines on items returned this week will be waived. Other fees may apply.

#### Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt—All Week

Central Library Children's Room & Montrose Branch Kids can pick up Scavenger Hunt clue flyers at the Central Library Children's Room or at the Montrose Branch to help them find Waldo and his friends. Kids who complete the game at the Montrose Branch can enter a drawing for a set of Where's Waldo books. Kids at Central Library can enjoy an afternoon party at 4:00 pm on April 17.

Authors & Artists at the Central Library Auditorium Come see and hear our lineup of talented authors, artists, and musicians all week:

**Monday, April 15, 7:00 pm**



## HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER

WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IN HOUSING

### Housing Rights Workshop: April 22

The Housing Rights Center and the City of Glendale's Community Services & Parks Department will hold a **Housing Rights Workshop for Tenants on Monday, April 22, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**. This free workshop will be held at Pacific Community Center, Sycamore Room, located at 501 S. Pacific Avenue in Glendale.

This workshop will address concerns related to topics such as fair housing, evictions, security deposits, repairs, and rent increases, as well as answer any questions. Come learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. More information can be found [here](#). To RSVP or have additional questions answered, please contact Amy Ly at the Housing Rights Center at (800) 477-5977, ext. 1104.



### Celebrate Earth Day with Glendale! Saturday, April 27

Did you know that the first Earth Day took place 43 years ago? This day made the protection of natural resources a national priority, which led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the [Clean Air](#), [Clean Water](#), and [Endangered Species](#) Acts.

Continue the historic path of participation by attending Glendale's Earth Day Event on **Saturday, April 27, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm** at the **Pacific Community Center**, located at 501 S. Pacific Ave. Have fun while learning how to improve the environment and reduce your personal carbon footprint, enjoy music with a live band, and have some delicious free food (while supplies last).

More information can be found [here](#). For event questions, please email [recycle@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:recycle@ci.glendale.ca.us) or call (818) 548-3916.

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**PaintCare**  
Recycle Paint at Local Retailers

**Wendy Lawless, Chanel Bonfire**

Actress and author Wendy Lawless discusses her stunning memoir about her unconventional, heartbreaking childhood with an unstable alcoholic and suicidal mother and the unusual strength that allowed her to rise above it all.

**Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm Independent Voices 2**

Self-published authors Dean Hartwell, Allene Keshishian, and Marilyn La Grone-Amaral discuss their work and the business of self-publishing.

**Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 pm Land & Technology: A Contemporary Art Project**

Artists Charlie Khachadourian, Ara Oshagan, Samvel Saghatelian, Vachag Tersarkissian and Harry Vorperian discuss their work with the Shushi Art Project, an international festival of contemporary art that was held in Shushi, Republic of Nagorno Karabakh.

**Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm Amy Wilentz--Farewell, Fred Voodoo: A Letter From Haiti**

Journalist and author Amy Wilentz' new book guides us through the heartbreak and beauty of post-earthquake Haiti. She will discuss her passion and respect for the people and country of Haiti, its African traditions, its French inheritance, and its uncanny resilience.

**Saturday, April 20, 2:00 pm Armen Anassian & Mark Robson Performance of the Strauss Violin Sonata**

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**CALENDAR**

**April 2 - General Municipal Elections**  
Polls open from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm. Go to [Glendale Votes](#) for information on candidates, polling locations, and more. See story above for more info.

**April 3 - Free Self-Defense Class, 6:00-8:30 pm**  
Adult Recreation Center  
201 E. Colorado St.  
RSVP to attend this free self-defense class for women and girls. See story above for more info.

**April 3 - Reel Art Film Series, 7:00 pm**  
Central Library Auditorium  
222 E. Harvard St.  
Presenting *Free Radicals: The*



Three Glendale retailers joined California's PaintCare Program to accept leftover paint products for recycling and proper disposal. Leftover paint can harm the environment by polluting waterways and groundwater, and by endangering wildlife. Easily dispose of these items for free (in containers of five gallons or less) at participating retailers:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, and enamel (all types of finishes and sheens, including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellants (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Swimming pool paints (single component)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives

The following Glendale retailers participate in the PaintCare Program:

- Dunn-Edwards, 501 E. Broadway, (818) 243-6211
- Sherwin Williams, 1000 E. Colorado St., (818) 242-2647
- Vista Paint, 420 E. Colorado St., (818) 937-9004

For further details about the PaintCare Program visit [www.PaintCare.org](http://www.PaintCare.org) or call (855) 724-6809.

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## Public Works Completes Windstorm Tree Replacement Grant Project



In March 2013, the City of Glendale finished planting all 350 replacement trees for those trees lost during the extreme windstorms from November 30 - December 1, 2011.

This effort, funded by the Los Angeles County 2012 Competitive Tree Planting Grant Program, took approximately 3 months to complete. The City used the services of the Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA), who employs at-risk youth, to perform the majority of the plantings. These new trees will be integrated into the City's Young Tree Maintenance Program where they will receive the recommended watering, pruning and fertilizing attention to encourage them to grow into healthy mature trees.

As the windstorms uprooted and fatally damaged trees throughout the entire City of Glendale, the Windstorm Recovery Program, which replaced these trees, will truly benefit the entire City for many years to come.



*History of Experimental Film*, with Adam Hyman of LA Filmforum. [More info here.](#)

**April 6 - Go Outside & Play!**  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Deukmejian Wilderness Park  
3429 Markridge Rd.  
Learn about nature, problem solving, and team building. [See story above for more info.](#)

**April 6 - Solar Discovery Faire,**  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Glendale Community College  
1500 N. Verdugo Rd.  
Free community event all about solar technology. [See story above for more info.](#)

**April 9 - Glendale Beautiful Awards Luncheon,** 11:30 am  
Glenoaks Park  
2531 E. Glenoaks Blvd.  
Awards presented to community partners. [See story above for more info.](#)

**April 10 - Free Self-Defense Class,** 6:00-8:30 pm  
Glendale Community College  
1500 N. Verdugo Rd.  
RSVP to attend this free self-defense class for women and girls. [See story above for more info.](#)

**April 11 - Spanish Language Book Club,** 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Central Library  
222 E. Harvard St.  
The club will read *Aura* by Carlos Fuentes.

**April 13 - Loading Dock Book Sale,** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Central Library Loading Dock  
222 E. Harvard St.  
The Friends of the Library raise money to support Library programs and collections. [More info here.](#)

**April 13 - LA Opera Talk,** 2:00 pm  
Central Library Auditorium  
222 E. Harvard St.  
The LA Opera Speakers Bureau will go behind the scenes in opera. [More info here.](#)

**April 17 - GYA Luncheon,** 11:30 am  
Mandaloun Restaurant  
141 S. Maryland Ave.  
Help us honor the founders of GYA and support the working youth. [See story above for more info.](#)

**April 17 - Free Self-Defense Class,** 6:00-8:30 pm  
Glendale Police Department  
131 N. Isabel St.  
RSVP to attend this free self-defense class for women and girls. [See story above for more info.](#)



## Glendale Youth Alliance Employees of Tomorrow Luncheon

Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA) will celebrate 20 years of exceptional service to the youth of our community at the **Employees of Tomorrow Luncheon on April 17** at Mandaloun Restaurant in Glendale. They will be honoring the founders of Glendale Youth Alliance, along with some of their dedicated partners. Those interested in supporting GYA's programs can purchase tickets to attend this luncheon or become a sponsor.

More information can be found [here](#). To purchase tickets to the luncheon or for sponsorship opportunities, please contact Tina Osborn at (818) 548-2714 or via [e-mail](#).



## Glendale Brush Clearance Begins



**April 20 - Wilderness Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
Deukmejian Wilderness Park  
3429 Markridge Rd.  
Calling all wilderness volunteers to come out and help with restoration efforts.  
*More info [here](#).*

**April 22 - Housing Rights Workshop, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
Pacific Community Center  
501 S. Pacific Ave.  
Learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant.  
*See story above for more info.*

**April 24 - Armenian Genocide Commemorative Event, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
Alex Theatre  
216 N. Brand Blvd.  
*See story above for more info.*

**April 26 - Man's Inhumanity to Man Event, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
Central Library Auditorium  
222 E. Harvard St.  
*See story above for more info.*

**April 27 - Glendale Earth Day, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
Pacific Community Center  
501 S. Pacific Ave.  
Have fun while learning how to improve the environment and reduce your personal carbon footprint.  
*See story above for more info.*

With the start of spring, the Glendale Fire Department begins its implementation of preventive measures for wildland-urban fires. Due to the unique geography of the City of Glendale and residents living in canyons and hillsides, much of Glendale has been identified as a very high fire hazard zone. Glendale's Fire Prevention Bureau, in conjunction with firefighter personnel, inspects properties for hazardous vegetation. Homeowners, especially those in the canyons and hillsides, are required to complete abatement measures known as the Defensible Space Concept on their property ([per City ordinance](#)).

Residents who reside in high fire hazard zones will receive notice from Glendale's Fire Prevention Bureau mid-April regarding the need to create a defensible space around their homes in order to protect against fire. In May, property inspections will commence to ensure compliance with City ordinances, and abatement work not adequate per code or not completed in a timely manner will receive notices, any may possibly receive fines. If abatement is not completed, the Glendale Fire Department may hire contractors to complete the work and bill those fees to the homeowner. Homeowners are encouraged to ask questions when fire personnel are at their homes to ensure understanding of proper abatement measures.

Please visit [Fire Prevention Brush Clearance](#) for more information.

## Glendale Beautiful Awards Day Luncheon

Glendale Beautiful will hold its annual **Awards Day Luncheon on Tuesday, April 9, 11:30 am**, at Joe Bridges Clubhouse in Glenoaks Park, 2531 East Glenoaks Blvd. Awards will be presented to: Val's Auto Center, Cal Star Freight, Hamburger Central, Armstrong Garden Center, Temple Sinai, and Glendale Community Services & Parks for Glendale Narrows Riverwalk. Lunch catered by Damon's will be served at noon; tickets are \$18 per person.

For reservations, call (818) 242-3689.

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