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MESSAGE FROM
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Glendale City Manager

From a business perspective I like February because of Groundhog's Day (please note: from the perspective of a husband and soul-mate of the most amazing, sensitive, intelligent, beautiful, funny and dedicated woman on the planet, *Valentine's Day* is why I love February ... but I digress).

While I do not put a lot of stock into the notion of a weather-prognosticating rodent, Groundhog's Day at least signals the beginning of the end of winter and the onset of spring. Looking out at our business climate, the winter of recession is melting away thanks to the ever so mild onset of renewed economic activity. And while it would be great to be able to bask in the radiant warmth of opportunity, dynamic investment and vision, I suppose our slow-moving recovery is to be expected when you consider just how far we fell in 2008-09. Newtonian Physics postulates that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. The heights attained by our economy toward the end of the last decade were artificially inflated by actions and assumptions devoid of good



Glendale Municipal Elections Are Right Around the Corner

On Tuesday, April 2, Glendale will hold its biennial municipal election where voters can cast ballots for the offices of Treasurer, City Clerk, City Council, Community College Board of Trustees, and Glendale Unified School Board. Also up for the consideration of voters are three measures for Charter amendments.

In order to vote in the 2013 Glendale Municipal Elections, voters must be registered in the County of Los Angeles in either the City of Glendale or the areas served by the Glendale Community College and Glendale Unified School District by Monday, March 18.

HOW TO OBTAIN A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM:

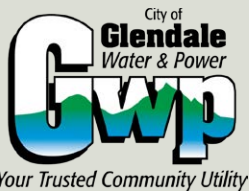
- **BY PHONE** - Residents may request that a Voter Registration form be mailed by calling the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's general information telephone numbers: (562) 466-1310 or (800) 481-VOTE, 24 hours a day.
- **IN PERSON** - Voter Registration forms are available throughout Los Angeles County at most government buildings, including Glendale City Hall, 613 East Broadway, in the City Clerk's office on the first floor. Voter Registration forms are also available at most County buildings, city halls, fire stations, libraries, State motor vehicle offices, public assistance offices (DPSS, WIC), and post offices.
- **ONLINE** - You can download a Voter Registration form in English or Spanish [here](#).

For more information about the Glendale Elections in April, visit

business fundamentals. As a result, the fall came swiftly and precipitously. And it seems like the sluggishness of a stubborn winter has afflicted us ever since. Until now...

Necessity and calamity often invite honesty and contemplation. When we needed to adjust our organization to the dictates of the "new normal," that is precisely what happened--but not all at once, and not recklessly. Through the leadership of the City Council and proficient execution by professional staff, Glendale demonstrated the difference between "reaction" and "response:" one is spontaneous and often disorganized, the other is measured and strategic. We prioritized and focused on what was truly essential in terms of programs and projects. Our employees followed suit and today we are more streamlined and lean than ever before. We have adjusted every facet of the City of Glendale and it has not been easy. As a result, we are well positioned to move boldly and decisively into the warm glow of future opportunity--and not a minute too soon. The green shoots of new prospects--new businesses coming to town, new housing starts, stabilized markets--are sprouting up in our midst. Slightly and slowly, almost imperceptibly, confidence is returning.

Admittedly, we'd like things to be a bit more accelerated. Many folks have had quite enough of winter and are anxious to shed the self-assuring protection of lowered expectations and cynicism. Yet with each day endured we grow stronger; with each mile walked we are closer to our destination. And while we are not done with winter just yet, the hope and promise of spring is within sight. We must keep going!



GWP Rebates are Back!
GWP's new and improved Smart Home Energy and Water Saving Rebate Program helps customers save money on energy and water bills by offering them rebates on

Glendale Votes.



City of Glendale Receives Organization of the Year Award

The City of Glendale is the proud recipient of the Organization of the Year Award presented by the Davidian & Mariamian Educational Foundation. The award, recognizing relentless efforts in the preservation and promotion of the Armenian heritage, language, and culture, was announced at the Annual Appreciation Night held at the Western Diocese Armenian Church on Wednesday, January 9. Present for the evening event and accepting on behalf of the City were Mayor Pro Tem Rafi Manoukian, Council Members Laura Friedman and Ara Najarian, and City Manager Scott Ochoa.

The Davidian & Mariamian Educational Foundation was established in 1987 as a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality after-school programs that promote the high values of education and celebrate our multi-cultural community. More information about the organization can be found [here](#).



Neighborhood Services Has Moved

The Community Development Department (CDD) has undergone a series of structural realignments throughout the past year in an effort to provide the best customer service to all who live, work, and conduct business in Glendale. The final part of that reorganization

eligible products. Most of the eligible products must be ENERGY STAR® qualified, so customers should look for the ENERGY STAR® symbol when making these purchases. Visit GWP's [rebate page](#) for information on eligible products and how to apply for a rebate online.



Sign-Up for GWP's Trivia Challenge--Win Bill Discounts!

Who doesn't like friendly competition? It's even better when you can win GWP bill discounts and other prizes while learning how to save money on your power bill. Enroll in GWP's Play-Learn-Win challenge powered by Ringorang®. Play on your computer or your smartphone to compete against other GWP customers. Simply sign-up and download the game [here](#), or visit your smartphone's app store and download the Ringorang® app. For more information on how to play, check out the [Play-Learn-Win video](#). The Play-Learn-Win challenge will start at the end of February!

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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involves moving the operation of Neighborhood Services to the Municipal Services Building to provide a variety of services at one centralized public counter.

The Neighborhood Services Office (consisting of code compliance and customer service staff) is now housed in the Municipal Services Building, 633 East Broadway, Room 101. The public counter will be open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. Neighborhood Services will still be available via phone at (818) 548-3700, Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, and on Fridays from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Stay connected with the Community Development Department by signing up to receive their online newsletter, [CDD Connection](#). You can also visit the [CDD webpage](#) or call (818) 548-2140 to learn more about the services available through the Community Development Department.

**Got A Minute?
Tell Us What You Think About Glendale**

The Community Development Department wants to know why you think Glendale is a good place to live. Let them know by taking this brief [survey](#).

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER



**Glendale Trail Safety Patrol:
Volunteers Wanted**

The Community Services & Parks Department has been working for over a year on a new program, the volunteer Trail Safety Patrol. The first round of recruitment has been completed, and 17 committed volunteers for the Hike and Mountain Bike Units will begin patrolling Glendale's 5,000+ acres of open space in the Verdugo Mountains, San Gabriel Mountains, and San Rafael Hills this month.

The Department is adding a third unit to the program called the River Unit. This unit will patrol on bike and on foot along the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, as well as in two other areas in lower Brand and Deukmejian Wilderness Parks.

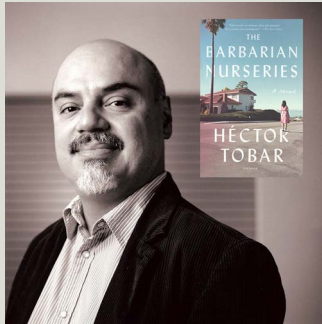
To learn about the requirements and responsibilities of the River Unit, please visit [Trail Safety Patrol](#). Please contact [Marc Stirdivant](#), (818) 550-4405, or [Iris Hidalgo](#), (818) 548-2782, for information on how to become part of the Trail Safety Patrol's new River Unit.

Worksite Recruitment for



Brand Library & Art Center

Follow the progress of the Brand Library renovation online. The [Library website](#) includes thumbnail photos that take you to photo albums capturing the renovation in various stages. New information and photos are added almost every week.



One Book/One Glendale

The Library, Arts & Culture Department has chosen Hector Tobar's 2011 award-winning novel, *The Barbarian Nurseries*, for the 2013 One Book/One Glendale city-wide reading event. A credit card rejection leads to a disturbing family incident, and a small lie explodes into bigger lies in Tobar's tapestry of the people and neighborhoods of Los Angeles.

The Barbarian Nurseries is available in print and audio formats at Library, Arts & Culture Department sites. Book kits are also available for book clubs to borrow. This is the sixth One Book/One Glendale reading event for adults. Hector Tobar will be at the Glendale Central Library on **March 14** in conversation with Gustavo Arellano, author of *Taco USA* and *Ask A Mexican*. More information is available [here](#) or by calling (818) 548-2027.

Glendale Youth Alliance

Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA) is looking for worksites interested in hosting motivated and hard working GYA youth ages 18-21. GYA grants will pay for the initial 200 hours of youth salaries. GYA also covers payroll fees and workers' compensation. If interested, please contact [Eliza Dzhanyan](#), (818) 937-8005.

Renovations at Brand & Carr Parks Complete



The Brand Park Entry and Gates project is now complete! The historic setting and architectural significance of the site were taken into consideration for this project. The new gates at the main entrance were set back from the entry point to give prominence to the existing and newly restored historic gates. Design elements of the ornate motif on the existing gates were introduced on the new gates to balance old and new. To complete the refurbishment, a fresh coat of paint was applied to the historical entry and exit columns.



The Carr Park Renovation project, which was completed using



Depression and Beating the Blues

Seta Haig, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, will discuss "Depression and Beating the Blues" on Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 pm, at the Central Library Auditorium (222 E. Harvard St.). This free presentation is in Armenian and is sponsored by the Library, Arts & Culture Department and the ARMUNITY program (Armenian Community Health and Wellness) from Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services. For more information, please call (818) 548-3288 or visit the [Library website](#).



Huell Howser Remembered

Huell Howser is shown here in 1995 with then Brand Library Gallery Manager Jill Conner, who gave him a tour of the Brand mansion. He finished his episode with a trip up the hill to the Brand family gravesite. Many of his videos can be found through the Library, Arts & Culture Department catalog or online through the [Huell Howser Archives of Chapman University](#).

Library Holiday Closures

President's Day Weekend
CLOSED: Saturday, Sunday & Monday, February 16 - 18

CALENDAR

February 6 - Depression & Beating the Blues, 6:30 pm
Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
The ARMUNITY Program of Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services will discuss "Depression & Beating the Blues." Presentation in Armenian.
See story above for more info.

February 8 - Compost Workshop, 8:00 - 9:00 am
Learn to turn food scraps and yard trimmings into a valuable soil amendment.
More info and class registration

Community Development Block Grant funds, improved several features of the park, including security fencing, gates, and new lighting. A Glendale entry marker and a monument sign were also installed. New picnic tables were added to the enhanced park setting, which received extensive and strategic tree pruning.

Please contact [Shahen Begoumian](#), (818) 548-3796, for more information for either of these projects. A list of all Glendale parks, historic sites, and facilities can be found [here](#).

**Public Works Department
Traffic & Transportation Division Consolidation**

Recently, the Public Works Traffic & Transportation Division was divided into two sections: Traffic and Transit. The two sections' services, locations, and counters have now been consolidated with the Public Works Administration Division and the Public Works Engineering Division.

Residents and visitors will now be able to direct all of their questions and concerns regarding traffic engineering, transportation planning, and parking to the Public Works Engineering Division, located in the Municipal Services Building at 633 East Broadway, Room 204, and by calling (818) 548-3945.

The Transit Section, responsible for the operation of the Beeline Transit System and Dial-A-Ride program, is now located in the Public Works Administration Office in the Municipal Services Building at 633 East Broadway, Room 209. For further information please call (818)548-3900 or visit the [Public Works website](#).



Dispose of Hazardous Waste Properly

The following items are toxic, and as such, cannot go into household trash: automotive fluids, batteries, drain cleaners, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, cleaners, paint, pest control products, propane, pool care products, and sharps (needles, syringes, etc.). Glendale residents can properly dispose of these items at no cost at the Hazardous Waste Round Up on Wednesdays or Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Environmental Management Center, 780 Flower Street in Glendale. A maximum of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of material is accepted per visit. Visit the [Glendale Fire Department website](#) or call (818) 548-3862 for more information.

[here.](#)

February 9 - Compost Workshop, 8:00 - 9:00 am
Learn to turn food scraps and yard trimmings into a valuable soil amendment.
More info and class registration [here.](#)

February 9 - 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.](#)

February 18 - Federal Holiday
City offices and libraries
CLOSED

February 20 - Lecture & Book Signing, 7:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
Educator and historian Art Cobery will discuss his book, *The Great Crescenta Valley Flood: New Year's Day 1934.*
See story above for more info.

February 22 - Short Film Screenings, 7:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
Writer/director Hayk Hambartsum will screen two of his short films "Metzarents" and "Pheasant (Mirhav)," followed by a discussion. Both films are in Armenian with English subtitles.
More info [here.](#)

February 23 - Wilderness Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd.
Join Community Services & Parks staff to continue restoring and maintaining Deukmejian Wilderness Park.
More info [here.](#)

February 23 - "I Love Montrose" StoryWalk, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave.
Children can draw their favorite Montrose place, event, or memory, and their drawings will decorate the library during the Centennial.
See story above for more info.

February 23 - Lecture & Presentation of Montrose History, 1:30 - 2:00 pm
Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave.
Michael Morgan will present "Montrose History: Gems of



Glendale Police Foundation

The Glendale Police Foundation (GPF) is a non-profit organization created to support Glendale Police Department's operations, strengthen community/police relationships, and encourage innovation.

GPF assists in the funding needs of the Police Department, especially during tough budgetary times. In 2005, GPF provided the funding to start the Glendale Police Department's K-9 Unit, and continues to cover their day-to-day expenses for food, medical care, training, and specialized equipment. They also provide a Mini-Grant Program which allows the Police Department to submit applications for grants. GPF has provided over \$30,000 in grants in the last two years for items such as high-visibility safety vests, portable magnetic card readers, and specialized tools for the Assaults Unit.

For more information, to become a member, or to make a donation, please visit the [GPF website.](#)



Montrose Centennial Celebration

Join in on these great events at Glendale Library sites in celebration of Montrose turning 100:

Lecture & Book Signing

Educator and historian Art Cobery will discuss his book, *The Great Crescenta Valley Flood: New Year's Day 1934*, on **Wednesday, February 20, 7 pm**, Central Library Auditorium, 222 E. Harvard St. This event is sponsored by the Library, Arts & Culture Department,

Glendale's Special Collections." See *story above for more info.*

February 23 - Meet Jungle Jenny, 3:00 pm
Chevy Chase Branch Library
3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr.
Meet author Jane Hancock and the real life *Jungle Jenny*, Jean Armstrong, the first person to transport six elephants on one airplane from Thailand to New York.
More info [here](#).

February 23 - Montrose History Drive, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave.
Help the Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library add chapters to Glendale's past by sharing or donating photos and documents pertaining to Montrose history. See *story above for more info.*

the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley, the Glendale Historical Society, and the Friends of the Glendale Public Library. More information on this event can be found [here](#).

"I Love Montrose" StoryWalk

The Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library invites children of all ages to participate in the "I Love Montrose" Storywalk on **Saturday, February 23, from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**. Children can draw their favorite Montrose place, event, or memory, and their drawings will decorate the Honolulu entrance of the library during the Centennial and will be on display inside the library the following week.

Lecture & Presentation of Montrose History

On **Saturday, February 23, from 1:30 - 2:00 pm**, join Michael Morgan, a Glendale Historic Preservation Commissioner, as he presents "Montrose History: Gems of Glendale's Special Collections" at the Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library. He will share his love of Montrose history and his personal experiences with the Library's Special Collection and all "the great nuggets of history there." Refreshments will be served starting at 1 pm.

History Drive

Later that day, from **3:00 - 5:00 pm, Saturday, February 23**, come help the Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library add chapters to Glendale's past by sharing or donating photos and documents. The library will collect and/or scan items to add to their collection of photos and documents relating to Montrose and Glendale's cultural and civic events, images of landmark family celebrations in Montrose and Glendale, and photos and documents pertaining to buildings, houses and places of interest in Montrose and Glendale. The library also asks the community to help identify photos from Special Collections to tell each picture's story: who, what, where, when, anything that describes the image and its context.

For questions or more information, please call (818) 548-2048 or visit the [Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library website](#).

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