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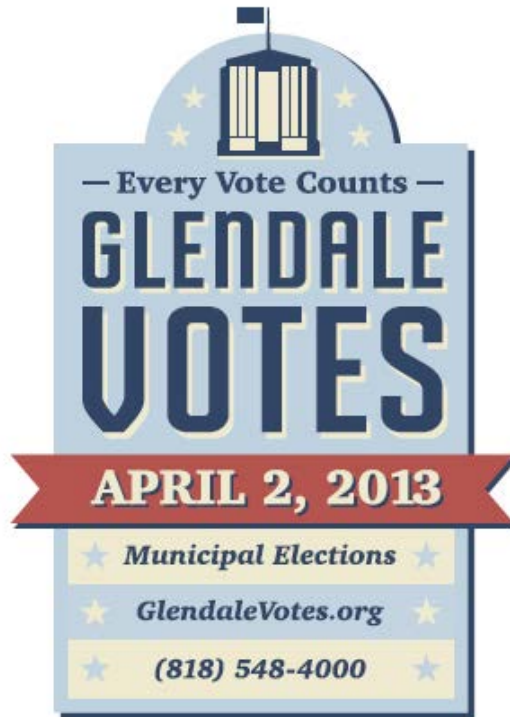
MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



Glendale City Manager

To me, March means spring training and baseball. You have to understand--I love baseball. As a kid, we'd paint bases in the street so we had an asphalt field in front of our houses (sorry Azusa Street Maintenance Division) and we could play until it was past dark. In the summer, we would play from the time all of us kids on the block finished breakfast until it was dinner time; then go inside and eat, and then come back out to finish the extra innings game we were playing. My brother and I played all the way through high school and even some sandlot ball afterwards. My sincere belief is that if I were not a city manager (and a bit taller, 15 pounds lighter, younger, faster, had a stronger arm, and could actually hit a breaking ball), I would be the prized starting centerfielder for my beloved Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Major League Baseball season is 162 games. That is a long season and when it's finished, you truly are what your record says you are. Thus, in order to prepare for those dog days of summer, spring training is very important. Conditioning yourself and practicing with a



Use Your Voice, Cast Your Vote

The month of March is when City elections really start to heat up. With three Council, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer seats on the ballot, along with three ballot measures (A, B, C) and three seats on the Glendale Unified School Board, there are sure to be plenty of candidate forums, mailers, lawn signs, and coffees around town to talk about the issues and candidates.

As April 2nd draws closer, become an informed and educated voter by reading up on each candidate on www.GlendaleVotes.org. Glendale Votes is your one stop for up-to-date election information, and provides information on how to register, where to vote, and how to vote by mail. You can also watch any of our multi-lingual instructional videos in English, Armenian, Korean, or Spanish.

Remember that **sample ballots should arrive at your home after March 4, along with mail ballots for all permanent vote-by-mail voters.** This year's sample ballot will look different as the City Clerk's office will only print the ballot in three formats: English-Armenian, English-Spanish, or English-Korean. This is done in order to comply with Federal voting laws, but it also helps save money on printing, makes the ballot easier to read and understand, and better serves our diverse voting population.

Remember that voting is a right and privilege and this responsibility should not be taken lightly. Your neighbors and friends are counting on you to perform your civic duty and vote. Remember—Glendale

squad in order to build confidence, get your timing down, and learn one another's tendencies are critically important to the success of a team. It requires the discipline and dedication that are the hallmarks of a true professional.

Snapping back from my middle-aged fantasy of still being able to play, I recognize that our City of Glendale is in its own spring training. Our general municipal election season is upon us and folks are evaluating the skills and abilities of prospective team leaders. Our staff is evaluating our programs and revenue projections. Our managers are studying the strategies and tactics we have employed to balance economic realities with high-level service demands. All of this so that we meet the coming fiscal year in the best shape possible, ready to navigate through the budget adoption process, and have the chance to create a higher and better quality of life in Glendale.

Spring training isn't the easiest or most fun time of year; but it is important and oftentimes can be a major factor in the outcome of your season. Best of all, during spring training everyone still has the chance to be a world champ. Truly, potential and opportunities abound--we just have to know what we are trying to accomplish and then make the appropriate moves to get there. Speaking of which, perhaps we can start serving peanuts and hotdogs at City Hall...I am never going to lose those fifteen pounds.

I-5 Freeway Updates



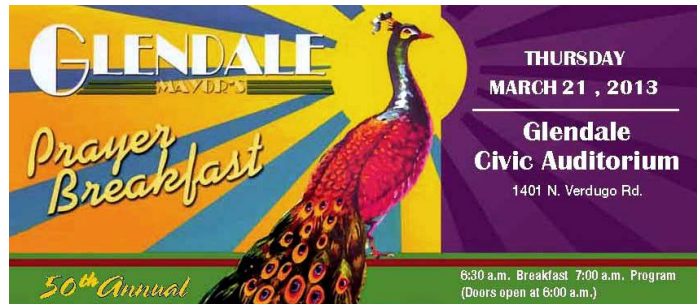
The I-5 freeway is currently undergoing construction to ultimately provide a smoother drive on this highway. Please visit [I-5 info](#) for direct access to Caltrans to obtain current project updates and the opportunity to address any project concerns.

votes and every vote counts!



Check out the City's newest public service announcement encouraging citizens to vote featuring Style Network and Today Show fashion correspondent Jeannie Mai.

For more information about the Glendale Elections on April 2, visit [Glendale Votes](#).



50th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Thursday, March 21, 6:30 am

Please join Mayor Frank Quintero for the 50th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 am at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. Police Chief Ron De Pompa will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and recording artist and actor Pat Boone will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$25. For tickets and more information, please call (626) 429-2198.



New Housing For Sale: Doran Gardens

Doran Gardens is a newly built townhome development with affordable sale prices for moderate income households. One to four bedroom units are available ranging from \$231,700 to \$315,500. If you feel ready to buy, have saved a down payment, have good credit,



Free Shade Trees

Glendale Water & Power's (GWP) Tree Power program is back! All eligible residential customers can receive up to three free shade trees to plant on their property. Residents can work with GWP's Tree Power Program Arborist to choose from 30 shade tree varieties and find the perfect planting location for their new trees. Planting shade trees can help residents save 10% - 50% in air conditioning costs during the hot summer months. For more information, please visit [Tree Power](#) or call GWP's Program Arborist at (818) 957-4425.



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.

LIBRARY, ARTS & CULTURE NEWS



Door to Nowhere—Mystery Revealed During Brand Library Renovation
As is true of any old building renovation, there have been frequent surprises during the renovation of the Brand Library. None have been more mysterious than a boarded door in the front parlor of the 1904 mansion, the former home of

and are looking for a home in Glendale, Doran Gardens is a good place to look.

Visit [Doran Application](#) to start the process. For more information, call (626) 403-4663, ext.151 or watch this one minute [video](#).

**Economic Indicators Dashboard
January 2013 Highlights**

As of January 2013, Glendale Economic indicators showed moderate gains as the City continues to recover from the economic downturn of 2008. Here are some highlights:

- By the end of 2012, property occupancy showed steady improvement in the Class A Office category, ending the year with 20.7% vacancy, versus 24.5% at the close of 2011. Industrial vacancy tightened to 1.5%, demonstrating that Glendale is one of the hottest industrial locations in Southern California. Retail vacancy was 3.9%, showing continued solid demand for store locations in Glendale.
- Comparing the 2012 3rd quarter sales tax report to the same quarter of 2011, overall revenues increased by 4.7%. The largest increase was in the auto and transportation category by 7.4%, mainly due to the increase in gasoline prices. Restaurants and hotels also contributed more to Glendale sales tax revenues, with a 5.3% increase.
- As of November 2012, unemployment in Glendale dropped to 8.6%, its lowest point since December 2008, reflecting aggressive retail hiring for the 2012 holiday season. Verdugo Hills Hospital advertised the most openings in Glendale as of this report; and Management was the category of jobs most advertised in Glendale.
- The median sales price of homes in Glendale was \$518,200 as of November 2012, an increase of 5.3% over November of 2011. Median advertised rents, \$1,580 per month, also increased slightly by 1.5%.

Additional information on the January 2013 Economic Indicators can be found [here](#).



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PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER

Leslie C. Brand. Before staff and renovation contractors opened the "door to nowhere," it was determined that the door hid an alcove that once held a replica of the Campo Lamini Venus statue (a variation of the Capitoline Venus). What historic photos did not show was that the statue sat atop a pedestal built of wood and plaster and attached to the wall of the alcove. On its front were the very large initials LCB, leaving no doubt as to its authenticity.

The Brand Library and Art Center renovation project began in June 2012 and is scheduled for completion in early 2014, with a robust and exciting calendar of programs and art exhibitions scheduled. Brand Library materials, including music CDs, art and music books, and a songbook collection, are currently available at the Central Library. Visit [Brand Library Renovation](#) for photos and information.



Japanese American Photography: Creation, Loss, and Rediscovery
Among the thousands of Japanese-Americans detained in internment camps following the bombing of Pearl Harbor were many fine art photographers whose works had been exhibited and published during the 1920s and 1930s to significant acclaim. Tragically, most of these works were lost or destroyed during the internment. Please join the Associates of Brand Library &



Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol Gets Under Way

The Glendale Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol, a collaboration between the Community Services & Parks, Glendale Police, and Glendale Fire Departments, launched its initial patrols during the month of February. Patrols went out in the Verdugo Mountains and in Deukmejian Wilderness Park.

The patrol is made up of local volunteers and consists of eight hikers in the Hike Unit and eight mountain bikers in the Mountain Bike Unit. The purpose of the program is to assist City professionals in protecting the safety of park and open space visitors; educate visitors about park resources, rules, and regulations; and observe and report police, fire, and medical emergencies to the proper authorities.

The first three patrols included:

- 7 patrol volunteers
- 19 volunteer hours
- 115 hiker encounters
- 64 hiker contacts
- 38 bike encounters
- 10 bike contacts

Community Services & Parks is now recruiting for a third unit in the Trail Safety Patrol. Known as the River Unit, this unit will patrol along the newly opened Glendale Narrows Riverwalk and in the lower portions of Brand and Deukmejian Wilderness Parks. For information on the River Unit, please visit [Trail Safety Patrol](#), call (818) 548-2000, or email [Marc Stirdivant](#).

The History of Winemaking in the Crescenta Valley

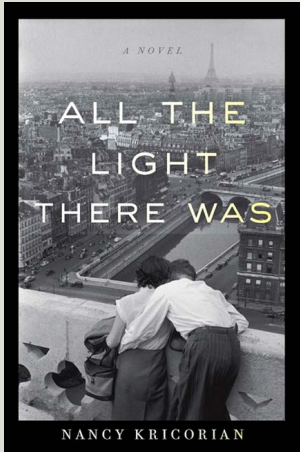
Please join the Community Services & Parks Department, along with Stuart Byles from the Historical Society of Crescenta Valley, to learn about grape growing, wine making, and the history of our area on **Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Deukmejian Wilderness Park**. This event will be a combination of lecture and tour around Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Those interested in attending must RSVP by calling (818) 548-3795. More information can be found [here](#).

63rd Annual Arbor Day Tuesday, March 5

The Community Services and Parks Department and Glendale Beautiful will hold the 63rd Annual Arbor Day celebration on Tuesday, March 5, at the Casa Adobe de San Rafael Park, 1330

Art Center at the Central Library Auditorium on **Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 pm** for a presentation by Dennis Reed, Emeritus Professor of Art at Los Angeles Valley College. Dennis Reed's new limited edition book, *Japanese American Photography: Creation, Loss, and Rediscovery*, is the culmination of a thirty-year project to assemble an exhaustive compilation of the surviving artwork of these photographers.

Please visit [Associates of Brand](#) for more information.



All the Light There Was
Join writer/activist Nancy Kricorian as she presents her new WWII era novel, *All the Light There Was*, on **Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 pm** in the **Central Library Auditorium**. Inspired by the life of resistance leader and Armenian Genocide survivor Missak Manouchian, *All the Light There Was* explores the experiences of those who survived the Armenian genocide in their homeland only to be caught up in the Nazi occupation. Please visit [Featured Events](#) for more information.

CALENDAR

March 2 - History of Winemaking in the Crescenta Valley, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd.
Learn about the history of grape growing and winemaking industry in the region.
See story above for more info.

March 5 - Arbor Day, 10:00 am
Casa Adobe de San Rafael Park
1330 Dorothy Dr.
See story above for more info.

Dorothy Dr. The event will feature a coffee social at 10:00 am, and the program will start at 10:30 am. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Rd.

Arbor Day presents an opportunity for the community to be a part of the planting of trees to beautify our City. There is no nicer tribute than to donate a tree in recognition of a special person. Trees make lasting memorials. For more information and donation inquiries, please contact [Koko Panossian](#) at (818) 548-3871.



Plastic Carryout Bag Ban Ordinance

In January 2013, The City of Glendale adopted an ordinance banning plastic carryout bags and imposing a ten (10) cent charge on recyclable paper carryout bags. Beginning July 1, 2013, plastic carryout bags will no longer be available at farmer's markets, larger grocers, food marts with gross annual sales of \$2,000,000 or more, and stores of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space that have a licensed pharmacy. Shoppers are encouraged to bring reusable bags or they will be charged ten (10) cents for each recyclable paper carryout bag, with some exceptions. On January 1, 2014, the smaller grocers, food markets, liquor stores, convenience stores, drug stores, pharmacies, and vendors at City sponsored events, City facilities, or City property must be in compliance.

For complete details and frequently asked questions, please visit [Plastic Carry Out Bag Ban](#), or contact the Public Works Department at (818) 548-3900.

South Brand Preferential Parking

The Public Works and Community Development Departments presented a report to the Transportation and Parking Commission (TPC) in January 2013 regarding proposed changes to the preferential parking program in the South Brand area. This area is an economically vibrant mixed-use neighborhood, and contains the largest concentration of automobile dealerships in the region. The proposed changes are intended to respond to complaints about the availability and accessibility of parking spaces in the area. The recommendation modifies parking policies in the area to improve the quality of life for residents while ensuring the continued success of businesses in the area. After the presentation and several speakers from the public, the TPC approved a motion recommending that City Council adopt the proposed changes.

More information regarding South Brand Preferential Parking can be found in a report [here](#).

Recycle Used Tires in Glendale on Saturday, March 16

March 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](#).

March 12 - Lecture, 7:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 E. Harvard St.
 Gala Danilova from the non-profit HALO Trust will lecture on the Trust's efforts to clear mines and unexploded bombs in the Artsakh region of Armenia that remain from the 1992-1994 war between Armenia and Azerbaijan.
 More info [here](#).

March 14 - CERT Training Begins, 5:00 - 10:00 pm
 Environmental Management Center
 780 Flower St.
 This 4-week Community Emergency Response Team training meets on Thursdays.
 See story to right for more info.

March 14 - ONE BOOK/ONE GLENDALE Author Presentation, 7:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 E. Harvard St.
 Pulitzer Prize winning author Hector Tobar discusses his novel, *The Barbarian Nurseries*, with writer Gustavo Arellano (*Ask A Mexican and Taco USA*).
 More info [here](#).

March 16 - Wilderness Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Deukmejian Wilderness Park
 3429 Markridge Rd.
 Join Community Services & Parks staff for a morning of watering new plants, taking care of young trees, and removing invasive weeds.
 More info [here](#).

March 16 - Tire Recycling, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Parking Lot #30
 Corner of Verdugo Rd. & Mountain St.
 All Los Angeles County residents may bring used tires and rims to this Tire Collection Event.
 See story above for more info.

March 16 - LA Opera Talk, 2:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 E. Harvard St.
 The LA Opera Speakers Bureau will present a talk on Gioachino Rossini's *Cinderella*.
 More info [here](#).

March 20 - Lecture & Book Signing, 7:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium



All Los Angeles County residents may bring used tires to a **Los Angeles County Waste Tire Collection Event** at Parking Lot #30 located at the corner of Verdugo Road and Mountain Street (near Glendale Community College) on **Saturday, March 16, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**. Rims are acceptable, but tires from businesses, nor oversized or tractor tires will be accepted. If transporting more than nine tires per trip, obtain a tire transport form a week prior from the Department of Public Health at (626) 430-5540.

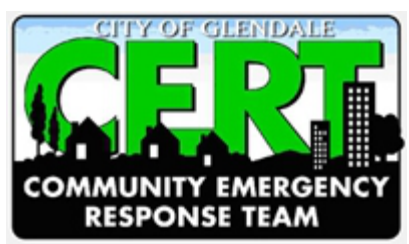
For more information, call Los Angeles County at (888) CLEAN-LA or visit [Tire Recycling](#).

You can find out what types of items are permitted in your recycling containers by visiting [Guidelines for Automated Collection](#) detailed information.

FREE Compost Workshops

Prepare for spring! Attend a free compost workshop on **April 5** or **June 14** to learn how to turn food scraps and yard trimmings into a valuable soil amendment. Participants will be able to take home Soilsaver Classic Composter bins (and pitchforks) or Wormcyclerbins to get started with home composting.

Please [email](#) or call Regina Wheeler, Recycling Coordinator, at (818) 550-3432 to pre-register. Find more information about Public Works composting workshops [here](#).



CERT Training Begins March 14

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a 20-hour program designed to prepare and help neighborhoods respond to the aftermath of major emergencies. The course covers disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and incident command organization.

The CERT course consists of four classes, and each participant must attend all four classes to complete the training. The next course takes place on **Thursdays: March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, from 5:00 to 10:00 pm**, at the Environmental Management Center, 780 Flower Street in Glendale. CERT training is free, but space is limited. To register, please call (818) 550-6404. For more information, please visit [CERT Program](#).

222 E. Harvard St.
Writer/activist Nancy Kricorian presents her new WWII era novel, *All the Light There Was*. See story above for more info.

March 21 - 50th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 am

Glendale Civic Auditorium
1401 N. Verdugo Rd.
Keynote speaker for this event is Pat Boone, recording artist and actor.
See story above for more info.

March 23 - Elixer Piano Trio, 2:00 pm

Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
The music of Mendelssohn, Pizaaolla, and Khachaturian.
More info [here](#).

March 28 - Lecture, 7:00 pm

Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
Dennis Reed will provide a presentation of his limited-edition book, *Japanese American Photography: Creation, Loss and Rediscovery*.
See story above for more info.



Carbon Monoxide Devices

Cold winter weather increases the use of heating devices to keep warm. If improperly maintained, heating devices can emit carbon monoxide (CO) into the air. CO, often called the silent killer, is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of CO. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of CO.

Although the signs of CO poisoning can be subtle, the condition is a life-threatening medical emergency. The typical signs of CO poisoning include dull headache, weakness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, confusion, blurred vision, and loss of consciousness. If you suspect you've been exposed to CO, get to fresh air immediately and seek emergency medical care.

A properly installed CO device should be located on every floor of the home, in a central location outside each sleeping area, and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes, or ordinances. **California State Law required homeowners of all existing dwelling for human occupancy to install CO devices by January 1, 2013.** The Glendale Fire Department encourages adherence to this law as it decreases CO poisoning and death rates.

Please visit the [National Fire Protection Association](#) for more information on carbon monoxide.

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