



MAY 2013

**MESSAGE FROM
SCOTT OCHOA**



Glendale City Manager

The City Council will soon be engaged in the task of analyzing and prioritizing the challenges and opportunities presented in the FY 2013-14 budget.

Interestingly, the coming fiscal year finds Glendale in stable financial condition and without a large General Fund deficit to overcome. The City's General Fund is the \$165 million pot from which the City pays for most of its police and fire services, quality of life services, like libraries and parks, and business services, like development and finance. In the last two fiscal years, respectively, the City Council has had to cut \$18 million and \$15 million from the General Fund, which has put considerable strain on the overall organization. In having to prioritize to an ever-finely honed edge, the City Council has demanded fiscal responsibility and operational effectiveness. I am very proud to report that your City of Glendale has accomplished both. Truly, our employees must be commended for their resiliency, professionalism, and dedication to the community.

Yet we still face an interesting challenge in the coming fiscal year: landing between a

**Glendale Election Results
& Council Reorganization**

At the Organization Meeting held on Monday, April 15, Dave Weaver was selected as the new Mayor by fellow Council Members. Weaver will serve as Mayor for one year. Prior to his appointment, the Oath of Office was administered to re-elected Council Members Laura Friedman and Ara Najarian, newly-elected Council Member Zareh Sinanyan, City Treasurer Rafi Manoukian, and re-elected City Clerk Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian.



Mayor Dave Weaver

On April 23, the Glendale City Council unanimously appointed former City Council Member Frank Quintero to the vacant Council seat. This seat was vacated after Council Member Rafi Manoukian was sworn in to the City Treasurer's position on April 15. Council Member Quintero will hold a 14-month term on the City Council until the State consolidated election in June 2014. In the June 2014 election, voters will determine who will serve the remainder of the term ending April 2015.

Final Election results can be found at [Glendale Votes](#). More information about City Council can be found on the City's [website](#).

**Join the Glendale Police
Department's Citizens Academy**

Applications are now being accepted for the Glendale Police Department's three-month Citizens Academy. The Academy gives participants a broad background in law enforcement and a peek into the inner workings of the Glendale Police Department with classes taught by current members of the Department. The sessions will cover: Narcotics, Crime Scene Investigations, Gangs, Financial Crimes and Identity Theft, SWAT, a day at the range, and much more!

Participants will come away with a better understanding of how they can partner with the Glendale Police Department to reduce or

balanced year wherein we won't have to struggle mightily to balance our budget, and a future in which we can see the foreboding shapes of challenges to come. How do we address the needs of our organization and our employees? In a year when the threat is obvious and palpable, rallying support and self-sacrifice is actually easier than in a year when the danger has been beaten back, however temporarily. Such a realization delivers us to a crossroads in determining the type of organization-and community-we want to be.

Will we endeavor to cling to or recreate the failed and unsustainable structures of old? Or will we recognize and accept that the world has changed and we must change with it? And if we move toward a new path and the re-creation of more lasting and durable institutions, how will we do it and how will we help ensure fairness and a positive outlook for our stakeholders?

These are the management puzzles that we will be talking about in constructing this year's budget. And, it is worth noting, that our employees-for the most part-get it. Roughly three-fourths of the City of Glendale's operational (non-capital, non-energy purchases) are personnel related. We are a service business, after all, and so goes our people costs, so goes our cost-efficiency. Our management employees, our police and fire employees, and our large and diverse mix of office and field employees have already participated in the compensation restructuring efforts that have pushed Glendale to the forefront of municipalities. Today, we are focusing on our electrical and water employees and bringing them into alignment with our other bargaining groups. This is not and has not been easy or fun; certainly, I can appreciate the anxiety and frustration that these employees might feel. But this appreciation does not extend so far that it can convince me that somehow these employees are exempt from or immune to the structural changes that nearly overwhelmed cities during this Great Recession. Over the last several years, we have been shown that change is necessary and that failure to adapt to new realities is not a viable option for organization's whose mission is-or at least is supposed to be-service to the community.

FY 2013-14 looks to be an

prevent crime and keep Glendale safe. For applications and more information on the free weekly courses beginning June 19, visit www.glendalepolicefoundation.org or contact Sgt. John Gilkerson at jgilkerson@ci.glendale.ca.us. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and will be subject to a background check. Class size is limited to 25 people, so enroll now!



Citizens Academy graduating class of 2008.



Join Us on Friday, May 10

The 2nd Annual Glendale Dodger Night, presented by Lexus of Glendale, will take place on Friday, May 10, at Dodger Stadium. Cheer on the LA Dodgers as they take on the Miami Marlins in a fun-filled night at the ballpark with Glendale friends and neighbors. A VIP party will take place before the game at which the ACE Awards (Athletes with Character & Ethics), hosted by the Glendale Character & Ethics Project, will be presented. Fans can stay after the game and walk onto the field to enjoy the Dodgers' spectacular Friday Night Fireworks Show.

All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation to help continue their mission to support park projects, recreation programs, and trails and open space activities. The Foundation raised over \$3,000 by selling close to 500 tickets at last year's Glendale Dodger Night--a great turn out for a first-year event. Help double that number this year.

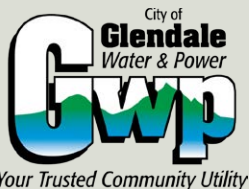
Tickets are on sale now through the [Glendale Dodger Night website](#). We look forward to seeing you at the ballgame. Go Dodgers!

"easier" budget year than the previous three; however, the long term organizational decisions to be made and the need to encompass our entire organization in the evolution of Glendale will surely add a unique layer of complexity and difficulty.



Congratulations Ariana Keshishian

Sixth grader Ariana Keshishian from Chamlian Armenian School was named the grand prize winning artist in the 20th Annual "I Love My Neighborhood" Poster Contest. Her poster (above), depicting this year's theme, "Keep Glendale Clean in 2013," portrays the City as a sparkling jewel and challenges all of us to "treasure it."



Smart Business Energy Saving Upgrade Program

Saving money is a top priority for all small business owners. Glendale Water & Power small business customers can receive up to \$2,000 in free energy upgrades through this simple hassle-free program. Small business customers with a



9th Annual Jewels of Glendale Women of Courage Awards Luncheon

The Glendale Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) invites you to their 9th Annual Jewels of Glendale: Women of Courage Awards Luncheon on Thursday, May 9, at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale.

This year, the Commission is proud to honor the following Women of Courage:

- Karine Grigoryan
- Armine G. Hacopian, Ed.D.
- Elysa Rosenfeld-Ortiz
- Nasly Zelaya

Gem Student Scholarship recipient, Gabrielle Granados, will also be recognized. A special thank you to Glendale Adventist Medical Center, our Diamond Sponsor for the Jewels Luncheon!

Click [here](#) to find the invitation, along with ticket, sponsorship, and advertisement information. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER



Summer in full swing at Pacific Community Pool.

Summer Aquatics Program May 27 through September 29

The Community Services & Parks Department is offering its annual Summer Aquatics Program at Pacific Community Pool from May 27 through September 29. Recreational swimming, instructional lessons, Glendale Gators community swim team, Glendale Polo Bears water polo team, Junior Lifeguarding academy, Aqua Zumba, and drop-in exercise will be available.

Lesson and other aquatic program registration for Glendale RESIDENTS will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 7:00 - 10:00 am. The location will be publicized at 5:00 am on the day of registration, May 18, on various social media outlets, including Twitter, Facebook, and the City's website. Lesson and other aquatic program registration for both residents and non-residents will be held on Sunday, May 19, at Pacific Community Pool from 8:00 - 10:00 am.

monthly electricity bill less than \$3,000 can participate in the Smart Business Energy Saving Upgrade Program.

Customers can get started by calling (800) 263-9313 to schedule an appointment for a free survey of their business's energy usage. Customers will then be provided with a free customized Energy Savings Report, which includes recommended energy upgrades that GWP can install for free, such as new energy efficient lighting, window tinting, and ENERGY STAR® thermostats. Please visit [Smart Business](#) for more information.

Utility Fraud Calls Continue

Recently, GWP small business customers have been receiving calls from people impersonating GWP employees, asking customers to pay their utility bills over the phone or face a water and power shut off. These callers leave instructions on how to pay over the phone, and also provide a phone number for customers to call back with the payment information.

Glendale *Water & Power* wants to remind its customers that it never takes payment information over the phone or demands that customers pay immediately or have their utilities shut off. If customers receive such calls they are advised to call the police and GWP at (818) 548-3300. Detailed information on GWP's phone call and payment procedures can be found [here](#).

Benefits of a Modernized Utility

Growing from a utility that once served a mere 200 customers to 85,000 today, Glendale *Water & Power* has continued to improve to meet the demands of a thriving, dynamic city. GWP's dedicated staff is committed to maintaining its existing infrastructure and making smart investments to best serve customers now and in the future. GWP is building today for a stronger tomorrow. See how with this short [video](#).

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.

For information, please call Ryan Hairapetian at (818) 937-7434, Courtney Maglio at (818) 937-7442 or visit [Glendale Aquatics](#).

Plants for Your Liver: Medicinal Plant Hike and Work on the River: LA River Cleanup

We are pleased to announce that two of our favorite programs are returning in the month of May:

On **Saturday, May 4**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, come out to **Deukmejian Wilderness Park** as Dr. James Adams (USC School of Pharmacy) leads a **Medicinal Plant Hike** to discuss the historic and current uses of California's native plants. This will be a fast paced hike with numerous stops to discuss the plants. The hike is approximately two miles on a moderately steep trail. The event is recommended for ages 12 and older.

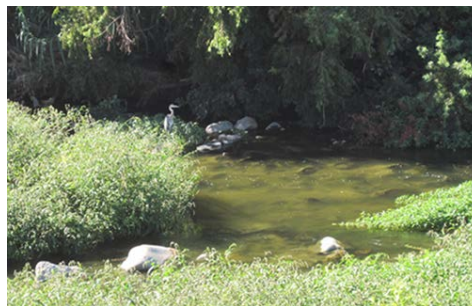
This program always fills up, so **you must RSVP to reserve your spot**. Call (818) 548 - 3795 today, or click [here](#) for more information.



Artemisia californica (California sagebrush)

Then, join our **Wilderness Workday on Saturday, May 18**, as we partner with the Friends of the Los Angeles River for their 24th Annual LA River Cleanup. This year we will be at the **Glendale Narrows Riverwalk** for a morning of work in the river channel picking up trash.

Space is limited for this work area, and you must call (818) 548 - 3795 to reserve a spot. Participants must be at least 12 years old and have adult supervision. Please review details on the clean up [here](#).



Blue heron in the Los Angeles River adjacent to the Riverwalk site.

May is Older Americans Month Unleash the Power of Age

May is Older Americans Month and this year's theme is "Unleash the Power of Age." The Human Services Section of the Community Services & Parks Department will be receiving a Proclamation from the Glendale City Council this month, which will be accepted by Libby Brogmus on behalf of all older Americans living in the City of Glendale.



Proposed "Cap Park" in Downtown Glendale

The Space 134 project is a planning study to investigate the possibility of building a park and other amenities over the 134 Freeway. By placing a "roof" or "cap" over the freeway, a new surface would become available to provide space to add developed parkland and open space in Downtown Glendale. This freeway "cap" project would connect the civic, cultural, retail, and business cores of downtown Glendale with the City's residential neighborhoods.

The project is still in the initial concept stage and a number of years from any construction. Community collaboration will play an important role in the development of this project. The public is encouraged to follow this project as opportunities for public input become available. Please visit [Space 134](#) for more information about the project, initial illustrations, and to sign up for regular updates.

LIBRARY, ARTS & CULTURE NEWS



Cookbook Sale & Recipe Share

Reading is so delicious! Come to the Chevy Chase Library on Saturday, May 4 for great used cookbooks at great prices, and enjoy the Recipe Share. Bring tasting size portions of your favorite home baked goods and copies of your recipes to display and share. Not a baker? Enjoy your neighbor's best dish! Doors open at 11:00 am for Friends of the Library Members; general public hours are 12:00-4:00 pm. More information can be found [here](#).

Songs & Stories of Woody

Libby Brogmus, volunteer Senior Peer Counselor at the Adult Recreation Center, has been helping fellow seniors with life issues since 2010. Libby has been nominated by the Human Services Section for the Los Angeles County Older Americans Recognition Luncheon on May 22 at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

For more information about senior programs and events taking place in Glendale, or if you would like to volunteer, please call (818) 548-3775.



Libby Brogmus, volunteer Senior Peer Counselor at the Adult Recreation Center.



Volunteers cleaning up Glendale's community gardens.

Volunteers Needed for Great American Clean Up

The 25th Annual Great American Clean Up is this month and we're looking for volunteers to participate in a variety of beautification activities including weed abatement, graffiti removal, and litter pick up. Join the Community Development Department and the Committee for a Clean & Beautiful Glendale on Saturday, May 18, on the 100 block of N. Isabel Street. Check-in begins at 8:30 am and assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit [Clean Up Glendale](#) or contact Katrin Madatian via [email](#) or by phone at (818) 551-3098 for more information and to register.

Guthrie

On Saturday, May 4, at 2:00 pm, join singers Jerry & Debbie Burgan the Glendale Central Library as they perform songs, tell stories, and show pictures related to Woody Guthrie's remarkable career as a folksinger, songwriter, artist, and commentator on America as he observed and experienced it during the '30s, '40s and '50s. More information can be found [here](#).



Mark Geragos and Pat Harris, *Mistrial: An Inside Look at How the Criminal Justice System Works... and Sometimes Doesn't*

Come to the Glendale Central Library on Wednesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm, to join two of America's leading criminal defense attorneys, Mark Geragos and Pat Harris, as they upend the scales and reveal why "justice" often literally is blind in this land of stealth jurors manipulating their way onto cases so they can convict a defendant, cops who feel compelled to lie on the witness stand, detectives who sell confidential police information, defense attorneys too scared to go to trial, and clients eager to bribe judges. More information can be found [here](#).

GLENDALE2GO!

Save time with the Glendale Public Library's mobile app:

- Search the catalog
- Place holds and renew items
- Browse the Library's historic photo collections
- Practice a language
- Connect to the Library Facebook pages, City of Glendale Twitter feed, and more!

Find the app via your Android or



Family fun awaits in Montrose!

Fun in Montrose for the Whole Family

Don't miss all the excitement coming up on Sunday, May 5, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, courtesy of the Montrose Merchants. Join them for the Wags 'n' Whiskers/Kids 'n' Kritters Day, the Montrose Harvest Market, and their annual Taste of Montrose. More information can be found [here](#).

Camp Rosie

Giving Teen Girls the Skills to Survive in the Real World



A Camp Rosie participant practicing self-defense.

Camp Rosie, the Commission on the Status of Women's (CSW) business and leadership skills development camp, is now accepting applications from Glendale students.

Camp Rosie was developed for young women and girls in middle and high school between 12 and 18 years of age in order to empower them to make personal, educational, financial, and career choices so they can achieve self-sufficiency, career satisfaction, and long-term financial security. The three-week long day camp will help participants develop and practice skills in the following:

- Financial literacy and entrepreneurship
- Self-awareness and interpersonal skills
- Effective communication techniques
- Healthy relationships and teen dating safety skills
- Fitness and nutrition
- Self-defense

Camp will be held at the Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave in Glendale. There are two sessions to choose from:

Session One: July 1 - July 18, Mon - Thurs, 12:30 - 5:30 pm
 Session Two: July 22 - August 8, Mon - Thurs, 12:30 - 5:30 pm

Girls from low income families are encouraged to apply to this free

Apple app stores, or access it [here](#).



CALENDAR

May 4 - Medicinal Plant Hike, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd.
Learn about the historic and current uses of California's native plants.
See story above for more info.

May 5 - Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run and Hike, 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Brand Park
1601 W. Mountain St.
Join this exciting trail race of 6.2 miles and 1,735 feet of elevation gain.
Registration and more info [here](#).

May 5 - Montrose Festivities, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Montrose Shopping Park
Honolulu Ave. & Ocean View Blvd.
Join the Montrose Merchants for the Wags 'n' Whiskers/Kids 'n' Kritters Day, the Montrose Harvest Market, and the annual Taste of Montrose.
More info [here](#).

May 8 - National Bike-to-School Day
Schools will be participating during the week of May 6-17.
See story above for more info.

May 8 - Book Launch Party, 4:00 pm
Central Library Children's Room
222 E. Harvard St.
Popular author Janet Tashjian and her son, cartoonist/illustrator Jake Tashjian, launch their new book, *My Life As A Cartoonist*.
More info [here](#).

May 9 - Jewels of Glendale Awards Luncheon, 11:00 am
Oakmont Country Club
3100 Country Club Dr.
Come celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding women in the Glendale community.
See story above for more info.

May 9 - Spanish Book Club/

camp no later than **June 14**. Qualifying applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

For applications and to watch a video about Camp Rosie, please visit the [CSW website](#), or contact the CSW via [email](#) or phone, (818) 548-4844.



May is Bike to Work Month

May is designated as Bike to Work Month. Below is a list of events taking place in May as part of the Safe Routes to School efforts:

- Wednesday, May 8 - National Bike-to-School Day: schools will be participating during the week of May 6-17
- Week of May 13-17 - Bike Skills Week at RD White Elementary School (tentative)
- Saturday, May 18 - Kid's Bicycle Skills Course at RD White Elementary School Annual Spring Festival (funded through RD White PTA)
- Sunday, May 19 - Kid's Bicycle Skills Course at the Jewel City Fun & Fitness Ride - (funded through Safe Routes to School)

Please visit www.glendalepublicworks.com for more information on Bike to Work Week Los Angeles, May 13-17.



National Public Works Week May 19-25

In May of each year, National Public Works Week celebrates the hard work and dedication of Public Works' employees. The week of May 19-25 has received this designation with the theme, "Because of Public Works." The 24th Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place Thursday, May 16 at the Corporation Yard with a Public Works Open House to follow. These special events demonstrate the importance of the City of Glendale Public Works Department within the community. Public Works' employees take great pride and ownership in the community's streets, sidewalks, sewers, urban forest, storm drains, public buildings, traffic signals, mass transit, vehicle fleet, refuse, and recycling services.

Club de Lectura en Español, 6:30-8:00 pm
Central Library
222 E. Harvard St.
Club meets the 2nd Thursday of the month.
More info [here](#).

May 10 - Glendale Dodger Night, 7:00 PM
Cheer on the LA Dodgers while they take on the Miami Marlins in a fun-filled night at the ballpark with Glendale friends and neighbors.
See story above for more info.

May 11 - Fire Service Day, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Fire Station 21
421 Oak St.
Join the Fire Department for a pancake breakfast, tours, demonstrations, and more.
See story above for more info.

May 11 - 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](#).

May 11 - LA Opera Talk: Tosca, 2:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
Tosca is a passionate tale set to some of Giacomo Puccini's most openly beautiful and passionate music.
More info [here](#).

May 15 - Friends of the Library Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm
Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
Members are invited to vote and learn how they are supporting the programs and services offered by the Library, Arts & Culture Department. A great lecture will take place after the meeting!
More info [here](#).

May 18 - Summer Aquatic Program Registration, 7:00-10:00 am
Location will be announced at 5:00 am that day. Lesson and other aquatic program registration for Glendale residents.
See story above for more info.

May 19 - Summer Aquatic Program Registration, 8:00-10:00 am
Pacific Community Pool
501 S. Pacific Ave.
Lesson and other aquatic program registration for both residents and non-residents
See story above for more info.

May 18 - Music Series, Alma

Glendale Recipient of Statewide Wastewater Operations Award

The City of Glendale Public Work Department Wastewater Maintenance Section has been selected as the "2012 Collection System of the Year" in the Medium-Size Category in the State of California by the [California Water Environment Association \(CWEA\)](#).

This award is given annually to three (3) collections systems, one each, in the small (1-250 miles of pipe), medium (250-500 miles of pipe) and large (greater than 500 miles of pipe) categories as selected by a panel of statewide collections system managers. Selection is based on a detailed review of an agency's documented performance including safety, environmental compliance, operations and maintenance, training, and professional certification.

This award recognizes the fulfillment of a decade long effort starting 2002 to develop a wastewater maintenance operation capable of meeting the City's needs for both a high performing sanitary sewer system and to comply with California's stringent Waste Discharge Rules for sanitary sewers.

Frequently Asked Questions: Springtime Edition

I am spring cleaning, and would like to know what to do with an old television, computer monitor, couch and mattress?

If these items are still working, please consider donating them locally. Organizations in need of functional items are available at www.earth911.org.

The Glendale Recycling Center, 541 W. Chevy Chase Drive, accepts computer monitors and televisions during regular business hours for proper disposal at no cost. The Public Works Integrated Waste Management Division will pick up large, unneeded items when a bulky item request is submitted at least three working days prior to the refuse collection day in your area (e.g. Wednesday for the following Monday collection). Call the Public Works Integrated Waste Management Division at (818) 548-3916 or submit an online bulky item request at www.GlendaleRecycle.com. If leaving a message, please include your address, collection day, description of item(s), and location of item(s).

I just began gardening. How can I obtain a free compost bin?

The City of Glendale provides a backyard compost bin and pitchfork to each home that attends a compost workshop. The next workshop dates are June 14, July 12, and July 13. To preregister, call (818) 548-3916 or email recycle@ci.glendale.ca.us. Please include your address and workshop date preference.



Nova Duo, 2:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
An innovative flute and guitar duo that presents an eclectic program of chamber music presented by the Associates of Brand Library Music Series.
More info [here](#).

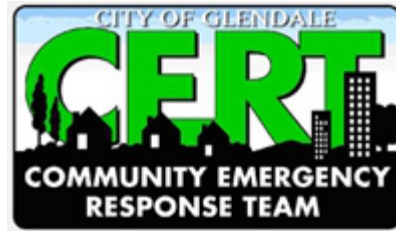
May 18 - Great American Cleanup
Clean up opportunities available throughout the City, including the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk.
See stories above for more info.

Families get up an up close look at fire and emergency vehicles.

Fire Service Day: Saturday, May 11

The Glendale Fire Department invites the community to join them in celebrating Fire Service Day on Saturday, May 11, at Fire Station 21, located at 421 Oak Street. The Glendale Fire Department will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Tours of the fire station, car extrication demonstrations, fire safety education, along with special Disney guests, will begin at 10:00 am.

The Glendale Fire Department will also be hosting a dedication ceremony at 11:00 am for the unveiling of a monument dedicated to retired Glendale firefighter and burn survivor Bill Jensen, which will be permanently displayed at Fire Station 21 to serve as an ongoing tribute to all firefighters and their service to the community. Please celebrate Fire Service Day with the men and women who put the Glendale community first. More information can be found [here](#).



Are You Prepared for Emergencies?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin on Thursday, May 30. The class will be held for four consecutive Thursdays: May 30, June 6, 13, and 20, from 5:00 - 10:00 pm at the Fire Prevention Bureau, located at 780 Flower Street. More information can be found [here](#). To register for the class, please contact the Glendale Fire Department Public Education Division at (818) 548-6404.



Photo from 'Rossmoyne: The Superb'

Rossmoyne: The Superb Special Collections at the Central Library

Rossmoyne residents Richard and Elizabeth Berry recently shared a photo album with Glendale News-Press columnist Katherine Yamada and the Library, Arts & Culture Department created by the Nibley Investment Co., Licensed Realtors. The album, *Rossmoyne: The Superb*, features photos of the neighborhood's beautiful homes, winding streets, and peaceful parkland. It is likely the Glendale-based Nibley Investment Co. used the photo album to promote the idyllic neighborhood to prospective buyers.

Check out the photo album [here](#). Do you recognize any of the homes or streets? Leave a comment or tag the picture to help us figure it all out.

STAY CONNECTED!

Sign up for Glendale's City Connection:
www.ci.glendale.ca.us/cityconnection

Follow us on Twitter:
www.twitter.com/myglendale

This is an official publication of the City of Glendale, distributed by the Public Information Office. For inquiries, please contact Christine B. Powers, City Connection Editor: cpowers@ci.glendale.ca.us or (818) 548-4844.