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**MESSAGE FROM
SCOTT OCHOA**



Glendale City Manager

I am in a thankful mood; and considering that it's November and nearing Thanksgiving, now seems an ideal time to express it.

Recently, I have been meeting with different groups of people - community members, business leaders, employees, etc. - talking about the future of Glendale. In these group discussions and meetings, unanimous agreement on any particular topic is scarce.

Indeed, where you stand depends on where you sit. For example, some folks want the City to maintain a great deal of control over the architecture and materials of private homes surrounding their own. Other folks believe that if they own their home and they pay the taxes on it, then why should anyone else get to have input on the styling/customization of their property? Still other folks are happy to oblige the requirements of neighborhood compatibility, but just want the process itself to move more quickly and be more predictable.

In other arenas, residents want quality services and value for their tax dollar. Businesses want to keep costs low and

**Robert Castro Named
Next Chief of Police**



Robert Castro has been selected as the next Police Chief for the City of Glendale. Robert Castro is currently the Chief of Police for the City of Glendora, a position he has held for the past three years. As the Police Chief of Glendora, Castro transformed the police department into a highly effective and efficient organization, an evolution hastened by the Great Recession.

City Manager Scott Ochoa heralded Castro's arrival in Glendale by saying, "Chief Rob Castro will capitalize on the significant gains made by Glendale PD over the recent years. Building on the successes and expectations established during Chief Ron De Pompa's administration, I am very confident that Chief Castro will sustain our positive momentum. He understands and appreciates our organization's values, he is an innovative leader, and he appreciates and respects the role of community support in maintaining Glendale as a very special - and safe - place."

Chief Castro is expected to take over as the Chief of Police on Monday, December 16. Learn more about Chief Castro [here](#).

[#PublicSafety](#) [#GlendalePolice](#) [#MyGlendale](#)

accelerate the turnaround time for services, seeing as time is money. City employees want to field an adequate number of coworkers to get the job done, yet also want competitive compensation with the market in order to retain the best talent. And yet there is only so much capacity in the pipeline, so much money in the budget, so many hours in the day.

Which brings me to why I am thankful...

In Glendale, folks actually take the time to listen and try to understand. Residents recognize that quality is not free and that the quality of the services provided is a value. Businesses recognize that the City builds a foundation for their success on a daily basis - maintaining the infrastructure, implementing visionary land use policies that sustain Glendale well into the future, and attracting new business that in and of themselves perpetuate our momentum. Employees embrace the belief that our first obligation of employment is to serve Glendale to the best of our abilities. Our organization has survived the Great Recession and emerged stronger, healthier and more nimble - that is a testament to our people, from the electric line mechanics and trash truck operators, to the librarians and planners, to the cops and paramedics. Though we may occasionally find ourselves balancing competing priorities, there is - and will continue to be - one unifying factor: Glendale. And, because of that fact, we always, somehow, find a reasonable way forward.

This is special. Certainly you can't find it in Washington and rarely find it in Sacramento. But we are here in Glendale and I, for one, am thankful for that.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Library Arts & Culture

One Book / One Glendale for Younger Readers - *The Aviary* by Kathleen O'Dell



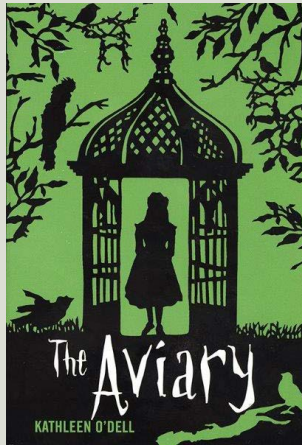
Enter to be the Photo of the Month!



Share your photos with @MyGlendale on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) for a chance to be showcased as the Photo of the Month in the next City Connection. #MyGlendale and tag @MyGlendale to be entered.

You will notice each article in this edition of City Connection has a hashtag. While each article discusses different news or events in the City, the articles are also accompanied by #MyGlendale. The [MyGlendale](#) hashtag connects you the larger discussion of what is happening in Glendale -- use #MyGlendale and join the conversation!
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Clock's Fall Back

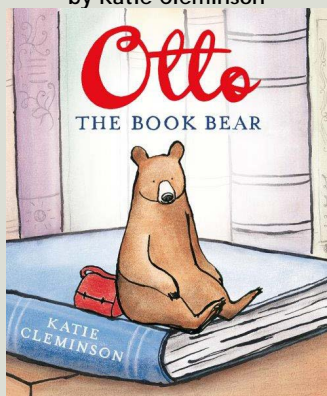


Author Kathleen O'Dell talks about her spooky mystery, *The Aviary*, on Thursday, November 21. Twelve-year-old Clara Dooley has spent her whole life in the crumbling Glendoveer mansion, home to a magician's widow, a cage full of exotic birds, and a decades-old mystery. Clara loves old Mrs. Glendoveer, but the birds in the aviary frighten her—they always seem to screech and squall whenever she's near. And then one day, the mynah bird speaks, and a mystery starts to unravel. Join us at 7:00 pm at the Central Library Auditorium.

Don't miss these other great One Book events:
- Make Your Own Bird Puppets - Friday, November 15, 3:30 pm, Central Library Children's Room
- Magician Allen Oshira - Saturday, November 16, 2:00 pm, Central Library Auditorium

Learn more [here](#).
#MeetTheAuthor
#OneBookOneGlendale
#StoryTime #MyGlendale

Storywalk in Montrose featuring *Otto the Book Bear* by Katie Cleminson



November 5 - December 3
Take a walk along the north side of Honolulu Avenue between North Verdugo Road and the Montrose Library and read this charming picture book



On November 3rd, everyone will "fall back" and gain one hour! The Glendale Fire Department urges residents to use the bonus hour to change the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms. To learn more about the Glendale Fire Department and fire safety articles below, please visit GlendaleFire.org and follow [@GlendaleCAFire](https://twitter.com/GlendaleCAFire) on Twitter.

#FallBack #MyGlendale #FireSafety

Happy (and safe!) Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving provides a wonderful opportunity to spend time with family and friends and prepare a bountiful meal. Unfortunately, preparing for Thanksgiving is the leading cause of home cooking fires each year. Take a few steps to prevent cooking fires in your home. Be sure to never leave food unattended while cooking. Keep small children and pets out of the kitchen and turn pot holders towards the inside of the stove to keep them from tipping over. If you like to fry your turkey, always fry it outside and be careful around the hot oil.

#KitchenSafety #GlendaleFire #MyGlendale

YelpLA - Passport to Glendale

along the way.

Don't forget to stop by the Library and continue the fun with the following activities:

- Find Otto and Friends - After visiting our StoryWalk try this scavenger hunt in the library and find characters from the book.
- The Further Adventures of Otto the Book Bear - Create a brand new adventure for Otto. Add to our binder of stories and pictures about Otto on display in the children's section.
- Vote for Your Favorite Bear - Read the picture books on display and vote for your favorite bear character.

Learn more [here](#).

[#StoryTime](#) [#MyGlendale](#)

Brand Library Art Galleries - Artists & Curators Submissions



Submissions from artists, artist groups, and guest curators for 2014 exhibitions are now being accepted for the Brand Library Art Galleries. This is an exciting opportunity for artists and curators to present shows in the re-opening year of Brand Library & Art Center.

Guidelines and submission forms are available [here](#). Submissions must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Glendale Central Library no later than November 15.

[#BrandLibrary](#) [#GrandOpening](#)
[#MyGlendale](#)

Affordable Care Act
Individuals and employers can find useful links concerning the Affordable Care Act on the Library, Arts & Culture [website](#). Library staff is also available to assist with Affordable Care Act questions.

[#AffordableCareAct](#)
[#MyGlendale](#)

CALENDAR

November 2 - Winter Birds on



YelpLA is making a trip to Glendale in November and will be highlighting restaurants, bars, parks, and events! Stay tuned to the Yelp [website](#), City [homepage](#), and [@MyGlendale](#) for events near you November 9-19. Take this opportunity to check out your new favorite spot with the "Passport to Glendale."

[#PassportToGlendale](#) [#MyGlendale](#) [#GlendaleAfterHours](#)

MONA Groundbreaking



Join the Museum of Neon Art (MONA) and City of Glendale in preparing 216 South Brand Boulevard to glow with neon lights on Wednesday, November 13 at 11:00 am. Once completed, MONA will be the brightest spot in the heart of downtown Glendale, serving as the anchor for Glendale's growing Cultural Arts District, spanning from Colorado Boulevard to the Alex Theater. The Museum of Neon Art was founded in 1981, and the City is proud to have this unique museum call Glendale home, adding to the community's diverse and growing 18-hour day.

Learn more about the MONA's colorful background [here](#). Share your glowing Glendale moments with [@MyGlendale](#)!

[#GlendaleMONA](#) [#GlendaleAfterHours](#) [#MyGlendale](#)

An Evening of Arts & Culture To Benefit Glendale Youth Alliance

the Los Angeles River, 7:00 am
Glendale Narrows Riverwalk
 300 Paula Ave.

Join us for an early morning walk along the Los Angeles River as we observe the water birds that call Glendale their home. Photojournalist Raul Roa will be on hand to provide tips on bird watching and nature photography. If possible, please bring binoculars, a camera with telephoto lens, and a bird ID book. Learn more [here](#).

#BirdWatching #MyGlendale

November 2 - Learn to Be a Water Wise Gardener, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Class location information will be provided at time of reservation.

Free California-friendly landscape training! Reserve your spot today with abadalian@ci.glendale.ca.us. Learn more [here](#).

#GoGreenGlendale #MyGlendale

November 2 - Glendale Health Festival, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Glendale Civic Auditorium
 1401 N. Verdugo Rd.

A number of local and regional partners will present the 2013 Glendale Health Festival. The event will provide free medical screening to all participants. Take advantage of this amazing program to meet with specialty physicians, receive Flu shots and information on nutrition, diabetes, heart disease, and the new insurance exchange and expanded Medi-Cal program. Learn more [here](#).

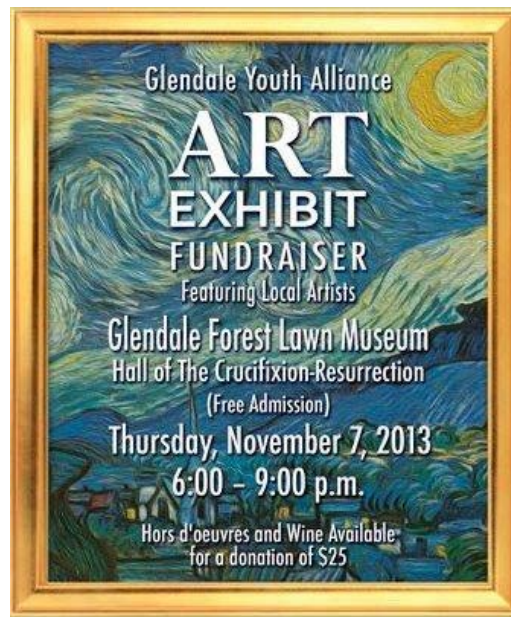
#HealthyGlendale #MyGlendale

November 2 - Hootenanny!, 2:00 pm

Central Library Auditorium
 222 E. Harvard St.

A free, fun-filled song fest! Bring your friends, loosen up your singing voice, and join us for a Hootenanny! Featuring Jerry & Debbie Burgan and Tholo Chan with special guests. Learn more [here](#).

#FolkMusic #MyGlendale



Join the [Glendale Youth Alliance](#) (GYA) Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm for their second Art Exhibit Fundraiser at Forest Lawn Museum. Over 300 guests and 100 pieces of art are expected to fill the prestigious Forest Lawn Memorial Park Museum. Admission to the exhibit is free. Hors d'oeuvres and wine are available for a donation of \$25. All proceeds from this event will go towards serving GYA youth programs.

GYA's mission is to provide jobs and employment preparedness training for Glendale's low-income youth ages 14-24. For more information, please contact Tina Osborn by calling (818) 548-2714 or via email tosborn@ci.glendale.ca.us.

#GlendaleYouthAlliance #ArtsandCulture
 #GlendaleAfterHours #MyGlendale

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER Toddler Time!



Sparr Heights Community Center is offering a free drop-in program for pre-schoolers ages 0-5 on Tuesdays from 8:00-10:00 am and Fridays from 12:00-2:00 pm. Join us to socialize with other parents while your tots make their first friends through playtime. We'll provide the play equipment and toys while parents provide the supervision. Learn more [here](#).

#ToddlerTime #PlayTime #MyGlendale

After School Program

November 2 & 3 - The Fall Classic Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament

*Glendale Sports Complex
2200 Fern Lane*

Join a men's or co-ed team to play in the tournament. Registration is \$220 per team. Learn more [here](#).

[#PlayBall](#) [#MyGlendale](#)

November 3 - Fritz Coleman Comedy Night, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

*Glendale Centre Theatre
324 N. Orange St.*

Laugh out loud at the 22nd Annual Fritz Coleman Comedy Night to benefit the Glendale-Crescenta Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. Learn more [here](#).

[#LaughOutLoudGlendale](#)
[#GlendaleAfterHours](#)
[#MyGlendale](#)

November 6 - Dear Lucy with Author Julie Sarkissian, 7:00 pm

*Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.*

Dear Lucy is Julie Sarkissian's first novel. A story of faith and friendship, heartbreak, longing, and loyalty, *Dear Lucy* gives a voice to an uncommon woman with a unique voice and boundless compassion. Learn more [here](#).

[#MeetTheAuthor](#) [#MyGlendale](#)

November 7 - Glendale Youth Alliance Art Exhibit Fundraiser, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

*Glendale Forest Lawn Museum,
1712 S. Glendale Ave.*

See story above or click [here](#) for more information.

[#GlendaleYouthAlliance](#)
[#ArtsandCulture](#) [#MyGlendale](#)
[#GlendaleAfterHours](#)

November 9 - Glendale Narrows Riverwalk Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Glendale Narrows Riverwalk
300 Paula Ave.*

Help keep the LA River beautiful with a morning of weeding on the landscaped areas of the Riverwalk pedestrian and bicycle path. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, and bring sunscreen, sun glasses, and a hat. Tools, gloves, drinks, and snacks will be provided. Families, individuals, groups, clubs, and students needing Community Service hours are invited to attend. Learn more [here](#).

[#CommunityService](#)
[#MyGlendale](#)

November 9 - Learn to Be a Water Wise Gardener, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Class location information will



Sparr Heights After School Club is a free and fun drop-in afterschool program for children ages 8-17. Recreation Leaders provide general supervision and programming. Students are encouraged to drop in to work on homework, play table tennis, Wii, and other activities in a safe and secure setting. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-6:00 pm. For more information call (818) 548-2187.

[#AfterSchoolProgram](#) [#HomeworkHelp](#) [#MyGlendale](#)

Pay GWP Bills at Local 7-Eleven Convenience Stores



Glendale Water & Power (GWP) customers can now pay their GWP bill in cash at any nearby 7-Eleven store. The utility partnered with Pay Near Me, a California based cash payment processing network that gives customers the convenience of paying their utility bill 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in less than 60 seconds at any 7-Eleven store. Take your GWP bill to any 7-Eleven store, have the clerk scan the barcode on the back of the bill, and you can pay any amount up to the total in cash only for a small convenience fee of \$2.99 per transaction. Each bill will have its own unique barcode. More information can be found [here](#).

[#TrustedUtility](#) [#MyGlendale](#) [#GWPMadeEasy](#)

Let's Be Neighbors

be provided at time of reservation.
 Free California-friendly landscape training! Reserve your spot today with abadalian@ci.glendale.ca.us. Learn more [here](#).
#GoGreenGlendale #MyGlendale

November 11 - Veterans' Day
 All City Offices & Library Branches will be closed.
#ThankYouVets #MyGlendale

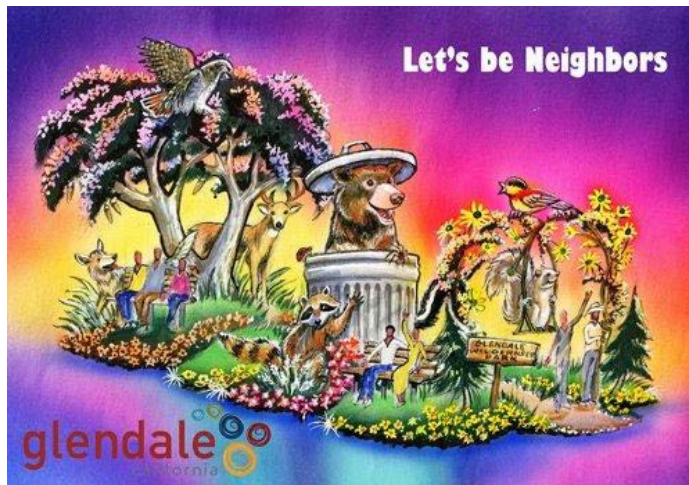
November 13 - Museum of Neon Art (MONA) Groundbreaking, 11:00 am
 216 S. Brand Blvd.
 Join MONA and City of Glendale in preparing Downtown Glendale to glow with neon lights. See story above or click [here](#) to learn more.
#GlendaleMONA #MyGlendale #DowntownGlendale #GlendaleAfterHours

November 13 - The Attacking Ocean: The Past, Present and Future of Rising Sea Levels, 7:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 E. Harvard St.
 Archaeologist and historian Brian Fagan takes us on a fascinating, lavishly illustrated journey through history that tells the story of how humans have faced the challenges of rising sea levels over the past 10,000 years. Learn more [here](#).
#MeetTheAuthor #MyGlendale

November 14 - Celebrate America Recycles Day, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Glendale Recycling Center
 540 W. Chevy Chase Dr.
 Learn what happens to your recyclables after you place them out for collection! The Recycling Center Open House will show you how recyclables are separated after collection, why it is important to place the correct materials in a recycling container, and how to compost at home and/or school! Attendees will have the opportunity to win a bike and other prizes. Learn more [here](#).
#GoGreenGlendale #MyGlendale

November 16 - Fall Festival in the Park, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Cerritos Park
 3690 San Fernando Rd.
 See story below or click [here](#) to learn more.
#FallFestivalinthePark #MyGlendale #ParksMakeLifeBetter

November 16 - Art & Music Sale, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 E. Harvard St.
 Blow out sale of auction catalogs, books, scores, sheet music, CDs, magazines, and

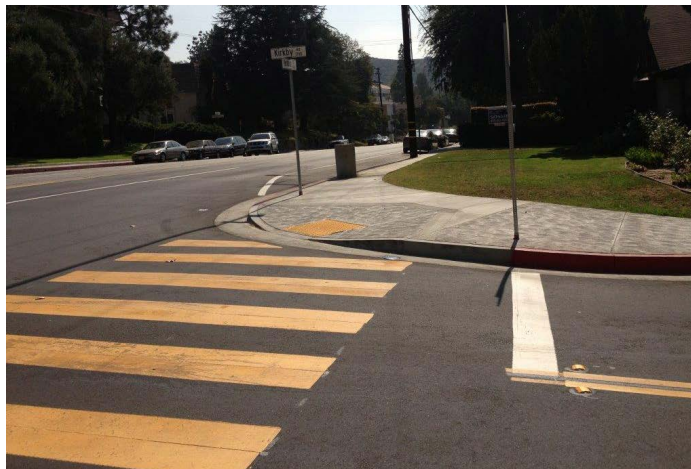


This New Year, the City of Glendale will present their 100th Rose Float entry in the Tournament of Roses. Glendale's 2014 theme "Let's Be Neighbors" showcases the community's diverse animal population and the region's celebrity bear, Meatball.

Join the fun Saturday, November 23 for an afternoon of meatball tasting by local restaurants, refreshments, and fundraising for both the City of Glendale's Rose Float and Lions, Tigers & Bears (Meatball's home away from home). The event will be held at Deukmejian Wilderness Park from 12:00-4:00 pm. Admission to the event is \$20 and will include meatball tastings.

Share your Rose Float memories and excitement with [@MyGlendale](#)
#MyGlendale #MeatballFloat #Glendale100

Safe Routes to School - Phase 4



Phase 4 of the Safe Routes to School program has been completed at the following elementary schools: Balboa, Dunsmore, R.D. White, and Verdugo Woodlands.

The Safe Routes to School program aims to reduce injuries to school children and to encourage increased walking and bicycling among students. The program achieves these goals by constructing facilities that enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, primarily students in grades K-12 who walk or bicycle to school. By enhancing the safety of the pathways, trails, sidewalks, and crossings, the likelihood of attracting and encouraging other students to walk and bike increases. Learn more about the project [here](#).

#SafetyFirst #SafeRoutes2School #MyGlendale

Free Mulch

artwork!

#BrandLibrary #MyGlendale

November 18 - ARC Table Tennis Tournament, 6:00 pm
Adult Recreation Center
 201 E. Colorado

Join the Table Tennis Tournament to be a part of the fun! Participants must be 18 years of age and older. Learn more [here](#).

#TableTennis #MyGlendale

November 20 - The Climb of a Lifetime at 13! My Mount Ararat Experience, 7:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium
 222 E. Harvard St.

Crescenta Valley High School student Sebouh Oshagan will describe his climb up Mount Ararat at age thirteen. Mount Ararat is the tallest mountain in the Middle East. Located in historical Armenia, in what is now Eastern Turkey, Ararat scrapes the skies at 16,946 feet. The presentation will include photos from the climb. Learn more [here](#).

#JourneyofaLifetime #MyGlendale

November 21 - Community Meeting: Glendale Avenue Wastewater Capacity and Street Improvement Project, 6:00 pm

Glendale's Municipal Services Building, 633 E. Broadway, Room 105

Learn more about the Glendale Avenue Wastewater Capacity and Street Improvement Project at this community meeting. Pending grant fund approval, the anticipated construction schedule is March through November of 2014. Learn more [here](#).

#ImprovementsAhead #MyGlendale

November 21 - One Book / One Glendale for Younger Readers, *The Aviary* with Author Kathleeon O'Dell, 7:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium
 222 E. Harvard St.

Author Kathleen O'Dell talks about her spooky mystery. See story above or click [here](#) to learn more.

#OneBookOneGlendale #StoryTime #MeettheAuthor #MyGlendale

November 21 - Club Maple Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration, 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Maple Park Community Center
 820 E. Maple St.

Club Maple is a FREE program open to all developmentally disabled adults. Club Maple provides an opportunity for individuals to experience positive, healthy recreation and socialization experiences.



Free mulch is available to all Glendale residents at Brand Park. The mulch is the byproduct of the City's street tree trimming program and is widely used in landscaping and gardens. Mulch prevents weeds and the loss of soil caused by heavy rains. Mulch also helps the soil retain moisture which saves water used for irrigation. Mulch insulates soil, promoting healthy root growth and nutrient availability. Finally, as mulch decomposes, it provides nutrients to the soil below. Wood chip mulch can be expected to last for approximately two years.

Residents should bring their own shovels, gloves, and containers (if necessary) to load the mulch into their vehicles. For more information on the Free Mulch Program, contact Public Works Maintenance Services at (818) 548-3950.

#GoGreenGlendale #MyGlendale

Go Slow in the Cone Zone



While traffic impeding construction is often frustrating for motorists, the improvements to roadways aim to enhance the quality of life for Glendale residents. When approaching and driving through work zones, motorists should always reduce their speed to no greater than the posted speed limit. Motorists should pay attention to all warning signs, refrain from using their horn, and always be prepared to stop. For more information, please view Glendale's [public service announcement](#).

#ImprovementsAhead #D2DGlendale #DistractedDriving #MyGlendale

Fall Festival in the Park!

Activities are appropriate to age and skill ability in a friendly and safe environment. Learn more [here](#).

#HappyThanksgiving #AdultCare #MyGlendale

November 23 - Los Angeles Opera Talk - The Magic Flute, 2:00 pm

Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.

Speakers from the Los Angeles Opera Speakers Bureau will present a series of talks focusing on the magical and powerful world of opera. This discussion will focus on The Magic Flute. Learn more [here](#).

#LAOpera #MyGlendale

November 24 - Let's Be Neighbors, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Deukmejian Wilderness Park,
3429 Markridge Rd

See story above to learn more!

#MeatballFloat #Glendale100 #MyGlendale

November 25 - The History of Ha! Comedy from Ancient Tricksters to Modern Family, 7:00 pm

Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.

Ripped from the pages of his award-eligible *Funny: The Book / Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Comedy*, David Misch presents a some-holds-barred survey of absolutely everything funny that's ever happened - in 60 minutes. (FDA Advisory: Some funny things not included).

From ancient Greece to *Modern Family*, Mr. Misch looks at what comedy is, where it comes from and where it's going (oddly enough, Philadelphia). Learn more [here](#).

#MyGlendale #MeetTheAuthor #LaughOutLoudGlendale



The Community Development Department invites you to their Fall Festival in the Park. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide input on how to improve the neighborhoods around the Metrolink Station. The event will include family friendly games, and activities, including a "design your own neighborhood" and "a day-in-the-life" games. This event is part of the Tropic Station Project, an effort funded by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority to support transit-oriented development as well as biking and walking. Click [here](#) for more information or call (818) 937-8333.

#FallFestivalinthePark #MyGlendale #ParksMakeLifeBetter

Tips for Buying Residential Property in the Jewel City



Browse through this informative brochure to help identify some things to keep in mind prior to purchasing residential property in Glendale. Click [here](#) to read more!

#WelcomeHome #MovingtoGlendale #MyGlendale

"Claim for Damages" Form Online

In an effort to make City services more accessible to all residents, the City of Glendale has digitized its "Claim for Damages" form used to file claims against the City for damage to property or person(s). The form which was previously only available in hard copy triplicate format is now accessible on the City Clerk [website](#).

Anyone who believes they have a valid claim against the City must fill

out a Claim for Damages form and submit it to the City Clerk's office within six months of the date of occurrence.

#MyGlendale

Spark of Love



For over 20 years, the Glendale Fire Department has partnered with ABC7 to host the Spark of Love Campaign. This campaign collects new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for underserved children in our community. Toy collection boxes will be located at each of Glendale's nine fire stations and in a variety of community locations starting Friday, November 22. The toys collected in the Glendale community will be distributed locally to families in need. Please help provide some cheer this holiday season. To learn more, visit GlendaleFire.org.

#SparkofLove #GlendaleFire #TistheSeason #MyGlendale

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