



## December 2014

### MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



Glendale City Manager

Happy Holidays one and all!!!

I received a good deal of positive feedback (and debate) on last year's "Holiday Music Playlist," so I am going to try my hand at movies. Keeping in mind that I am not including TV shows or special presentations that air on television (sorry, "Frosty the Snowman," "Heat Miser," and cast of "The Office" and "SNL"), these selected films represent nothing more than my preferences as well as the ability (in my humble opinion) to transcend audiences and years. Thus, whereas *Bad Santa* is funny, it probably speaks to a limited demographic. Similarly, *Gremlins* is more of a horror/sci-fi flick versus a holiday movie. While *Holiday Inn* and *Christmas in Connecticut* are classic Americana, they are a little slow and stodgy and haven't aged well enough. And, finally, the Whos of Whoville from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* frankly have always freaked me out. Thus, with no further ado... "A City Manager's Guide to the Perfect Holiday Movie Queue!"

**15. *The Godfather***  
Basically, every good movie list

### Cancelled: Tree Lighting



Due to the anticipated rain on the evening of Wednesday, December 3, the City of Glendale's Tree Lighting Ceremony has been cancelled. We welcome the rain during our drought (but wish it came a day later)! Do not forget to turn off your sprinklers.

### Glendale Named "Most Business-Friendly City"



On November 13, Glendale was named the "Most Business-Friendly City" by the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation. The Glendale Economic Development Corporation, created by the City Council this past year, is focused on a diverse, sustainable, and growing business base. It provides exceptional customer service through expert services, streamlined permitting, a successful and innovative film permit unit, and surveys for business satisfaction. The City of Glendale and its Economic Development Corporation are committed to a low cost of doing business and helping our businesses

needs to include The Godfather. Besides, there are a number of Christmas scenes and Frank Sinatra's haunting rendition of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" features heavily in the hospital sequence. "Make time, Consigliere. What are you worried about? If I wanted to kill you, you'd be dead already."

**14. The Ref**

American family holiday dysfunction at its best. Says the burglar to the domineering matriarch: "Lady, your husband ain't dead; he's hidin'!"

**13. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation**

Never, ever let Cousin Eddie dump the RV gray/black water...

**12. Home Alone**

Give the movie its due - funny and heartwarming. Just too bad child stars have to grow up.

**11. Die Hard**

Granted, the holiday season is merely the backdrop here; however, the movie that catapulted Bruce Willis to superstardom is great on many levels - not the least of which is the performance by Alan Rickman. "Yippe-ki-yay, [deleted]!"

**10. Trading Places**

Though perhaps not wholesome family entertainment, Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy, and Jamie Lee Curtis are hilarious. Still, it is the butler (Denholm Elliot) and the evil Duke brothers (Don Ameche and Ralph Bellamy) who steal the show in this rags-to-riches-to-rags story.

**9. Scrooged**

Though a very 80s movie, this take on the Dickens classic is my favorite. Bill Murray is equally hilarious and heart wrenching as the arrogant corporate exec.

**8. Elf**

A 6'4" elf who compulsively answers the phone, "Hello, this is Buddy the Elf. What's your favorite color?" Need I say more?

**7. The Bishop's Wife**

A heartwarming and oddly wistful story of an angel who helps a clergyman rediscover his inspiration, and at the same time falls in love with the Bishop's wife. A lovely and quiet depiction of love and of the limitations of human nature, as well those of angels.

**6. While You Were Sleeping**

I am a sucker for a romantic comedy, and this one is timeless and touching. Just enough corniness balanced with just enough charm, and yes, the happy ending is predictable... but who cares?

**5. Miracle on 34th Street**

Little Natalie Wood is the

thrive. Learn more [here](#).

## Glendale *On The Move*



GTV6's newest episode of *On The Move* is now available! December's episode features holiday shopping safety tips, the new "extend-by-phone" feature on parking meters, GWP's new mobile app, and more! Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's [YouTube](#) channel for new programming.

## Photo of the Month



Thank you to the Pasadena Humane Society for sharing this great photo of our GTV6 crew filming an episode of *The Dog House*, our bi-weekly pet adoption show!

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

## Holiday Shopping Hide It. Lock It. Keep It.

precocious kid who discovers the genuine article in a department store Santa. A great story about the "reason for the season," as Macy's Santa Edmund Gwenn sends customers to archrival Gimbels because ultimately it is the child's happiness - and not profits - that matters most. Best scene: the USPS saves the day by proving Santa's authenticity by delivering thousands of letters during a court hearing.

**4. Love Actually**

Again, I am a sucker for a romantic comedy and this one is among the best. Though formulaic, the characters are well written and acted and you cannot help but rooting for them. You cheer as Jamie marches through the streets to propose to Aurelia; you laugh as Colin finally finds amorous appreciation in America; and you cry with Karen as she realizes that her husband bought a present for another woman while listening to Joni Mitchell's version of "Both Sides Now." All that said, Rowan Atkinson steals the show... twice.

**3. The Nightmare Before Christmas**

Aside from the amazing cinematography and storyline, this movie has become a holiday tradition in our home because of the catchy songs. Great holiday fun!

**2. A Christmas Story**

Who knew "fragile" was Italian or that a racy leg-lamp was a "major award"?! Between Ralphie's daydreams, helping his dad change a tire and uttering the un-utterable, or his brother's star-shaped winter attire ("I can't put my arms down!"), this movie is a tremendous touchstone for boys. Though set in the 1940s, most of the scenes could have occurred at any time in the last 75 years.

**1. It's a Wonderful Life**

Yes, it is corny; yes, it has become cliché. But man oh man, this movie still packs a punch. Life is full of responsibilities and some regrets, but the biggest regret is not appreciating the impact that one life has on the lives around him or her. James Stewart is at his best, as are most of the recognizable character actors, in this playful story of a man who gets to see what the world would be like



While shopping this holiday season, the Glendale Police Department would like to remind everyone to **Hide It. Lock It. Keep It.** Glendale is a prime shopping destination with the Americana, Galleria, downtown merchants, and Montrose Shopping Park. When making holiday purchases, avoid leaving them in the car; if items must be stored in the vehicle, hide purchases in the trunk so they are out of sight, and make sure to park in well-lit areas to deter would-be thieves. To read more safety tips please click [here](#) or watch the **Hide It. Lock It. Keep It.** video on the City's YouTube channel [here](#).

## Winter and Holiday Safety



The Glendale Fire Department would like to remind all residents to be fire safe while decking the halls this holiday season. Pick a tree with fresh green needles that do not fall off when touched. Place your tree away from heat sources and do not block exits. When decorating, use lights that are rated for indoor use, replacing any string lights that are damaged. Water your tree daily and turn off the lights before going to bed. Be sure candles are not placed too close to decorations and do not place them on the tree. Remember to always blow out candles before going to bed. Read more safety messages [here](#).

## Spark of Love



Spread some holiday cheer this season to Glendale families in need by donating new unwrapped toys and sports equipment to the Spark

without him. Truly, this movie has a physiological effect on the viewer - you can't help but feel better after the tear-filled happy ending.

Ok, let the debate begin...

Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!

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**CALENDAR**

**December 6 - Bird Walk,**  
7:00 - 9:00 am  
*Glendale Narrows Riverwalk*  
300 Paula Avenue  
Learn about the birds that migrate to the area throughout the winter months. Please bring binoculars and a bird identification book.  
*Learn more [here](#).*

**December 6 - Montrose Christmas Parade, 6:00 pm**  
Join the City of Glendale, Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce, and Montrose Shopping Park Association along Honolulu Avenue for the 38th Annual Montrose Christmas Parade. Come early and enjoy the restaurants and stores that line the parade route. To learn more, please call 818-970-0976.

**December 8 - Community Meeting: Slurry Seal and Pavement Repair Program, 6:00 pm**  
*633 East Broadway, Room 105*  
Learn more about the City's on-going Pavement Management Program. This project is anticipated to begin in April 2015 and be completed by August 2015.  
*Learn more [here](#).*

**December 9 - Community Meeting: Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil Project, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**  
*Environmental Management Center, 780 Flower Street*  
Metro will host a community meeting to discuss the Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil safety and access project.  
*Learn more [here](#).*

**December 11 - Club Maple's Holiday Party, 5:30 - 8:00 pm**  
*Maple Park Community Center*  
820 East Maple Avenue  
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. Activities are appropriate to all ages and abilities in a friendly and safe environment.  
*Learn more [here](#).*

**December 11 - Riverwalk**

of Love Campaign hosted by ABC7 and the Glendale Fire Department. Collection boxes are now located at each of Glendale's [nine fire stations](#). If you need assistance this holiday season, please visit [GlendaleFire.org](#) to learn how to participate in the Spark of Love program.

## Refuse Questions Over the Holidays



**Will refuse collection be affected by the holidays?**  
The Glendale Integrated Waste Management Division will not provide refuse collection service on December 25 or January 1. On all other holidays, refuse service will remain unaffected. Between December 25 and January 2, Thursday and Friday refuse customers will be serviced one day later. For example, customers with Thursday service will be picked up Friday and customers with Friday service will be picked up on Saturday. Customers with Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday service will be unaffected. For questions, please call the Integrated Waste Management Division at (818) 548-3916.



**How can I dispose of my holiday tree at the end of the season?**  
Holiday trees can be recycled December 26 through January 16. Place your tree at the curb or in the alley for pick-up on your refuse-collection day. If you are uncertain about your service day, call the City of Glendale's Integrated Waste Management Division at (818) 548-3916 or visit [GlendaleRecycle.com](#).

**How can I reduce holiday waste?**  
Did you know that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, more than 1 million tons of additional waste is generated each week nationwide? Help reduce the amount of trash sent to the local landfill by planning purchases and donating usable goods to agencies for reuse. For information on agencies that recycle and reuse items locally, visit [earth911.org](#).

**How should recyclables be placed out for service?**  
With all the holiday gift giving, there may be an abundance of boxes and bags. Please place recyclables directly into gray carts for service. Please do not place recyclables into plastic bags because

**Community Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**  
*Pacific Community Center*  
 501 South Pacific Avenue  
 Community meeting to discuss the future of Riverwalk Phases II and III.  
 Learn more [here](#).

**December 11 - Quiet Beauty: The Japanese Gardens of North America with Kendall Brown, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
*Brand Library Recital Hall*  
 1601 West Mountain Street  
 Kendall Brown, curator and professor of Asian art history at California State University, Long Beach, is a leading figure in the study of Japanese gardens in North America. Quiet Beauty is an extraordinary look at these beautiful and serene gardens.  
 Learn more [here](#).

**December 11 - Los Angeles Wine: A History from the Mission Era to the Present with Stuart Byles, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
*Central Library Auditorium*  
 222 East Harvard Street  
 The renowned California wine industry was actually born near El Pueblo de Los Angeles. Learn more about its history with Stuart Douglass Byles, a founding member of the Stone Barn Vineyard Conservancy whose mission is to celebrate the history of wine and maintain the commemorative vineyard at the Deukmejian Wilderness Park.  
 Learn more [here](#).

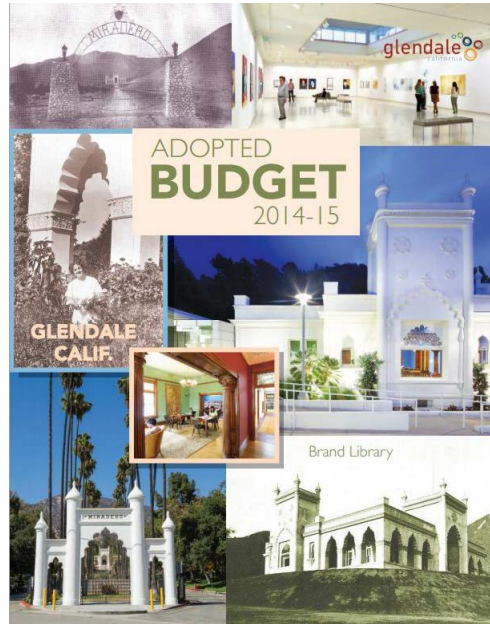
**December 12 - Open House and Luminarias, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**  
*Historic Casa Adobe De San Rafael, 1330 Dorothy Drive*  
 Enjoy traditional refreshments and a piano recital by students of Gerry Keeling at 6:00 pm.  
 Learn more [here](#).

**December 12 - Parents Night Out, 6:00 pm - 12:00 am**  
*Pacific Community Center*  
 501 South Pacific Avenue  
 Enjoy holiday shopping or a night in Downtown Glendale without the kids. Recreation leaders will oversee games, activities, movies, and dinner for children ages 5 - 12. Cost is \$15 per child.  
 Learn more [here](#).

**December 13 - Open House and Luminarias, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**  
*Historic Casa Adobe De San Rafael, 1330 Dorothy Drive*  
 Enjoy traditional refreshments and entertainment by Hoover High School Choir at 6:00 pm.  
 Learn more [here](#).

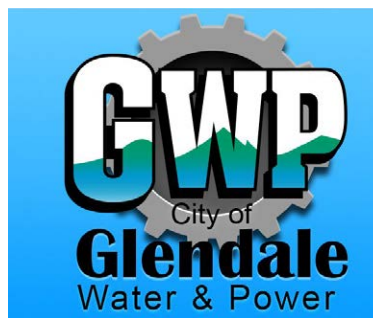
each bag must be opened individually to sort recyclables. Additional information about the City's Recycling Program can be found at [GlendaleRecycle.com](http://GlendaleRecycle.com).

## Glendale Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award



For the sixth year, the City of Glendale received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by the City of Glendale's Finance Department. It also reflects Glendale's commitment to clear communication and transparency in budgeting and business practices. Learn more [here](#).

## Download GWP's Mobile Application



Glendale Water & Power's new free mobile app, *GWP - Mobile My Connect*, allows customers to view current and historical bills as well as pay bills, set budget goals, submit service requests, view/report outages, send messages directly to GWP, and obtain electric vehicle or solar panel usage information. The pilot program is free and will be offered to the first 2,000 Glendale residential customers that download the app.

After downloading the application, customers will be asked to input their account information. In order to validate the account, the email address must match the email address used for online bill pay or account purposes. For assistance, please contact Customer Service at (818) 548-3300. Learn more about Glendale Water & Power [here](#).

**December 13 & 20 - Glendale Historical Society Candlelight Tours, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**Doctors House Museum**  
 1601 West Mountain Street  
 The Doctors House is an authentically restored Queen Anne-Eastlake style Victorian home built around 1888. The museum will be decorated for the holidays in true Victorian style. Enjoy self-guided museum tours and live holiday music on the two dates.  
 Learn more [here](#).

**December 14 - Holiday Tea and Japan Culture Day, 12:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Brand Friendship Garden, Shoseian Teahouse**  
 1601 West Mountain Street  
 There will be two traditional Japanese Tea Ceremonies with seatings at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm. The event will feature Martial Arts demonstrations, live traditional music, and holiday gift bazaar including tea, pottery, ikebana, and calligraphy. Limited seating for tea, RSVP by December 8 [here](#).  
 Learn more [here](#).

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
 All City offices will close at 12:00 pm. Library branches will be closed all day.

**December 25 - Christmas Day**  
 All City offices and library branches will be closed.

**December 31 - New Year's Eve**  
 Library branches will close at 5:00 pm. Chevy Chase and Pacific Park Library branches will be closed all day.

**January 1 - New Year's Day**  
 All City offices and library branches will be closed.

Check the City's calendar for changes in date, time, or location [here](#).

## Investing in Our Future Workforce



Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA), a non-profit organization dedicated to helping youth gain employment experience, is currently recruiting for worksites. Glendale Youth Alliance will pay the participant's salary for the initial 180-200 hours, provide pre-employment soft skills training to all participants before placement, and will pay for workers' compensation insurance - saving your business money! Your partnership and dedication to our youth allows them to become better members and leaders of our community. For more information about GYA, please visit [glendaleyouthalliance.org](http://glendaleyouthalliance.org) or call (818) 937-8073.

## Volunteers Needed

Continuums of Care (CoCs) across the country undertake community-wide efforts to collect information on the number and characteristics of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires CoCs to complete this point-in-time count every two years during the last ten days of January. The City of Glendale will be conducting the 2015 Homeless Count on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, and volunteers are needed!

Collecting reliable data on the number, characteristics, and service needs of individuals, families, and unaccompanied children experiencing homelessness is a critical component of local homeless planning and program development. Learn more [here](#).

## New Digital Parking Meter Feature



The City of Glendale has added a new "Extend-by-Phone" feature to all Digital parking meters in Downtown Glendale. This feature allows customers who pay by credit card the ability to receive a reminder text that their parking is about to expire. If desired, the customer may add time (up to the maximum posted time limit) to their parking

meter via a text message for an additional twenty-five cent service fee. To take advantage of this feature, customers must enter their cell phone number at the end of the parking transaction and press "OK."

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