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MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



Glendale City Manager

Excellence in Service

This is the motto of the City of Glendale. It isn't gimmicky or cute; it doesn't feature a clever play on words. It simply reflects what our employees and volunteers do in unequivocal and unambiguous terms. It encapsulates an expectation and an understanding among our community and our team about the City we serve.

This motto also profiles the City's updated Mission and Vision Statements. Specifically:

Mission Statement

The City of Glendale delivers exceptional customer service through precision execution and innovative leadership.

Vision Statement

As a premier City anchored in pride of civic ownership, Glendale's success is realized through a community that is safe, prosperous, and rich in cultural offerings. This vision is accomplished with emphasis on:

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Exceptional Customer Service
- Economic Vibrancy
- Informed & Engaged

Five Properties Added to Historic Register



Since its founding in 1906, the City of Glendale has developed a diverse architectural landscape. The City has long recognized the value of preserving neighborhoods and homes that represent its history. The Glendale City Council recently approved adding five properties to the Register of Historic Resources. These properties are rich in history and are an important part of Glendale's colorful heritage. Learn more about historic homes and neighborhoods in Glendale here.

Sign Up for Space 134 Updates

- Community
- Safe & Healthy Community
- Balanced, Quality Housing
- Community Services & Facilities
- Infrastructure & Mobility
- Arts & Culture
- Sustainability

Again, the idea is clear, simple, and powerful. A Mission Statement reflects what you are and a Vision Statement reflects what you aspire to be. Thus, as we begin 2015, let us invite our community to review our value proposition and hold us accountable to it. Exceptional Customer Service means empathy, respect, and problem solving. Precision Execution is our commitment to getting the right job done the right way. Innovative Leadership refers to the cultivation of resourcefulness, diligence, courage, and common sense in every corner of the organization. The areas of emphasis listed in our Vision Statement are those priorities espoused by the City Council, and which are reevaluated each year.

Without a doubt, the work done in the City of Glendale's fourteen operating departments is complex and multi-faceted, and there are no easy solutions to the obstacles every community faces. Fortunately, we have better Council leadership than other cities and we have stronger players in more positions than other cities. Make no mistake, our successes have been just as plentiful as our challenges (loss of redevelopment, impacts of irrevocable parole from AB 109, mitigating pedestrian / vehicle collisions) yet 2014 witnessed new parks and amenities for the community, greater financial



The Glendale "Space 134" project is a concept study for a "freeway cap park" over the 134 Freeway from Central Avenue to Glendale Avenue. The freeway cap park would connect the community to the City's civic, cultural, and business core through public open space and pedestrian and bike friendly trails. Visit Space134.net to learn more and to sign up for updates on future community events related to the Space 134 project. Follow [@MyGlendaleCDD](https://www.facebook.com/MyGlendaleCDD) for all Community Development updates.

Sticking with New Year's Resolutions



Many New Year's Resolutions begin January 1 and the most common goal is to get in shape! The City of Glendale has some fantastic options for sticking with your goals and making 2015 your best year yet! Click [here](#) to see the Fitness Guide. Follow [@MyGlendaleParks](https://www.facebook.com/MyGlendaleParks) for year-round outdoor activities.

Photo of the Month

security, private investment and development, and accolades a plenty (Top 10 Safest City in America, Most Business-Friendly City, Public Works and Community Development Departments recognized for excellence throughout California, GWP's National Designation for Diamond Reliable Electric Service, etc. etc.). Truly, the simplicity and clarity of our core values and our commitment to the mission - and one another - are in direct proportion to the intricacy of the challenges we must overcome.

Thus, as we look ahead to 2015, if we can stay focused on our Mission and Vision, if we can forgo the unforced errors of unnecessary distractions, if we can be disciplined and intelligent, then I have every confidence that our community and customers will be the proud owners and beneficiaries of the best city in California.

Excellence in Service, indeed.

CALENDAR

Tuesdays - Gentle Yoga for Seniors, 9:00 - 10:00 am
Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way
 Learn techniques for poses, meditation, and gentle stretch every Tuesday. Sessions are \$1 with activity card and \$2 without.

Learn more about senior services [here](#) or call 818-548-2187.

January 10 - Riverwalk Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Glendale Narrows Riverwalk 400 Paula Avenue

Volunteer to help maintain the landscaped areas of the Los Angeles River by watering and weeding.

Learn more [here](#).

January 10 - Brand Associates Music Series: Pianist Hayk Arsenyan, 2:00 pm

Brand Library Recital Hall 1601 West Mountain Street

At the age of 11, Mr. Arsenyan made his orchestral debut with the Armenian State Philharmonic Orchestra performing his own Requiem for the piano and orchestra, and at the age of 17, he made his



Thank you to Roxy E. for sharing this great photo of a rainbow over Downtown Glendale!

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.

Meet Firefighter Hoonanian



As their motto goes, the Glendale Fire Department has always put 'community first' and is seeking dedicated men and women from our community to join their team. Meet Ara Hoonanian, born and raised in our city, and a Firefighter for the City of Glendale. Watch his clip [here](#).

A Focus on Safety

What is triage? What is the Incident Command System? How can you help your community after an earthquake or fire? These questions and more are answered in the Community Emergency Response Team training offered by the Glendale Fire Department. This free 20 hour training course covers a variety of disaster preparedness and response topics that will enhance your ability to take care of your family and neighbors after an emergency. The next CERT training is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 28, February 4 and 11 from 5:00 - 10:00 pm. You will need to attend all four classes to receive your certification. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call 818-548-6404. Learn more about the CERT program and the Glendale Fire Department at [GlendaleFire.org](#) and follow us on Twitter at @GlendaleCaFire.

eBooks and iPads

European orchestral debut as a soloist with the Radio France Philharmonic Orchestra, where he was awarded a platinum medal by the City of Paris. This free event is sponsored by the Brand Associates. A reception with the artist will follow the concert.
 Learn more [here](#).

January 14 - Spanish Language Book Club, 10:00 - 11:30 am
 Central Library Conference Room B
 222 East Harvard Street
 This month's discussion will be on *A Fuerza de Palabras* by Vicente Leñero.

January 15 - Domestic Violence: From Historical, Cultural and Legal Perspectives, 7:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 East Harvard Street
 The public is invited to a free informative discussion on Domestic Violence from Historical, Cultural and Legal Perspectives by Rita Avedissian, LMFT, and attorney Natalie Samarjian, in English and Armenian.
 Learn more [here](#).

January 17 - Wilderness Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Deukmejian Wilderness Park
 3429 Markridge Road
 Join the Third Saturday Wilderness Workday to help keep Glendale's trails and open space beautiful.
 Learn more [here](#).

January 17 - 19 - All City Offices and Library Branches Closed
 All offices will be closed Saturday, January 17 through Monday, January 19 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

January 21 - Public Health - Flu & Ebola, 10:00 am
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 East Harvard Street
 Dr. Frank Alvarez, a Health Officer with the County of Los Angeles, will present a free workshop on Public Health in English and Armenian.
 Learn more [here](#).

January 21 - Los Angeles Union Station: Tracks to the Future, 7:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 East Harvard Street
 Author William Bradley's *Los Angeles Union Station: Tracks to the Future* is a celebration of



Glendale's Library, Arts & Culture Department offers thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and language tools, and now, has a platform to utilize these great resources! Bring your library card and photo ID to any Library, Arts & Culture location to borrow an iPad mini. You may use it for three weeks as an eReader with the Library's mobile app and other library mobile services. Attend free classes at the Central Library and learn how to use these amazing mobile devices! Learn more [here](#). Follow Library, Arts & Culture on Twitter @GlendaleLAC to stay updated on other great programs.

Tree Recycling



Holiday trees can be easily recycled curbside through January 16. Please remove all ornaments, stands, lights, and tinsel before placing 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.

Obedience Training

the 75th anniversary of Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal, and the first book that captures not only the majesty and graciousness of Union Station, but chronicles its phenomenal history.
 Learn more [here](#).

January 22 - California Water Infrastructure, 7:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 East Harvard Street
 In the face of aging water infrastructure and the on-going drought, the need to update to sustainable solutions has become paramount. In Los Angeles County, cities are forging new partnerships to collect and capture stormwater runoff. Maria Mehranian will detail her experience serving on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board and working with municipalities throughout the region to create projects that respond to this changing policy landscape.
 Learn more [here](#).




January 24 - What is the Electric Car: 79 Reasons to Drive Electric, 2:00 pm
 Central Library Auditorium
 222 East Harvard Street
 Learn about the future of auto transportation and see electric cars on display.
 2:00 pm - Short Film on electric cars
 2:10 pm - Q&A with author Scott DuPont
 3:00 pm - Electric Car display in front of the Central Library
 Learn more [here](#).

January 30 - Parent's Night Out, 6:00 pm - 12:00 am
 Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way
 Parents who register their kids will be provided special discounts by select Montrose Shopping Park establishments. Recreation leaders will oversee the program by providing games, activities, movies, and dinner to children ages 5 - 12. Cost per child is \$15.
 Learn more [here](#).

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



Basic Obedience Classes

Presented by the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA
 January 29-February 26, 2015

-  Work on common problems
-  Teach your dog basic commands
-  Perfect for dogs 6 months old and up

Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Glendale Civic Auditorium
 1401 N. Verdugo Road

General Public \$130 | PHS Adopters \$110 | Active PHS Volunteers \$65
 Register at pasadenahumane.org/caninecollege
 or call 626.792.7151 ext. 155
 or email behavior@pasadenahumane.org

The City of Glendale's animal service provider, Pasadena Humane Society, is offering a basic obedience training class at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. This 5-week course will be held January 29 through February 26 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm and offers problem solving for learned behaviors. Learn how to teach your dog to sit, lie down, stay and wait, focus, walk on a loose leash, and come when called. Dogs must be comfortable interacting with friendly strangers and other dogs. General Registration is \$130 and \$110 for Pasadena Humane Adopters. For more information, visit PasadenaHumane.org or call (626) 792-7151, ext. 155.

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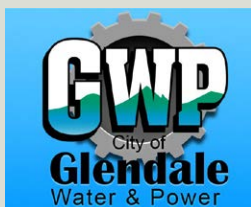
The City of Glendale's Public Works and Community Services & Parks Departments were recently honored by the Southern California American Public Works Association with a Project of the Year Award for the completion of Maryland Avenue Park. Maryland Park features natural turf grass and water-wise planting, children play spaces, and outdoor fitness stations. A one of kind entry gate and tiled mural welcomes and introduces visitors to the areas rich history. Check out this great neighborhood park at 812 South Maryland Avenue. Learn more [here](#).

Summer 2015 Lifeguards Needed

Volunteers Needed

Continuums of Care (CoCs) across the country undertake community-wide efforts to collect information on individuals and families experiencing homelessness. CoCs 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**, 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](#).

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. For assistance, please contact Customer Service at (818) 548-3300. Learn more about Glendale Water & Power [here](#).



It may only be January, but the Community Services & Parks Department is hiring for summer programming, which includes lifeguards, recreation leaders, and facility attendants. Job bulletins are available [here](#) and are due before February 23. Qualified candidates must possess, or be in the process of obtaining the following certifications (or an approved equivalent) by May 2015:

- American Red Cross Lifeguard Training
- American Red Cross First Aid
- American Red Cross CPR

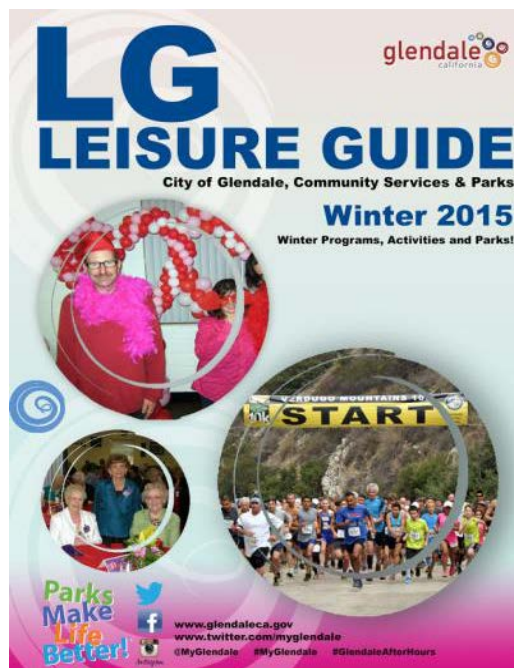
For more information about the [Aquatics Program](#), please call (818) 937-7442 or (818) 937-7444.

Adult Softball League

The [Spring Adult Slow Pitch Softball League](#) will begin games February 8. The annual Manager's Meeting will take place January 13 starting at 6:30 pm in the Civic Auditorium, 1401 North Verdugo Road. Managers of both returning and new teams are encouraged to attend the meeting, as space is limited. Team Registration Fees are: Women - \$350 (Monday) Co-Ed - \$425 (Sunday & Monday) Men - \$475 (Tuesday through Friday)

*League fees do not include official's fees of \$18 per game / per team. For more information, call (818) 548-6420 or email wdelacerda@glendaleca.gov.

Sign up for Winter Classes



There is still time to sign up for Glendale Leisure Guide classes! The Leisure Guide includes a variety of winter programs for all ages and interests. Youth activities include a number of sports, fitness, dance, and art classes. Adult programs include arts and special interest classes, wellness classes, and exercise classes for all skill levels. Senior adult programs include ongoing recreation programs and instructional classes. Case management services and nutritional meal programs are also available. To see the full guide, click [here](#).

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