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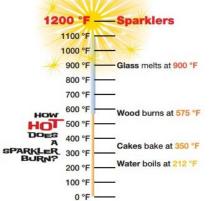


Glendale City Manager

It is July 1, and yet it does not feel like a happy new fiscal year. Instead it feels like the end of act one of Les Miserables--One Day More. We are in the midst of a momentous reorganization, we are negotiating with the State of California on the repayment of a multi-million dollar loan owed to the City, and we are anticipating the positive adjudication of a lawsuit challenging the long-standing General Fund transfer (GFT) from Glendale Water & Power (GWP). In short, this start of the new fiscal year is less of a momentous occasion, and more of an interlude leading to something else, something bigger.

With our reorganization, we are endeavoring to create capacity within the organization that balances our ability to deliver high-quality services and remain fiscally prudent, all while planning for the future of this team. An organization is a living, breathing thing; and we need to recognize that talent recruitment, development, and retention are essential to the long-term well-being of the City of Glendale. In the best of times, achieving this type of "dynamic stability" in

Celebrate a Safe Fourth of July!



Each year, thousands of people, often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks. The Glendale Fire Department reminds you that **all fireworks are illegal** in the City of Glendale. The Fire Department recommends attending a local professional firework show to safely celebrate the Fourth of July. Learn more about summer safety at <u>glendalefire.org</u> and <u>nfpa.org</u>.

Animal Safety on the Fourth



July 5 is the busiest day for animal shelters everywhere as pets scared by the loud noise of the fireworks run away from their homes. Please keep these safety tips in mind this holiday:

- Do not take pets to watch fireworks.
- Keep pets inside during Fourth of July celebrations. Keeping them confined at home will help them to feel safe. Playing a radio may help diffuse the loud noise of fireworks.
- Be certain that pet's identification tags are current. Update microchip information if necessary. A visible form of

organizational development is a challenge. In the wake of the Great Recession, it is all the more difficult. Still, the ability to deliver on our value proposition to our residents and businesses demands that we plan for this future.

In dealing with the State of California over the uncertain aftermath of the dissolution of Redevelopment, the City of Glendale has done its best to put the past behind us and focus on the future, centering around economic development--growing and harvesting the new revenues that will pay for the services our residents and businesses expect.

Obviously, it takes time to develop the apparatus to facilitate and execute a highquality economic development program. By seeding our economic development efforts with the bond proceeds that currently exist and are sitting in the City's Treasury (but have been disallowed from use by the State of California), as well as the \$45 million loan due to the City of Glendale by the now defunct Redevelopment Agency (which is also being held hostage by the State of California), we hope to be able to bridge this time lapse. I am pleased to be able to report that our local state legislators have taken Glendale's plight to heart and have joined the fight on our behalf. Together, we are finding ways to try to convince Governor Brown that utilizing these resources (in cities up and down the state, as well as Glendale) is in the best interest of all California residents and businesses. The Governor's Office is finally indicating that there may be some room for compromise on these matters, and we will spend much of the summer trying to arrive at an understanding that benefits the most people. If we are unsuccessful in securing the State's approval on the \$45 million loan, then I fear that the reorganization that is currently underway will be only a harbinger of things to come.

Similarly, the lawsuits that have been filed -- and which the City is answering -- challenging the long-standing General Fund transfer from GWP will hopefully be heard in court this month. The GFT, which is down to \$20 million a year, is an important element of the City's General Fund revenue structure. Without it we would have to make wholesale changes to the scope and profile of the services that we identification is the best way to ensure that pets can be returned home.

Pasadena Humane Society will have extra animal control officers on duty the evening of July 4 and will open at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 5 to help reunite lost pets with their families. To learn more, please visit <u>pasadenahumane.org</u>.

Summer Safety



While enjoying the summer months, it is important to always put safety first. The Glendale Fire Department encourages the community to following these water and barbeque safety tips to keep the fun going all summer long.

When sitting by the pool, playing in the ocean, or riding in a boat, never leave children unattended. Be sure that children know how to swim and are wearing life vests when around a body of water. Always know the address to the location in the event that emergency help is needed.

When barbequing with the family, remember that the grill should always be used outside and placed in a location away from branches, awnings, and deck railings. Never leave your grill unattended and always clean the grill after using it. Children and pets should be kept at least three feet away from the grill to prevent injuries.

The Glendale Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and fun summer. To learn more about the Glendale Fire Department, please visit <u>glendalefire.org</u> and follow @<u>GlendaleCAFire</u> on Twitter.

Proposed New Water Rates



Glendale Water & Power is proposing a revenue increase of 5%, 4%, 4%, 4% for the next four years. For more information on the proposed increase, please visit <u>glendalewaterandpower.com</u>. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22 at 6:00 pm at the City of Glendale Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor. City Council will vote on implementing the new rates on Tuesday, July 29. If approved, the new rates will be effective September 1, 2014.

New Water-Wise Gardening Website

deliver to Glendale residents and businesses. That said, I actually feel much more confident on this front then I do dealing with the State of California. The GFT is a longstanding practice allowed by the City's Charter, approved by the residents in the 1940s, and calculated the same way for the duration of that time. As a function of legal facts, I do believe that the City will prevail in these lawsuits and thus protect the funding for services that are so important to so many in this community.

We truly are at a crossroads, looking at the future of Glendale. We have a world of opportunity before us, yet the path that we walk is beset on all sides by challenges and obstacles, some more arduous than others. That said, our optimism is rooted in the belief that we have positive momentum at our back, forward thinking in our minds, and the best intentions in our hearts. Nothing is guaranteed; but I will cast my lot with the people looking to build and improve this community.

It is July 1, so Happy New (fiscal) Year. Celebrations and festivities surely have their time and place; yet that time and place is not today. And so we look "one day more" at the future and the challenges in front of us to ensure that we secure our future and protect our vital interests for the benefit of our community.

CALENDAR

July 4 - 6 - Holiday Closure All City offices and Library branches will be closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in observance of Independence Day. Regular business hours resume Monday, July 7.

July 5 - Campfire Program on Ants, 7:00 - 8:30 pm Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Road Learn about ants while enjoying songs, skits, and s'mores. Call 818-548-3795 to reserve a spot.

July 9 - Teen Volunteer Opportunities, 4:00 - 6:00 pm Central Library Reference Desk 222 East Harvard Street High school students needing volunteer hours can help the Friends of the Library set up for their monthly book sale (July 12)! Earn up to 6 hours of volunteer credit over the summer.



Looking to replace your lawn with a beautiful low-maintenance landscape to save water? Glendale Water & Power is pleased to introduce a new website, <u>glendalewaterwisegardening.com</u>, that will make the process easier and enjoyable. There are over 200 sample gardens displayed that will help customers decide what type of plants and landscapes to consider. Customers can click on the plants in the pictures to get more information and create a plant list to print out and take to their local nursery. The <u>website</u> also offers information on watering and irrigation systems.

21st Annual Cruise Night July 19th in Downtown Glendale



Southern California's most popular car show is returning for its 21st year on **Saturday**, **July 19 in Downtown Glendale!** Register to showcase your pre-1979 car by clicking <u>here</u>, or by calling (818) 548-2752, and join 350 other classic cars on Brand Boulevard. Headlining this year is Abbey Road and The Kingsmen - celebrating the 50th anniversary of "Louie Louie." More information on this free family-friendly event is available on <u>glendalecruisenight.com</u>.

For the first year ever, Glendale will also offer a **Fireworks Spectacular** at the end of the evening! When planning Fourth of July celebrations, remember lighting fireworks is not only dangerous, but illegal in the City of Glendale. Enjoy a free, and most importantly safe, fireworks spectacular just a few days later during Cruise Night on July 19 !

Glendale On The Move

Learn more here.

July 9 - Bonnie Schroeder and G.B. Pool, Two Authors - Two Journeys, 7:00 pm Central Library Auditorium 222 East Harvard Street Hear the creative works and journeys of two authors. Learn more <u>here</u>.

July 10 - Wicked Crescenta Valley! with Gary Keyes and Mike Lawler, 7:00 pm Central Library Auditorium 222 East Harvard Street Gary Keyes and Mike Lawler reveal the shocking history of the Crescenta Valley. Learn more <u>here</u>.

July 11 - Compost Workshop, 8:00 am

Learn to turn food scraps and yard trimmings into a valuable soil amendment. To sign up or to learn more, please call (818) 548-3916 or visit glendalerecycle.com.

July 11 - Summer Nights at Brand Library, 7:00 pm Brand Library & Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street The Arts & Culture Commission and Brand Associates will present free concerts all summer on the Brand Library Plaza. NocheFlamenca will perform Flamenco music and dancing. The Plaza Series will run Fridays through September 26.

See full schedule here.

July 12 - Compost Workshop, 8:00 am

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July 12 - Loading Dock Book Sale, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Central Library 222 East Harvard Street Support Glendale's libraries by picking up great used books at great low prices. Book sales are hosted every second Saturday of the month.

July 12 - 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. Call (818) 548-3795 to RSVP and learn more.

July 18 - Summer Nights at



<u>GTV6</u> has a new show, <u>On The Move</u>, which highlights exciting changes in Glendale! This month's episode will showcase the Glendale Fire Department Class 26 Graduation, the free summer concert series at Brand Library & Art Center, the Space 134 Project, and tips on how to prepare for brush fire season. Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's <u>YouTube</u> channel for new episodes.

Glendale Golf Championship



The Glendale Parks and Open Space Foundation will host the 3rd Annual Glendale City Golf Championship July 23 and July 28. The two day event is open to golfers of all abilities. The first round will take place on July 23rd at the Scholl Canyon Golf Course in Glendale. The top flights will advance to the Oakmont Country Club on July 28th to compete for the championship.

The Local Trusted Choice Independent Insurance Agents is the presenting sponsor for this event, and all proceeds will benefit the <u>Glendale Parks and Open Space Foundation</u>. Watch the promotional video <u>here</u>. For more information on the event and to register, please visit <u>glendalegolfchampionship.com</u>.

Glendale Dodger Night: August 16



The 3rd Annual Glendale Dodger Night presented by Lexus of Glendale is on Saturday, August 16 at Dodger Stadium! The event will begin with our Glendale City Hall Pre-Party in the afternoon which Brand Library, 7:00 pm Brand Library & Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street The Arts & Culture Commission and Brand Associates will present free concerts all summer on the Brand Library Plaza. Bali & Beyond will perform the music and culture of Bali. The Plaza Series will run Fridays through September 26.

See full schedule here.

July 19 - Wilderness Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Road Volunteer to help maintain the hiking trails in Deukmejian Park. Call (818) 548-3795 to RSVP and learn more.

July 21 - Cruise Night! 5:30 -10:30 pm Brand Boulevard, between Broadway and Doran See story above or click <u>here</u> to learn more!

July 23 & 28 - Third Annual Glendale Golf Championship See story above or click <u>here</u> to learn more.

July 24 - Wounds to Bind: A Memoir of the Folk-Rock Revolution with Jerry Burgan, 7:00 pm Central Library Auditorium 222 East Harvard Street The pivot point of the prepsychedelic 1960s and what followed is captured by Jerry Burgan, the surviving cofounder of We Five (You Were On My Mind), with Alan Rifkin. Learn more <u>here</u>.

July 25 - Summer Nights at Brand Library, 7:00 pm Brand Library & Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street The Arts & Culture Commission and Brand Associates will present free concerts all summer on the Brand Library Plaza. Dafra West African Drum Dance will perform traditional West African drum and dance. The Plaza Series will run Fridays through September 26. See full schedule <u>here</u>.

July 31 - Flavorful Shortcuts to Indian & Pakistani Cooking with Farhana Sahibzada, 7:00 pm

Central Library Auditorium 222 East Harvard Street Farhana Sahibzada's new cookbook is a must have for the Indian food enthusiast. Packed with quality tested, simplified and tried recipes stemming from Farhana's Indian food cooking classes spanning over two decades, it is adapted for the novice and experienced cooks alike! will feature food, drinks, and entertainment. The festivities will continue at Dodger Stadium in the evening to watch our Los Angeles Dodgers take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Bus transportation to and from the stadium will be provided for City Hall Pre-Party attendees only.

Tickets are on sale now through the Glendale Dodger Night website at <u>glendaledodgernight.com</u>. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation to continue their mission to support park projects, recreation programs, and trails and open space activities.

National Night Out

This year's annual National Night Out will be held on the evening of Tuesday, August 5 in dozens of neighborhoods throughout Glendale. The event brings individuals together to promote safe and healthy communities by taking a stand against drugs, crime, and disorder. The Glendale Police Department will be collaborating with event hosts to encourage neighborhoods to be alert and engaged. To learn more about National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch, please visit <u>glendalenno.com</u> or call Sgt. Sean Riley at (818) 548-4015.

Glendale's New Canine, Jager



The Glendale Police Department has welcomed a new addition to the canine unit! Jager, a 19-month-old German Shepherd, received obedience and protection training in Germany and will continue his official police training in Glendale with Officer Feeley, which includes narcotics detection and suspect apprehension. Jager joins Idol and Branko as part of the Glendale Police Department's valued four-legged team. To learn more about the Glendale Police Department's K-9 Unit, click <u>here</u>.

Bike Patrol



In keeping with changing mobility trends in Glendale's Downtown Area, the Glendale Police Department has revamped its bike patrol

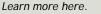
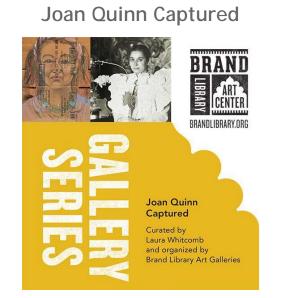


Photo of the Month



Thank you to Annette V. for sharing this great photo of Brand Library & Art Center's current exhibit, Joan Quinn Captured.

Share your photos with @MyGlendale on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> 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. program. Members of the Glendale Police Department and Glendale Community College Police Department have put on bicycle helmets to better travel, enforce, and prevent crime in the City's bustling downtown. The bicycles were purchased through an anonymous donation to the Glendale Police Foundation. Learn more about crime prevention efforts in Glendale <u>here</u>.



The exhibition 'Joan Quinn Captured' showcases what is perhaps the largest portrait collection by contemporary artists in the world, including such luminaries as Jean-Michel Basquiat, Shepard Fairey, Frank Gehry, Robert Graham, David Hockney, Ed Ruscha, and Beatrice Wood. The exhibition will also portray the world Joan Agajanian Quinn captured as editor for close friend Andy Warhol's *Interview* magazine and includes contributions to some of the most important fanzines of the 1980s, a testament to her role as a critical taste maker of her time.

Panel discussion, talks, and film screenings have been scheduled in conjunction with this gallery exhibition now through August 1. See the exhibition <u>website</u> for more information.

Outdoor Dining and Recycling



Recycling

When planning weekend picnics and backyard barbeques, the Public Works Department reminders residents that the City accepts all types of plastics, including bags, bottles, and utensils. Also recyclable are plastic containers numbered 1 - 7 and miscellaneous items such as: coat hangers, garden hoses (cut into one foot sections), plastic laundry baskets, non-electric plastic toys, plastic swimming pools (cut into four pieces), padded mailers with bubble wrap, six-pack plastic rings, Styrofoam blocks, and Styrofoam peanuts.

Compost Workshops: Food and Yard Waste

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Glendale residents are encouraged to attend one of the four final compost workshops of 2014 and learn how to compost approximately 40% of residential waste. Attendees will receive a free SoilSaver bin and pitchfork. Call the Integrated Waste Management Division at (818) 548-3916 or email <u>dhartwell@glendaleca.gov</u> to preregister and for additional workshop details. For questions or more information about recycling and composting, visit <u>glendalerecycle.com</u>.

Friday, July 11 Friday, August 8 Saturday, July 12 Friday, October 3

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