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### MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



*Glendale City Manager*

With the beginning of June, we have the conclusion of the FY 2015-16 budget adoption process. Following two City Council budget study sessions and the Charter-required public hearing, the Council is poised to adopt a \$798 million total budget, featuring a \$183 million General Fund budget. While we continue to wrestle with the State of California over funding owed to the City of Glendale - as confirmed by the courts in recent litigation against the State - I am pleased and proud to state that this year's budget features a \$2.7 million beginning surplus.

It has been nearly ten years since we've been able to say that. Granted, we must remain disciplined and vigilant. Our financial projections indicate minor deficits in coming years until pension cost rate-smoothing takes effect; however, I do believe that we are through the darkness of the Great Recession and into light of a new day. Indeed, the City Council's priority of fiscal responsibility is paying off.

To this end, this year's budget is both familiar and new.

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### Glendale *On The Move*



GTV6's newest episode of *On The Move* is now available! In this episode, we will learn some fun ways to go green, see how to be a water conscious Californian, see some great events coming up in Glendale, and so much more! Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's [YouTube](#) channel for new episodes.

### Special Olympics



Special Olympics  
**WORLD  
GAMES**  
LOS ANGELES 2015

**Host Town**

This summer, Glendale will serve as Host Town for the Special Olympics World Games. The City of Glendale is proud to be one of the 100 communities across Southern California to serve as Host Town for the Special Olympics World Games 2015 in Los Angeles.

Delegations from around the world will be welcomed and celebrated for three days prior to the Opening Ceremony. July 21 - July 24, athletes will get to know Glendale community members, take part in cultural activities, and practice for The Games. Glendale is honored to host 100 athletes with delegations from Armenia, Bonaire and the Dominican Republic.

### Beeline + World Games

structurally comprehensive budget Glendale has seen in many years. Because of the impact of the Recession, we have had to reengineer our operations and staffing. Glendale is today, trimmer and more efficient than any time in the last two decades, yet still able to offer an exceptional quality of life and service profile that is comparable to or exceeds any municipality in the region. This "productivity dividend" has been repurposed into investments in technology - utilizing computerization and automation in areas as diverse as managing the Library's collection, to issuing traffic citations, to conducting fire inspections, to scheduling building counter visits, to reporting data and information to our residents. This, in turn, allows us to better control costs over the long-term and ensure that the programs and services most desired by the community are available.

The FY 2016-17 budget takes stock of the City's costs and liabilities in building, fleet and asset maintenance, technology infrastructure, operational and employment costs, and staffing. If the beginning of wisdom is truly to call things by their right names, then I believe that we have arrived at the intersection of knowledge and ability. That is, we have taken all of the good work that has been done to date to understand the complex challenges ahead of us and we have married them to the policy priority and funding to actually address them in meaningful ways.

At the same time, the City Council has directed that we continue on our program of making strategic investments in our infrastructure. Major GWP projects in power transmission and water distribution, the Public Works Department's initiation of the Chevy Chase sewer diversion to LAGWRP (essentially, pushing more city sewage to our jointly-owned facility with LA versus relying on the Hyperion plant, thus saving money), the construction of the BeeLine Bus Maintenance Facility, the rehabilitation of the Central Library, and the major upgrades of Palmer and



Glendale Beeline, in partnership with Metro, is supporting the Special Olympics this summer by providing free 9-day passes to the volunteers who are helping out at the sports venues all over LA County. Special Olympics organizers will receive regular blue TAP cards with the 9-day calendar-based pass that will be good throughout the Special Olympics event on participating transit agencies, including Glendale Beeline. The Special Olympic volunteers will also receive information on how to use the card, how to access trip planning information and a list of participating transit agencies. Learn more about Glendale Beeline, click [here](#).

## Trail Safety Patrol



The City of Glendale invites you to apply to become a member of the City's volunteer Trail Safety Patrol. The Patrol is made up of three units: the Hike Unit, the Mountain Bike Unit, and the River Unit. TSP members assist Community Services & Parks staff in protecting and maintaining the safety of park and open space visitors. They educate park visitors and trail users about the safe and courteous use of trails and park resources in the Verdugo Mountains, San Rafael Hills, and Deukmejian Wilderness Park. They serve as the "eyes and ears" for Glendale's Police and Fire Departments and observe and report damage to park facilities, unsafe conditions, and police, fire, and medical emergencies. All applicants must participate in an all-day training on Saturday, July 11th, at the Glendale Police Department. Mountain Bike Unit and Hike Unit applicants must also pass an additional skills and stamina test.

If you are interested, please contact Marc Stirdivant, Community Services & Parks Department at (818) 550-4405 or at [mstirdivant@glendaleca.gov](mailto:mstirdivant@glendaleca.gov).

## Cutting Edge of Innovation

Fremont Parks - all in addition to the regular street, sewer, park and water & power maintenance - form a profile of improvements and the protection of community assets.

It is a great time to be in Glendale. As a community in the greater LA region, we will always have plenty of challenges and obstacles to navigate; however, with solid and strong City Council leadership, as well as a supportive community, we have every opportunity to succeed. FY 2015-16 promises to be a tremendous amount of work, but it is also promising in the opportunity it brings to continue building the premiere community in Southern California.

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### Economic Indicators



As of May 2015, economic indicators for the City of Glendale continues to demonstrate steady growth. A strong housing market with robust home improvement-related spending evidences the trend. Compared to the 4th quarter of last year, spending on home improvement-related goods has increased dramatically. The boom is likely a result of new downtown resident shopping, while older homes are being upgraded to sustain increased value. Glendale's Class A office occupancy achieved par with region, a considerable improvement from a year ago. Unemployment in Glendale has been on a steady decline. Over the past year, the rate dropped a full percentage point from the prior year as it has in many areas of Los Angeles County. See the chart [here](#).

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The Library, Arts & Culture Department is pleased to announce the launch of a new Integrated Library System to serve circulation and collection management needs. An Integrated Library System is a library catalog that includes seamless searching for everything at once--books, eBooks, audio visual materials, and articles in our subscription databases. A future release will include an eCommerce feature. Learn more [here](#).

### Call for Artists: Works on Paper

The [Brand Associates](#) will sponsor the 43rd Annual Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper and is now accepting submissions from artists. Awards total over \$4,000 in cash, with one purchase award, plus inclusion in the printed catalog. Our juror this year is [Kent Twitchell](#), a muralist and grand scale artist whose larger-than-life portraits are iconic in Los Angeles and beyond. Twitchell's dedication to public art and artists makes him a natural fit at the Brand Library & Art Center. **Deadline for submission is June 17.** Click [here](#) to learn more.

### Art at the Gas Station



The Glendale Arts & Culture Commission is pleased to sponsor the first in a series of art exhibitions at the Adams Square Gas Station June 13 - July 17. LUX, an integrated design and fabrication practice will show their mixed-media sculpture, Helio Forma. LUX calls their installation a metaphor for gas and oil with a sculptural material study of different plastics. Learn more [here](#).

### Sidewalk CPR

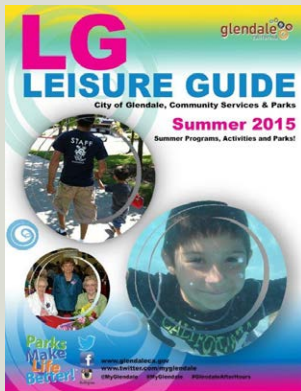
## Summer Performance Series



Enjoy summer concerts on the Brand Library Plaza, every Friday night June through August at 7:00 pm. This series is supported by the City of Glendale and Glendale Arts & Culture Commission with funding from the Urban Art Program and the Brand Associates. Learn more [here](#).

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## Leisure Guide



The Summer Leisure Guide is now available! Look inside for a variety of summer programs for all ages and interests. Youth activities include day camps, aquatics, 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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The Glendale Fire Department will provide free hands-only CPR training on Sidewalk CPR Day, on Thursday, June 4, at the Glendale Galleria from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm as one of over 90 sites across Los Angeles County. Last year, more than 17,000 people in Southern California learned how to save a life in just five minutes with a quick lesson from local firefighters and medical professionals. Visit the Glendale Fire Department on Sidewalk CPR Day to learn a new valuable life-saving skill.

## Bulb and Battery Disposal

Residents can drop off household fluorescent light bulbs and small used batteries at any [Glendale fire station](#). The items collected at the stations will be transferred to the Glendale Fire Department Environmental Management Center (EMC) for proper disposal. Only fluorescent light bulbs and small batteries can be dropped off at the stations. All other household hazardous waste products, such as paint, must be taken to the EMC during the household hazardous waste collection events held every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm located at 780 Flower Street. To learn more, please visit [www.glendalefire.org](http://www.glendalefire.org)

## Firefighters Walk in Fashion



More than two dozen Glendale firefighters will shed their uniforms to model the latest men's fashions at the 2nd annual **Glendale Firefighters Walk in Fashion Show on Saturday, June 6 at 1:00 pm**. Held at the Glendale Galleria, the fashion event benefits the Glendale Fire Foundation. All models will be exclusively dressed by luxury retailer Bloomingdales. The *Glendale Firefighters Walk in Fashion* is more than a fashion show. The entire fashion event is a way for the community to show its appreciation by shopping and donating to the firefighters who help protect the city while facing danger battling fires and assisting those in need. After the show, Bloomingdale's will host an in-store shopping event featuring a variety of exciting activities and a special appearance for kids by Sparky the Dog. Bloomingdales will donate 10% of all tracked, storewide purchases made between 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. To learn more, please visit [www.glendalefire.org](http://www.glendalefire.org).

## Glendale Recognized for Excellence in Green Region Initiative

## Glendale Boards, Commissions, and Committees

The Office of the City Clerk is currently accepting applications for various Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Those interested in applying for vacancies may download, complete, and print an application form [online or in person](#). The following Boards, Commissions, and Committees are currently accepting applications:

- Arts & Culture Commission
- Audit Committee
- Building & Fire Board of Appeals
- CDBG Advisory Committee
- Civil Service Commission
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Design Review Board
- Glendale Water & Power Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Parks, Recreation & Community Services
- Planning Commission
- Transportation and Parking Commission

Learn more [here](#).

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## CALENDAR

**June 4 - Sidewalk CPR, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
*Glendale Galleria, Central Entrance near 9021Pho*  
 Learn this valuable lifesaving skill with Glendale Firefighters. [Learn more here](#).

**June 5 - Concert Series: Tikiyaki Orchestra, 7:00 pm**  
*Brand Library Plaza 1601 West Mountain Street*  
 Enjoy a summer evening on the Brand Plaza for an intimate musical performance. The Tikiyaki Orchestra has been wowing audiences since 2008 with their own brand of Exotic Lounge music and unique and charismatic showmanship. [Learn more here](#).

**June 6 - Firefighters Walk in Fashion, 1:00 pm**  
*Glendale Galleria, Bloomingdales Wing*  
 More than two dozen Glendale firefighters will shed their uniforms to model the latest men's fashions to benefit the



The City of Glendale's *Greener Glendale Plan* has been awarded the "Excellence in Green Region Initiative" by the [Southern California Association of Governments \(SCAG\)](#). SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization. It undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to encourage a more sustainable Southern California now and in the future.

SCAG recognized the *Greener Glendale Plan* because it comprehensively addresses sustainability in Glendale, was developed with input and high participation from the community and all City Departments, and because it is being actively implemented through other City policy documents such as the [North Glendale Community Plan](#), [Housing Element](#), and South Glendale Community Plan. Learn more [here](#).

## Cruise Night Vehicle Registration



We are pleased to announce the 22nd anniversary of our annual Cruise Night Event. This year's **Cruise Night** will be held on **Saturday, July 18 on Brand Boulevard from 5:30 - 10:30 pm**. This event is free for all ages. Come out and see what one of Southern California's largest car shows has to offer.

Approximately 400 Pre-1980 cars will be on display and participating in the event. This year's live entertainment line-up includes: Jumping Jack Flash-Tribute to The Stones, Smooth...Sounds of Santana, and The Chantays. Learn more and register your vehicle [here](#).

## Door-to-Door Solicitors

One of the most frequent consumer scams is the door-to-door scam. While some solicitors are legitimate, others may have criminal motives such as burglary or theft. When someone solicits you at home, you should be

Glendale Fire Foundation.  
Learn more [here](#).

**June 12 - Concert Series: City of Angels Saxophone Quartet, 7:00 pm**  
*Brand Library Plaza*  
1601 West Mountain Street  
Enjoy a summer evening on the Brand Plaza for an intimate musical performance. Now entering its 25th season, the City of Angels Saxophone Quartet enjoys introducing new audiences to the expressive musical potential of four saxophones performing chamber music.  
Learn more [here](#).

**June 13 - Riverwalk Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
*Glendale Narrows Riverwalk*  
300 Paula Avenue  
Join the Parks & Open Space Foundation for a morning of weeding the landscaped areas along the Riverwalk pedestrian and bicycle path. Please bring gloves, hand clippers, water, and a hat.  
Learn more [here](#).

**June 13 - Friends Book Sale, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
*Central Library*  
222 East Harvard Street  
Pick up used books at low prices and help support the Friends of the Library.

**June 19 - Concert Series: Neptune Cocktail, 7:00 pm**  
*Brand Library Plaza*  
1601 West Mountain Street  
Enjoy a summer evening on the Brand Plaza for an intimate musical performance. Neptune Cocktail is an instrumental surf band featuring tunes first performed by Southern California's trail blazing groups of the early 1960s.  
Learn more [here](#).

**June 20 - Wilderness Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
*Deukmejian Wilderness Park*  
3429 Markridge Road  
Join us for a morning of weeding along the trails of Deukmejian Park. This event is perfect for community organizations, church groups, and students needing community services hours. Please wear long sleeves, long pants, and bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat.  
Learn more [here](#).

**June 26 - Concert Series:**

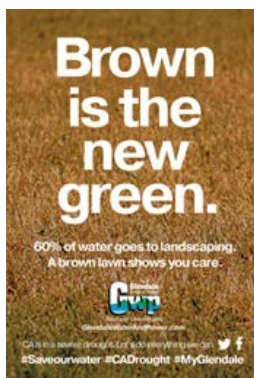


extremely careful and follow these guidelines.

- When someone knocks on your door, acknowledge you are home.
- If a person is trying to sell you something, he/she must have a commercial solicitation license issued by the City of Glendale Community Development Department. Ask to see the permit and make sure the dates are current. Possession of a commercial solicitation license does not mean the city endorses the product being sold.
- At no time should you let a solicitor into your home. Not even to use the phone.
- If you don't feel comfortable giving the solicitor any money DON'T! Do not let anyone "guilt" you into giving them money or buying their product.
- Do not believe stories such as, "I live in your neighborhood," or "My car is broken down just around the corner," etc. If you do not recognize the person as one of your neighbors, he/she is probably not. If their car is truly broken down, offer to call them a tow truck.
- Call your neighbors and warn them to watch out for suspicious activity.
- Look for suspicious behavior such as looking into car windows, testing doors and locks, or entering into back yards.

Many more tips are offered [here](#). If you observe suspicious activity, call the police department immediately. Call 9-1-1 or 818-548-4911. If you have questions relating to door-to-door soliciting permits, please contact the City of Glendale Community Development Department at 818-937-8300.

## Please Keep Conserving!



We appreciate all that our residents have done up to this point to conserve water, and we urge you to keep conserving and changing habits that lead to more conservation.

Glendale is in Phase III of our Mandatory Water Conservation Ordinance. **Customers can only water their landscapes on Tuesdays and Saturdays for no more than 10 minutes per watering station.**

Properly watering your landscape is one of the easiest ways you can save water. Do a weekly check on your sprinklers, to see if they are watering the landscape

and not the sidewalk, walkways or streets. Many times sprinkler heads are moved, or the direction of the spray is altered due to water pressure changes or lawnmowers. A simple check each week will help solve this common problem and will save you over 500 gallons a month!

Allow the grass to grow 3-3 ½ inches tall. Taller grass encourages deeper root growth and shades the soil from moisture loss. Also, consider installing a Drip Irrigation system to water plants and shrubs. Drip irrigation systems use approximately 50% less water than conventional watering techniques. Water from drip irrigation is less likely to evaporate before reaching plants because the water is directly applied to the plants' roots.

For tips and water conservation information, visit the following sites: [GlendaleWaterAndPower.com](http://GlendaleWaterAndPower.com), [Saveourwater.com](http://Saveourwater.com), [Bewaterwise.com](http://Bewaterwise.com)

Wendy Sue Hunt with Bill Elmer, 7:00 pm  
Brand Library Plaza  
1601 West Mountain Street

Wendy Hunt is a singer-songwriter who creates an intimate space through song, music, her expressive voice and unique style. Her music reflects the bluegrass, folk, and country of her childhood as well as the jazz and blues she came to love.

Learn more [here](#).

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

## Summer Employment & Leadership



The Glendale Youth Alliance is excited to announce a new pilot enterprise program, which will launch this summer. Previously, GYA programs predominantly served low-income, disadvantaged youth. This five week leadership program will give youth, that would otherwise not qualify for GYA programs, an opportunity to gain meaningful career development and employment during the summer months. Youth will receive training, intense case management and 80 hours of paid work experience at a worksite based on individual career interests.

Tuition is \$1,500 of which \$900 (60%) will go directly to youth wages and fringe benefits. The remaining \$600 pays for training & operational costs, which include: resume preparation, interview skills, workplace etiquette, career exploration & leadership development.

To qualify, youth must be 15 -18 years of age, have legal right to work documents & obtain a work permit. A \$150 deposit will be required at the time of registration and \$1,500 tuition must be paid in full by July 1, 2015. Deadline to apply is June 15, 2015. Learn more [here](#) or call (818) 937-8073.

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