



November 2014

MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



Glendale City Manager

T'is the season for thanks. So thank you.

Thank you to the Glendale City Council and the community of Glendale. Serving this community is the highlight of my career and the job I always wanted. This is a forward-leaning and forward-looking community; and though it is sometimes easy to forget precisely how abundant our good fortune is - excellent public safety and public services, strong capital infrastructure, stable and secure finances - the undercurrent of community support is uninterrupted. Our residents love their community and the vast majority of them endorse the direction we are headed. The credit for this vision and leadership goes to the City Council. They consistently and honestly address the issues with the interest of the entire community in mind, as opposed to their own political prospects. They don't always reach an agreement; but when they disagree agreeably, I can honestly say that pound-for-pound they are among the best elected officials in the State.

Thank you to our employees.

GALA, Glendale Area Loves Art!



GALA Exhibits feature emerging and established artists through a series of exhibitions in temporarily available spaces and empty storefronts. GALA Exhibits is a curatorial project supported by the City of Glendale and the Glendale Arts & Culture Commission, with funding from the Urban Art Program. *Worlds Scoop Their Arcs* by Sharon Suhovy and *Charm(s)* by Mavis Leahy, Gloria Newton and Toti M. O'Brien will be on view November 15 through December 10. The displays will be in the 127 and 131 North Maryland Avenue storefronts with an Open House on Saturday, November 15 at 5:00 pm. To learn more about the program, click [here](#).

Beyond the Box



The Montrose Area was recently made a little more colorful with the help of 11 local artists. The Arts & Culture Commission sponsored the painting of utility boxes along Honolulu Avenue as part of their [Beyond the Box](#) utility box mural project. Check out the newly painted boxes in person with this [helpful map](#).

Glendale On The Move

Like every other organization, the City of Glendale had to weather the Great Recession. This historic storm battered our employees and tested our relationships; however, there is so much pride within our organization and so much resourcefulness among our people that service to our customers hardly suffered. It is the mission of the City of Glendale to deliver exceptional customer service through precision execution and innovative leadership. Our employees made this mission possible, and have even found ways to thrive despite considerable obstacles.

Thank you to my colleagues. The bonds that grow and flourish amid adversity and struggle are the strongest. Our employees are well led by our expert, innovative, and resilient team of department heads. In a relatively short amount of time we have forged trust, expectations, and a culture of accountability that translates into achievement and commitment to the wellbeing of both the people we serve and the people we serve alongside. Work is hard but it is greatly fulfilling due to the good humor, humility, and dedication of some amazing servant leaders.

Thank you to my family and friends. Leadership can be a lonely business. That said, nobody likes whiners and we all knew that job was dangerous when we took it (to paraphrase the iconic hero, "Super Chicken"). It is easy for any of us to feel emotionally drained and frustrated. In such times, it is critically important to draw upon the healing power of laughter and, particularly, laughter among family and friends. The beauty of long-term relationships is that they serve as a time machine of sorts, wherein a passing reference, a fragrance or aroma, a song lyric, or even an arched eyebrow, can transport you to a different context and/or moment in time, years or even decades past. Laughter is truly a universal language and it can make strangers into friends, and friends into family.

Thank you to you all; and to you all I offer my heartfelt and warm thanks and blessings as we approach the holiday season!

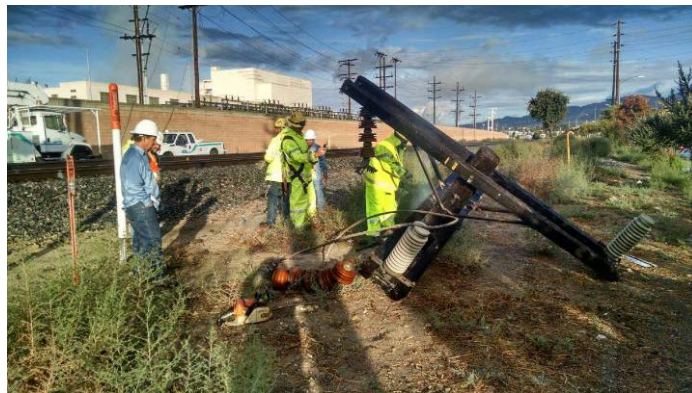
CALENDAR

November 5 - Water



GTV6's newest episode of *On The Move* is now available! November's episode features the Walktober event with Glendale's school kids, Permit Services' new online appointment system, ideas on where to find that perfect gift, tips to keep you and your family safe during the holidays, and some fun upcoming events and announcements. Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's [YouTube](#) channel for new programming.

Photo of the Month



On November 1, lightning struck a power pole near San Fernando Road. Glendale Water & Power crews worked quickly to restore power to the surrounding neighborhoods.

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.



As the holiday season approaches and gift purchasing ensues, the Glendale Police Department would like to remind everyone to **Hide**

Conservation Workshop (presented in Armenian), 10:00 am
Central Library Auditorium
 222 East Harvard Street
 Representatives from Glendale Water & Power will discuss programs available to conserve water and save money.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 5 - Free Housing Rights Workshop, 5:30-7:30 pm
Pacific Community Center
 501 South Pacific Avenue
 The City of Glendale and Housing Rights Center will host a free housing rights workshop. This meeting will provide information on landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities, fair housing laws, and what to do if you are a victim of housing discrimination.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 6 - A Photographic Journey of My Homeland, Armenia, 7:00 pm
Adult Recreation Center
 201 Colorado Street
 Vahe Peroomian will discuss his new book of photographic essays from his travels and experiences in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 6 - Film Screening of Eames, the Architect and the Painter, 7:00 pm
Brand Library & Art Center Recital Hall
 1601 West Mountain Street
 A stunning documentary on husband-and-wife team Charles and Ray Eames, among America's most influential industrial designers. Sponsored by the Brand Associates.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 8 - 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](#).

November 8 - Mayor's Bike Ride, 10:00 am
Glendale City Hall
 613 East Broadway
 Mayor Sinanyan will join Walk Bike Glendale and the Friends of the Los Angeles River on a ride from Glendale City Hall to Glendale Narrows Riverwalk.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 8 - Mobile Technology Workshop, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Central Library, Upstairs Conference Room
 222 East Harvard Street
 Library staff will teach you how

It. Lock It. Keep It. Glendale is a prime shopping destination with the Americana, Galleria, downtown merchants, Montrose Shopping Park, and many other destinations. 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](#).

Thanksgiving Safety



November 27 is a day spent giving thanks, but for many, it is a day when disaster strikes. Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for kitchen fires. To prevent fires in your home, never leave food unattended while cooking and always keep children and animals out of the kitchen. Turn pot holders toward 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. The Glendale Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. To learn more about cooking safety, please visit [GlendaleFire.org](#) and follow [@GlendaleCAFire](#) on Twitter.

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 of Love Campaign hosted by the Glendale Fire Department. Collection boxes will be located at each of the [nine fire stations](#) starting Monday, November 24. If you need assistance this holiday season, please visit [GlendaleFire.org](#) to learn how you can participate in the Spark of Love program.

Glendale Lifeguards Save Patron

to download free eBooks and use other library services on a smart device. Bring your own device or use one of the Library's iPads. Seating is limited.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 8 - Galleria Storytime, 10:30 - 11:30 am
Glendale Galleria (outside Kitson in Bloomingdale's Wing) 100 West Broadway
 Glendale Children's Librarians will provide popular storytime programs for children 10 and younger.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 8 - What's Fair About Fair Use and Copyright?, 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Central Library Auditorium 222 East Harvard Street
 Doculink, an online, all-volunteer, grassroots network of over 3,000 documentary filmmakers around the world, will discuss Fair Use and Copyright law affecting documentary filmmaking and online video creators. Art Neill of New Media Rights will speak about Fair Use Footage in documentary filmmaking.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 9 - Glendale Collects, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
 This Brand Associates event is held in the private home of a Glendale art collector. Proceeds will support the purchase and installation of state of the art sound and projection equipment for the Brand Library Recital Hall.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 11 - Holiday Closure
 All City offices and Library branches will be closed Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day. Regular business hours resume Wednesday, November 12.

November 12 - Spanish Language Book Club, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Central Library, Upstairs Conference Room 222 East Harvard Street
 This month the club will read and discuss *The Skin of the Sky* by Elena Poniatowska.

November 12 - Booked Solid: Adult Book Club, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Central Library, Special Collections Room



On October 15 the Pacific Pool Lifeguard Staff was recognized by the Glendale Fire Department for outstanding performance at the pool on Friday, June 13. Several members of the Lifeguard Team had pulled a drowning victim from the pool and initiated resuscitation efforts. The rest of the Lifeguard Team immediately cleared the pool of over 100 bystanders and swimmers until Fire Department resources arrived. The patient was able to walk out of the hospital a few days later thanks to the lifesaving efforts of the lifeguards.

The Glendale Fire Department recognized the following lifeguard staff for their efforts on Friday, June 13: David Bazikian, Brianna Georgia, Emile Giragosyan, Vartan Shahnazarian, Carmen Cerna, Lital Ganon, Gamar Mirzakhanian, Jeremy Montoya, Katren Ter-Oganesyan, Ariel Pasion, Daryoush Rahimi, and Jose Rodriguez. They received Letters of Appreciation, Fire Chief's Commendations, and Unit Citations for their efforts.

Affordable Housing Opportunity for Veterans



In advance of Veteran's Day, the Housing Authority of the City of Glendale would like to highlight its efforts and announce its newest opportunity towards providing affordable housing for lower income veterans. Recently, the Glendale Housing Authority celebrated the completion of Cypress Senior Living, an approximate \$5 million acquisition and rehabilitation project. Six of the 17 units were reserved for lower income senior veterans. The [profile](#) of Cypress Senior Living provides details of the project and highlights the service and lives of two of the veterans residing there.

[Veterans Village](#) is Glendale's newest affordable housing project expected to be completed in June 2015. The project is reserved for lower income family households, with a preference for veteran families. The Glendale Housing Authority contributed a total of

222 East Harvard Street
 This month the club will read and discuss *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks.

November 13 - One Book / One Glendale...For Younger Readers, 7:00 pm
Central Library Auditorium
 222 East Harvard Street
 Meet Stuart Gibbs, the author of *Spy School*, *Belly Up*, *Poached*, *Spy Camp*, *Evil Spy School*, and *Space Case*. Stuart will sign his books following his talk. There will be additional copies of the books for sale.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 15 - Deukmejian Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
 3429 Markridge Road
 Volunteer to help maintain Deukmejian's hiking trails by watering and weeding.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 15 - Front Porch Book Sale, 9:00 am
Central Library
 222 East Harvard Street
 Pick up great used books at a great low price and support the Friends of the Library.

November 15 - GALA Exhibits, Glendale Area Loves Art Open House, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
 127 and 131 North Maryland Avenue
 See story above or click [here](#) for more information.

November 15 - In Light Of Shadows, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Brand Library Art Galleries
 1601 West Mountain Street
 Opening Reception. Works by M. Helsenrott Hochhauser, Amelia Layton, John David O'Brien, Gregory Walker, and Mark Woods will be on view through January 16.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 20 - Community Meeting regarding Council Districts, 6:00 pm
Glendale Police Department
 131 North Isabel Street
 The Glendale City Clerk's Office will host an informational meeting on council districts.
 Learn more [here](#).

November 22 - Used Furniture and Furnishings Sale, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Central Library Auditorium
 222 East Harvard Street
 Pick up used chairs, tables, couches, magazine racks, books, office supplies and support Glendale libraries.

November 22 - Galleria Storytime, 10:30 - 11:30 am
Glendale Galleria (outside Kitson in Bloomingdale's Wing)
 100 West Broadway

approximately \$6.8 million of the project's approximately \$20.4 million for development and permanent loan financing. The project consists of 44 units, a mix of 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms. Housing applications for Veterans Village will be available from November 4 - November 26. Learn more [here](#).

Rebates for Efficient Appliances and Home Improvements



Getting home improvement and appliance rebates has never been easier. Glendale Water & Power's Smart Home Energy and Water Saving Rebate Program helps customers save money on energy and water bills by offering online rebates on eligible products. [Click here](#) to see what qualifies for a rebate and how to apply on the GWP [website](#) to receive the credit on your GWP bill.

Mandatory Water Conservation



As the weather cools down, lawns and plants do not need as much water. As part of Mandatory Water Conservation, remember to set your sprinkler to water the landscape only Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for 10 minutes or less at each watering station. Remember to turn off sprinklers a few days before rain and keep them off at least three days after. To test when your lawn needs water, step on the grass, if the grass springs back, it does not need to be watered.

Customers can anonymously report water waste by calling GWP's water waste hotline at (818) 550-4426 or submit an online form on GWP's [website](#). For tips and water conservation information, visit the following sites: [saveourh2o.org](#), [GlendaleWaterAndPower.com](#), [Bewaterwise.com](#).

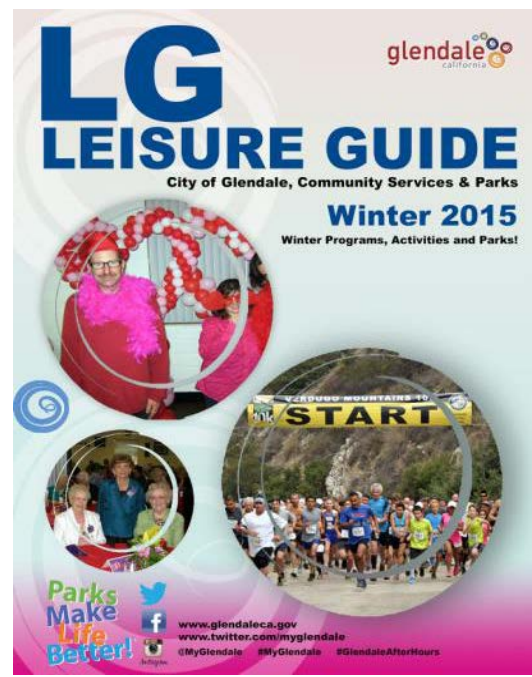
New! Winter Leisure Guide

Glendale Children's Librarians will provide popular storytime programs for children 10 and younger. [Learn more here.](#)

November 23 - Arpa y Aulos, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
1020 North Brand Boulevard
The Arts & Culture Commission presents Arpa y Aulos, inspired by two of the most ancient instruments, the lyre and the aulos. This is part of the Commission's Performance Series. [Learn more here.](#)

November 27 - 30 - Holiday Closures
All City offices and library branches will be closed Thursday, November 27 through Sunday, November 30 in observance of Thanksgiving. All Library branches will close early on Wednesday, November 26 at 5:00 pm.

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



Glendale's Leisure Guide includes a variety of winter programs and day camps for all ages and interests. Youth activities include a number of sports, fitness, dance, and art classes at Glendale's various community centers. Adult programs include arts and special interest classes, wellness classes, and exercise classes for all skill levels. Senior adult programs include ongoing recreation programs, instructional classes, and special holiday celebrations. Case management services and nutritional meal programs are also available. To see the full guide, click [here](#).

Thanksgiving Food Drive for Homebound Seniors

Help Glendale's homebound seniors this Thanksgiving season by participating in the City's "Get Creative Campaign." Employees in all departments will decorate plain white paper bags and fill them with non-perishable food items. The Human Services Section was able to give 120 bags to the needy last year and aims to make 2014 an even bigger success! Please drop off canned food donations through November 21 to the Adult Recreation Center. For details, please contact John Maghaguian at (818) 548-3774.

Holiday Tree Lighting



On December 3, join the City of Glendale for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 pm. Enjoy performances by Horace Mann Elementary School Chorus and the Nestle Choir and a very special visit from Santa Claus at 613 East Broadway. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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