

MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA

Glendale City Manager

It's already April!!! What does that mean? It's time for spring cleaning. ((And by that, I don't mean spraying everything with Febreze) Unless, of course, your spouse is not watching and you think you can get away with it because it is terribly important that you watch the Dodgers take the field for the first game of the season...but I digress...)).

When you spring clean your house, you take stock of what you have, get rid of things you don't need, organize what is left, and clear space to bring in new things. This means getting rid of stuff that no longer works for you, updating the way you do things, and freeing up some space for new and exciting opportunities. But, spring cleaning doesn't only apply to the reorganization of your home; it applies to all aspects of your life, as well as, the functions of the City.

Change takes action. Last month, I wrote to you about the completion of the 2016 Citizen Satisfaction Survey we conducted to better understand the community's views on core services provided by the City.

The State of Our City



On March 31, 2016, Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian presided over a packed house at the Glendale Hilton and delivered the annual State of the City address. His speech touched upon economic vibrancy, affordable housing, infrastructure improvement projects, recreational programs, departmental accolades, and citizen satisfaction. He also addressed upcoming challenges Glendale will be facing in the near future.

To see Mayor Najarian's presentation, please click here.

Get Out & Vote! Tuesday, June 7 is Election Day



As we gear up for the upcoming Presidential Primary Election on **Tuesday, June 7, 2016**, the City Clerk's office would like to remind Glendale voters of a special addition to the ballot that only affects Glendale voters. When you go to the polls this June, you will be able to express your opinion on a very important issue - <u>Ballot Measure N</u>. For more information on what this ballot measure proposes and what your vote can mean, please click <u>here</u>.

Be sure that you are registered and eligible to vote in this upcoming election. To check your status, please click <u>here</u>. If you're not

This month, I'd like to ask all of the dedicated readers of our newsletter for their input and thoughts and seek your participation in Citizen Satisfaction Survey Focus Groups.

In order for all of our Departments to meet expectations for the quality of life and services enjoyed by residents, businesses and visitors, we must periodically evaluate and receive feedback from Glendale (success stories as well as opportunities for improvement); and in turn, utilize that information to make adjustments and ensure that we are continuing to deliver the quality services that make Glendale the best municipality in the State.

If you are interested in being involved in our "spring cleaning" efforts and provide useful insights and information to amplify the response we received to the 2016 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to express your interest. Whether you are here to live, work or play, we'd like to hear from you!

Based on these responses, we will assemble a handful of focus groups that reflect a broad cross-section of Glendale stakeholders. Please be advised that focus group meetings may take place on a weekend or evening, and the sessions will be facilitated (and feature translators, if necessary). If you ultimately are not selected for a focus group meeting, but still want to give your opinion/insight on issues, City staff will provide you with a questionnaire and ask you to return it via email.

Because one of the City Council's priorities is to have an engaged and informed citizenry, we want and need your participation. Remember, you can always record the Dodger game!!!

CALENDAR

April 16 through June 11 -Armenia: An Open Wound Brand Library & Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street An interactive experience illustrating early Armenian culture and Armenian livelihoods on their ancestral lands that provides viewers a deeper insight into the events which lead to the 1915 registered, the deadline is May 23. If you'd like to vote-by-mail, you can do so by requesting a vote-by-mail ballot starting on May 9. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is May 31.

If you have questions or would like additional information about Glendale elections, click <u>here_or</u> call (818) 548-4000.

Remember, voting is one of our most important civic duties and we want to hear from our residents on June 7. Vote and make your voice heard!

Glendale On The Move



GTV6's newest episode of <u>On The Move</u> is now available! In this episode, get an overview of the Police Department, see what Metro is bringing to your community, learn more about the Library's services, the Glendale Beeline, the Verdugo Jobs Center, and so much more! Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's <u>YouTube</u> channel for new episodes.

Watch each segment here:







Work Boot Tuesday: April 19

Armenian Genocide. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 2 - Herps of the San Gabriel Mountains, 9:00 am -12:00 pm Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Road An educational one hour presentation and a two hour hike with Chris DeGroof (and some of his "herp" friends) from Southwestern Herpetologists Society. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 4 - Parenting Workshop: Secrets of the Teen Brain, 7:00 pm Pacific Park Library

501 South Pacific Avenue Armenian Mesrobian School Principal, David Ghoogasian, presents a program on understanding how the adolescent mind develops. Learn more <u>here</u>.

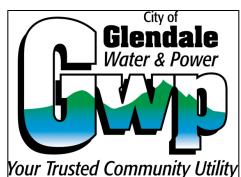
April 9 - Wilderness Workday: Just What the Doctor Ordered, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Road Enjoy the peaceful task of tree watering, or the fulfilment found through invasive weed removal. Learn more here.

April 9 - Teen Advisory Group: Community Service Hours, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm *Casa Verdugo Library 1151 North Brand Boulevard* Earn community service hours by getting involved with library projects and planning teen programs. No registration required. Ages 13+. Attendance counts for two hours of volunteer credit! Learn more here.

April 9 - Music Animated with Chazz Rossi, 2:00 pm Brand Library and Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street Chazz Rossi will bring African djembes for a drum circle with the kids! Chazz is a dynamic and exciting performer with years of experience delighting and inspiring young audiences. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 9 - Barks & Books: Chance, 2:00 pm Central Library Children's Room 222 East Harvard Street Children can read to a dog (and their human volunteers) at Library, Arts & Culture locations through a unique partnership with the Pasadena Humane Society. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 10 through April 16 -National Library Week Celebrate our favorite



In an effort to provide more outreach to the community, as well as edify the City Council about significant public service and infrastructure efforts underway, "Work Boot Tuesday" will occur once a month, in lieu of the City Council's customary afternoon session.

On Tuesday, April 19 at 3:00 pm, join the Glendale City Council for a "Work Boot" meeting featuring the Glendale Water and Power Department - Water System. The meeting will convene at the City Council Chambers located at 613 E. Broadway, where there will be an overview of the tour, followed by bus transportations to the Chevy Chase Reservoir, the James Rez Station, the Kenneth/Ben Lomong Main Replacement Project, the Chrome 6 treatment facility, and the water delivery system at Utility Operations Center. Please wear comfortable shoes. For more information, please click <u>here</u>.

We'd Like to Hear From You!

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The Community Development Department - Ubran Design & Mobility Section would like to hear from you! If you are interested in participating in the Pedestrian Safety survey, please click <u>here</u>.

Brand Library Recognized by the LA Conservancy

"holiday" all week long with Where's Waldo activities for children and Fine Free Week for everyone. Return those overdue Glendale Library Arts and Culture materials and your late fines will be waived during this week. Lost items and items borrowed from Pasadena Libraries cannot be waived. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 11 - The Beat Buds Live Music, 5:00 pm Library Connection @ Adams Square Kick off National Library Week with some rockin' tunes for all ages! Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 12 - Booked Solid, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm *Casa Verdugo Library 1151 North Brand Boulevard* This month the Club will read and discuss Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End, by Atul Gawande. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 13 - Barks & Books: Chloe, 3:00 pm Pacific Park Library 501 South Pacific Avenue Children can read to a dog (and their human volunteers) at Library, Arts & Culture locations through a unique partnership with the Pasadena Humane Society. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 13 - Graphic Novel Book Club, 3:00 pm

Pacific Park Library 501 South Pacific Avenue Read a book from the Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi at home and join us for a group discussion. Afterwards students can work on their own graphic novel. Library staff will be available to provide helpful drawing tips. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 13 - Parenting Workshop: Suicide Prevention, 6:00 pm Library Connection @ Adams Square 1100 East Chevy Chase Drive

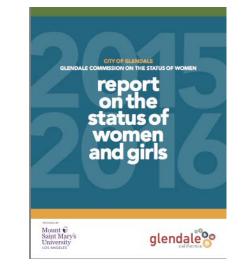
Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth ages 15 to 24! Know the risk factors, warning signs, and get the tools



The completed Brand Library and Art Center project is being honored with a 2016 Los Angeles Conservancy Award, an annual award recognizing the preservation of buildings with immense historical and cultural significance.

Brand Library was one of eight restoration projects to receive the 2016 Los Angeles Conservancy Award distinction. View the award listing <u>here</u>. To learn more about the project, please click <u>here</u>.

2015-2016 Report on the Status of Women and Girls



The City of Glendale Commission on the Status of Women, in partnership with Mount Saint Mary's University, has produced the <u>2015-16 Report on the Status of Women and Girls</u>. This report assesses the latest data and trends making an impact on the lives of more than 108,000 women and girls who make up more than half of Glendale's population.

To view the full report, please click here.

Any organization interested in having the Commission present the findings of this report to their group may contact the Commission on the Status of Women at (818) 548-4844 or women@glendaleca.gov.

Fire Log (No Pun Intended!)

you need to assist your child. Presented by Dr. Ilin Magran, Glendale Unified School District Student Support Services. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 14 - Housing Rights Workshop for Renters, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pacific Community Center 501 South Pacific Avenue Come learn about legal rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 14 - Fiscal Literacy: Talking Cash, 6:30 pm Library Connection @ Adams Square

1100 East Chevy Chase Drive Exploring our relationship to money, making the topic less scary and more understandable, finding a balance between spending and saving. Part of an 8-week series on Fiscal Literacy. Learn more and register by calling 818-548-3833.

April 16 - A Riverwalk Park Maintenance Volunteer Workday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm *Glendale Narrows Riverwalk 300 Paula Avenue* Join us for a special morning on the river as the City of Glendale plays host for the Friends of the Los Angeles River's 27th Annual Great Los Angeles River CleanUp. Learn more here.

April 16 - Teen Advisory Group: Community Service Hours, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm *Casa Verdugo Library 1151 North Brand Boulevard* Earn community service hours by getting involved with library projects and planning teen programs. No registration required. Ages 13+. Attendance counts for two hours of volunteer credit! Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 16 - Armenia: An Open Wound: Opening Ceremony, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Brand Library and Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street A robust slate of programs will complement the exhibition including lectures, discussion panels, films, musical performances and more. All events are free and open to the public.

Learn more here.

April 18 - California Sibling Leadership Network Meetup, 6:00 pm Pacific Park Library 501 South Pacific Avenue The California Sibling



A sneak peek into the work of the Glendale Fire Department

Monday, February 29, 2016 at 11:03 am

Responded to a hazardous material release located at 1500 N. Verdugo Boulevard.

Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 10:15 pm

Responded to a hazardous material release located at 107 West Dryden Street.

Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 7:45 pm

Responded to a report of three hikers stranded on the hillside above Brand Park located at 1601 W. Mountain Street.

For additional details about each response, please click here.

Cruise Night Vehicle Registration



We are pleased to announce the 23rd anniversary of our annual Cruise Night Event. This year's Cruise Night will be held on **Saturday**, **July 16 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. The event will include live entertainment, trophies, a fireworks show, and family fun and activities! Learn more and register your vehicle <u>here</u>.

Glendale Police Department's Newest K-9 Member

The Glendale Police Department congratulates Officer Matt Wilson and his new K-9 partner "Duke" on their successful completion of a rigorous training course and certification. Duke is a 21-month-old Malherder from Hungary. This breed is part Belgian Malinois and part German Shepherd. Officer Wilson and Duke successfully passed the California P.O.S.T. Leadership Network Monthly Meetup is for adult siblings of brothers and sisters with special needs. Sponsored by Lanterman Regional Center. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 19 - Barks & Books: Woodrow & McEnroe, 3:00 pm Montrose Library 2465 Honolulu Avenue Children can read to a dog (and their human volunteers) at Library, Arts & Culture locations through a unique partnership with the Pasadena Humane Society. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 19 - Armenian Parent Support Group, 6:30 pm Library Connection @ Adams Square 1100 East Chevy Chase Drive Sponsored by Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 20 - Graphic Novel Book Club, 3:00 pm Pacific Park Library 501 South Pacific Avenue Read a book from the Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi at home and join us for a group discussion. Afterwards students can work on their own graphic novel. Library staff will be available to provide helpful drawing tips. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 20 - Barks & Books: Chloe, 3:00 pm Library Connection @ Adams Square 1100 East Chevy Chase Drive Children can read to a dog (and their human volunteers) at Library, Arts & Culture locations through a unique partnership with the Pasadena Humane Society.

Learn more here.

April 20 - Teen Advisory Group: Community Service Hours, 4:00 pm *Central Library* 222 East Harvard Street Attendance counts for two hours of volunteer credit. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 21 - Teen Advisory Group: Community Service Hours, 4:00 pm Montrose Library 2465 Honolulu Avenue Attendance counts for two hours of volunteer credit. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 21 - Armenia: An Open

requirements and are assigned to Patrol. In the future, K-9 Duke will also be cross-trained in narcotics detection.

We would like to thank the Glendale Police Foundation for all their support and funding the purchase and training of our newest partner, Duke. For additional information about the Police Department, please click <u>here</u>.



Earth Day



Earth Day is an annual reminder to appreciate what Mother Nature has to offer, and serves as an opportunity to learn how we can help preserve her beauty. Celebrate the day with us on Saturday, April 30 from 10 am-2 pm at Central Park. This funfilled, family event will have kids' activities including a rock wall, food trucks, live entertainment courtesy of Glendale Arts and

GUSD, educational on-stage demonstrations about California-friendly gardening and healthy food alternatives, interactive displays from City departments and environmental vendors, raffles and giveaways, and so much more!

To learn more about the activities and entertainment planned for the day, <u>click here.</u>

Housing Rights Workshop for Renters



WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IN HOUSING

Have questions about fair housing, evictions, security deposits, repairs, or rent increases? Come learn about legal rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Presented by the City of Glendale, Community Services & Parks Department and Housing Rights Center. The workshop will take place on Thursday, April 14 from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Pacific Community Center.

To RSVP or for more information, please click here.

GWP In-Home Display and Thermostat Program

Wound - Global Realities, Local Perspectives: Examining the Refugee Crisis Through Community-Based Action, 7:00 - 9:30 pm Brand Library and Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street Leading refugee rights professionals discuss international humanitarian assistance and local communitybased action while shedding light on our collective capacity to increase tolerance, cultural diversity, and community empowerment. Learn more here

April 23 - Medicinal Plants of the West, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Road A fast paced hike on a moderately steep trail with many stops to discuss the plants and their uses with Dr. James Adams, USC School of Pharmacy. Learn more here.

April 23 - Teen Advisory Group: Community Service Hours, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm *Casa Verdugo Library 1151 North Brand Boulevard* Earn community service hours by getting involved with library projects and planning teen programs. No registration required. Ages 13+. Attendance counts for two hours of volunteer credit! Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 23 - Brand Associates Music Series: The Crescenta Ensemble, 2:00 pm Brand Library and Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street The Crescenta Ensemble consisting of violinist Nancy Roth, violinist Jackie Suzuki, violist Adriana Zoppo, cellist Mary Anne Steinberger, and pianist Susan Svcek, will perform Ginastera, Shostakovich and Rautavaara. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 25 - Montrose Library Adult Book Club, 6:15 pm Montrose Library 2465 Honolulu Avenue This month the Club will read and discuss Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 27 - Teen Advisory Group: Community Service Hours, 4:00 pm Central Library 222 East Harvard Street Attendance counts for two



GWP has launched its In-Home Display and Thermostat Pilot Program. The program will provide 1,000 residential customers with a smart thermostat and a digital picture frame that displays energy and water conservation information, as well as, personal pictures customers may upload to the frame. Customer will be able to see their real-time electric and near-real time water usage on the digital picture frame, and control their smart thermostats.

For more information, to sign up for the program, or to start the questionnaire, please click <u>here</u>. Please note that program participation will be on a first come, first served basis and not all customers will qualify. GWP will review the questionnaires and determine eligibility based on the customer's responses.

Rain Barrel Rebates



As a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District, City of Glendale residents can apply for rebates for Rain Barrels.

For more information, please click <u>here</u>.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Held by the Glendale Fire Department, the training covers topics such as fire suppression, disaster psychology, and light search and research, and triage methods. The first of the 2016 CERT courses will be held on Wednesday's, April 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 5:00



- 10:00 pm at 780 Flower Street in Glendale. You will need to attend all 20 hours of the training in order to complete the course. If you are interested in taking the course, please call 818-548-6404 to register. To learn more about the CERT program, please visit www.glendalefire.org.

National Tele-Communications Week

April 11-17, **2016** is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This week is an opportunity to recognize the challenging yet rewarding career that every Police and Fire dispatcher has chosen. These dispatchers handle life and death situations on a daily basis with pose, integrity and compassion. The Glendale Fire Department would like to thank the men and women of the Verdugo Communications Center and Glendale Police Department Dispatch hours of volunteer credit. Learn more <u>here</u>.

April 28 - Fiscal Literacy: Personal Banking, 6:30 pm Library Connection @ Adams Square 1100 East Chevy Chase Drive Reading a paystub, what we do

with our income, using banks. Part of an 8-week series on Fiscal Literacy. Learn more and register by calling 818-548-3833.

April 30 - Earth Day, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm *Central Park*

201 East Colorado Street Celebrate Earth Day with us! There will be live performances and educational demonstrations, kids' activities, food trucks, raffles & giveaways, games, and much more! Learn more here.

April 30 - Teen Advisory Group: Community Service Hours, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm *Casa Verdugo Library* 1151 North Brand Boulevard Earn community service hours by getting involved with library projects and planning teen programs. No registration required. Ages 13+. Attendance counts for two hours of volunteer credit! Learn more here.

April 30 - Armenia: An Open Wound -Commemoration as Public Art, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Brand Library and Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street A discussion panel hosted by City of Glendale Arts & Culture commissioner Ara Oshagan, examining the role of permanent public art as a form of commemoration. Learn more <u>here</u>.

Need Help With Homework? Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays through May 25 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm *Central Library Children's Room* 222 East Harvard Street Help with specific homework questions is available for grades 1-8. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by a parent. Learn more <u>here</u>.

Looking Ahead:

May 1 - Verdugo Mountains 10K, 8:00 am Brand Park 1601 West Mountain Street Learn more <u>here</u>.

May 12 - Glendale Dodger Night, 7:00 pm Dodger Stadium 1000 Elysian Park Avenue Center for their dedication to providing the highest level of customer service during time of crisis. To learn more about Verdugo Communication Center, please visit <u>www.glendalefire.org</u> and follow us on twitter at <u>@GlendaleCAFire</u>

Fire Service Day



The Glendale Fire Department would like to invite you and your family to visit Fire Station 21 located at 421 Oak Street on Saturday, May 14, 2016 to celebrate Fire Service Day. A free pancake breakfast begins at 9:00 am. The fun activities including car extrications, fire hose demonstrations, visits by Sparky the fire dog, station tours and many more will take place between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Join us to learn about the variety of services the Glendale Fire Department offers to the community. To learn more about Fire Service Day, please visit www.glendalefire.org and follow us on twitter at @GlendaleCAFire.

Brush Clearance

It is that time of year again... Time to do your Brush Clearance! It is critical for the residents of Glendale to create a defensible space around their home to help protect it against brush fires. Due to the drought conditions and the extremely dry brush, the Glendale Fire Department is encouraging residents to conduct their brush clearance sooner rather than later. Fire department personnel will begin property inspections on May 2, 2016 to ensure residents have properly completed their brush clearance.

Glendale Dodger Night: May 12



The 5th Annual Glendale Dodger Night is on **Thursday**, **May 12**, **2016** at Dodger Stadium! Join your friends and neighbors from Glendale to cheer on the Los Angeles Dodgers, while they take on the New York Mets for a fun filled night at the ballpark.

Join your friends and neighbors from Glendale to cheer on the Los Angeles Dodgers while they take on the New York Mets for a fun-filled night at the ballpark. Tickets are on sale now at glendaledodgernight.com. All proceeds will benefit the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation. Learn more here.

May 15 - Jewel City Fun & Fitness Day

Glendale Central Park 201 East Colorado Street Includes 3 headliner activities: 25 mile fitness ride, free family fun ride, and a free scavenger hunt and urban hike. Learn more here.

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May 16 - GYA Charity Golf Tournament, 9:00 am La

La Cañada Flintridge Country Club

5500 Godbey Drive All proceeds will go towards furthering GYA's organizational goal of providing jobs and employment preparedness training for low-income youth. Learn more <u>here</u>.

May 25 - Meet The Age of Dreaming Author Rina Revoyr, 7:00 pm Adult Recreation Center 222 East Harvard Street Learn more <u>here</u>.

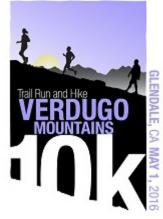
Check the City's calendar for changes in date, time, or location <u>here</u>.

Tickets are on sale now through the Glendale Dodger Night website <u>here</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.

We look forward to seeing you at the ballgame. Go Dodgers!

Verdugo Mountains 10K

www.runtheverdugos.com



Registration is now open for the Verdugo Mountains 10K presented by Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center to benefit the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation. The 6th Annual Verdugo Mountains 10K will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 8 am at Brand Park.

The Verdugo Mountains 10K is part of the Foothills Trail Challenge. Participants of the Verdugo Mountain 10K are encouraged to register for the Fountain to the Falls Run /Walk on Saturday, May 7 and the <u>Mt.</u> <u>Wilson Trail Race</u> on Saturday, May 28. Participants who

complete all three will receive a bonus Foothills Trail Challenge T-shirt.

Follow @Verdugo10K on Twitter for updates. Learn more and register here.

Glendale Youth Alliance Charity Golf Tournament

The Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA) recently announced it'll be hosting its first ever charity golf tournament at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club on **May 16.** All proceeds will go towards furthering their organizational goal of providing jobs and employment preparedness training for low-income youth.



To learn more and register, click here.

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