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## December 2015

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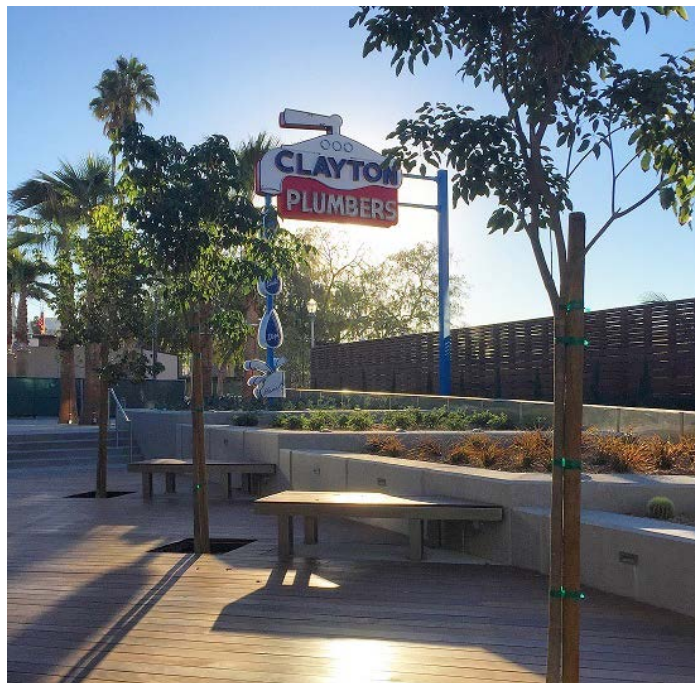


Glendale City Manager

Do yourself and/or your family a favor by doing *your community* a favor - get out to one of the many, many holiday events happening around Glendale this month. It will be fun to see friends, neighbors, heck - even strangers(!), all coming together to enjoy the sense of community that permeates the streets, sidewalks and parks this time of year.

Guys and dads and grandpas, DO NOT invent reasons to not get off the couch (not only do you have that TV show recorded on the DVR, you have seen it seven times already). Ladies and moms and grandmas, DO NOT allow the fear of disrupting your everyday routines to stand in the way of packing up the kids, nieces, nephews, godsons and/or goddaughters and heading to a tree lighting, a school or church event, paying a visit to a loved one, or just people-watching in downtown (yes, you have to get up early tomorrow and, yes, you're tired...but come on, you can do it!). Kids, PUT DOWN the dang smartphone or Xbox, and pretend like you are willing to

## Central Park Paseo Ribbon Cutting



The City of Glendale's Public Works Department is happy to announce that the long awaited Central Park Paseo is now open! The pedestrian walkway connects Downtown Glendale to Central Park, the Glendale Central Library and the City's new arts and entertainment feature: The Museum of Neon Art. The Paseo showcases a brick and concrete paving pattern walkway, composite wood decking, seating, decorative lighting, neon signs and drought tolerant trees.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Tuesday, December 8 at 4:30 pm. For more information, click [here](#). Follow Public Works on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more updates on other projects.

## Why Shop Local?

be seen in public with your family (don't worry, we won't make you actually express the warmth and endearment you will feel when you're all together; you can keep your look of disdain and ennui for now...at least until it's your turn to try to convince *your* kids that you were once fun to be around and were fairly cool (or at least young) at one time). Friends, DROP THE EXCUSES and reach out to that person you haven't spoken to in weeks or months or years (I don't care that they posted pictures of them hanging out with other mutual friends but didn't poke you (or however you call people nowadays without actually speaking to them), it shouldn't matter that they forgot that you actually paid for drinks or lunch twice in a row now, and, trust me, once you start laughing again, you really won't care they get wrong the words to your favorite song...repeatedly.

Go out and be with other people. Laugh. Smile. And here is the community part - when you and yours are out there laughing and smiling (and, in all likelihood, yelling at the kids to keep their hands to themselves), you are actively investing in Glendale. You are building community. Don't get me wrong - please feel free to contribute your time, talent and treasure by feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and/or ministering to the sick, sad and downtrodden. But if you are not ready for that level of involvement just yet, it's ok - don't use that as an excuse to not engage at all with others. There is value to simply being amongst your neighbors and friends and family. The rest will come when the time is right. For now, enjoy this amazing place that is our home, Glendale.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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## CALENDAR

**December 1-31**  
**Glendale Wings - On The Move**  
*Glendale Transportation Center*  
 400 West Cerritos Avenue  
 Take a selfie with Glendale Wings, Collette Miller's first ever mobile wings.



This past weekend, pre-Christmas/Hanukah/Kwanzaa holiday shoppers enjoyed some post-Thanksgiving holiday sales. With Black Friday and Small Business Saturday, Glendale shoppers generated much needed sales tax for the City! What exactly is sales tax? In Los Angeles County, sales tax is 9% and cities receive 1% of that total rate. So, for every dollar spent in Glendale, the City receives about one cent.

Because Glendale is a regional retail shopping destination and the immense draw of Brand Boulevard of Cars, the City is projected to collect \$39,842,000 in sales tax for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. This accounts for 5.0% of the City's total budget. Sales tax revenues are added to the City's General Fund and pays for services such as police, fire, paramedics, parks and recreation, and libraries.

As shoppers consider where to continue their shopping this holiday season, the Glendale Galleria and Americana at Brand offer a wide array of retail stores from Nordstrom, Bloomingdales, and Macys to GAP, Zara, and H&M. Glendale also boasts a number of quaint shopping districts including Kenneth Village, Montrose Shopping Park, Downtown Glendale, Sparr Heights, Adams Square, and the Foothill area of La Crescenta. These destinations have plenty of specialty gift stores to find unique gifts for all!

More of an online shopper? Local communities do not receive the same type of benefits from online sales as when shopping from brick and mortar locations. The Glendale Galleria has a solution for those who love shopping from home! Their curbside pickup app allows you to shop from your phone and pick up your items without leaving your car!

## Sparks of Love



Donate new unwrapped toys and sports equipment this holiday season to the Spark of Love Campaign hosted by the Glendale Fire Department. Donations will be given to Glendale families who need some help this holiday season. Collection boxes are located at all nine fire stations. If you need assistance this holiday season, please visit GlendaleFire.org to learn how you can participate in the Spark of Love program.

## Winter and Holiday Safety

Learn more [here](#).

**December 5 - Holiday Hike, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
*Deukmejian Wilderness Park*  
3429 Markridge Road  
Join the Trails and Open Space Program for the last activity of the year. The two mile hike will have stops along the way for some interpretive activities and nature games. The hike will finish with nature crafts and holiday themed snacks and drinks. This event is free, but you must RSVP to save your spot.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 5 - Opera Talk, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
*Brand Library*  
1601 West Mountain Street  
A speaker from the LA Opera Speaker's Bureau will present a specialty talk.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 8 - Central Park Paseo Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 4:30 pm**  
*Central Park Paseo*  
The City of Glendale's Public Works Department is happy to announce that the long awaited Central Park Paseo is now open. Join the community at the ribbon cutting ceremony.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 9 - Barks and Books, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
*Pacific Park Library*  
501 South Pacific Avenue  
Children can read to a dog (and their human volunteers) at many Library, Arts & Culture locations through a unique partnership with the Pasadena Humane Society.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 9 - Teen Advisory Group, 4:00 pm**  
*Central Library*  
222 East Harvard Street  
Join the Teen Advisory Group to discuss Summer teen programs.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 12 - Integrated Waste Management Backyard Composting, 9:00 am - 10:00 am**  
*Location to be announced*  
Glendale residents and business owners can reserve a spot in an upcoming composting workshop by sending an email to [dhartwell@glendaleca.gov](mailto:dhartwell@glendaleca.gov) with a completed registration form, or by calling (818) 548-3916.  
Register [here](#).

**December 12 - Doran Street & Adjacent Streets Community Meeting, 10:00 am - 11:00 am**  
*Municipal Services Building*  
633 East Broadway  
The Public Works Department



Be fire safe while decking the halls this holiday season. Pick a Christmas tree with fresh green needles that do not fall off the tree when touched. Place your tree away from heat sources and do not block exits. Water your tree daily. When decorating your tree, use lights that are rated for indoor use, replace any string of lights that are damaged, turn off the tree lights before going to bed and never decorate a tree with candles. Be sure candles are not placed too close to decorations and always blow out candles prior to going to bed.

The Glendale Fire Department would like to wish the residents of Glendale a safe, and happy holiday season! For more information please visit [Glendalefire.org](http://Glendalefire.org) and follow the Glendale Fire Department on twitter at [@GlendaleCAFire](https://twitter.com/GlendaleCAFire).

## Police Officer Recruits



The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for Police Officer Recruit, Police Officer Recruit Bilingual (English/Armenian), and Police Officer Recruit Bilingual (English/Korean). The application filing period for these positions is November 16, 2015 - December 11, 2015.

Applicants must apply online for this position. Let your friends, family, and other law enforcement acquaintances know of GPD recruitment efforts. For more information, click [here](#) and follow the Glendale Police Department on twitter at [@GlendalePD](https://twitter.com/GlendalePD).

## GWP In-Home Display & Thermostat Program

GWP has launched its In-Home Display and Thermostat Pilot Program.

invites you to attend a community meeting for the upcoming Doran Street and Adjacent Streets Improvement Project.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 12 - Hoover High School Tour of Homes, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
*Address provided with ticket purchase.*  
Join the Hoover PTA for their 58th annual Hoover Tour of Homes - a day of holiday themed festivities!  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 12 - Barks and Books, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
*Central Library*  
222 East Harvard Street  
Children can read to a dog (and their human volunteers) at many Library, Arts & Culture locations through a unique partnership with the Pasadena Humane Society.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 12 - Loops and Groups: Yarn Bombing Los Angeles, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
*Brand Library & Art Center*  
1601 West Mountain Street  
Yarn Bombing Los Angeles is a group of guerrilla knitters who have been collaborating on public art installations and performances projects since 2010. The group's work blends and reinterprets different artistic genres of street art, public art, fiber art, social practice, craft, and high art. This exhibition showcases and brings together five years of projects from across the Los Angeles area.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 12 - Have a BRAND Holiday, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
*Brand Library Recital Hall*  
1601 West Mountain Street  
Have a Grand Brand holiday! For the first time, Brand Library will celebrate the holiday season along with the Doctors House Candlelight tour! During the open house, enjoy live musicians performing holiday songs, snacks, and making ornaments to hang on a tree or anywhere else! Librarians will be on hand to answer questions about the renovation, Mr. Brand and the exciting history of the building.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 15 - Barks and Books, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
*Montrose Library*  
2465 Honolulu Avenue  
Children can read to a dog (and their human volunteers) at many Library, Arts & Culture locations through a unique partnership with the Pasadena

The program will provide 1000 residential customers with a smart thermostat and a digital picture frame that displays energy and water conservation information, as well as personal pictures customers can upload to the frame. Please note that program participation will be on a first come, first serve basis and not all customers will qualify. GWP will review the questionnaires and determine eligibility based on your responses. For more information, to sign up for the program, or to start the questionnaire, click [here](#).

### GWP Guardian Program



If you or a family member have prescribed electrical medical equipment you may qualify for Glendale Water & Power's Guardian program. The program provides eligible customers with a discount on their electrical bill. To see if your equipment qualifies, and to apply, visit GWP's Guardian Program web page [here](#).

### Investing in Our Future Workforce

**LOOKING FOR A JOB?**  
Are you between the ages of **18-24**  
& **NOT** attending school?

**Contact us TODAY!**  
**(818) 937-8073**  
[www.glendaleyouthalliance.org](http://www.glendaleyouthalliance.org)

1255 S. Central Ave. | Glendale, CA 91204  
GYA is a California 501 (c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation

The Glendale Youth Alliance is now accepting applications for the Employment Incentive grant program.

To qualify, participants must be between the ages of 18-24 and not attending school. GYA will provide training, as well as paid work experience that leads to permanent unsubsidized employment. The grant pays for the initial 200 hours of work as an incentive to hire participants.

For more information please visit [GlendaleYouthAlliance.ORG](http://GlendaleYouthAlliance.ORG) or call (818) 937-8073.

Humane Society.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 16 - Barks and Books, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
*Library Connection @ Adams Square*  
1100 East Chevy Chase Drive  
Children can read to a dog (and their human volunteers) at many Library, Arts & Culture locations through a unique partnership with the Pasadena Humane Society.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 17 - We Be Book'N Teen Book Club, 4:00 pm**  
*Central Library*  
222 East Harvard Street  
Read *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher, and join us for an hour of discussion. Light refreshments will be provided.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 19 - Have a BRAND Holiday, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
*Brand Library Recital Hall*  
1601 West Mountain Street  
Have a Grand Brand Holiday! For the first time, Brand Library will celebrate the holiday season along with the Doctors House Candlelight tour! During the open house, enjoy live musicians performing holiday songs, snacks, and making ornaments to hang on a tree or anywhere else! Librarians will be on hand to answer questions about the renovation, Mr. Brand and the exciting history of the building.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 20 - Holiday Tea & Japan Culture Day, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
*Shoseian Tea House*  
1601 West Mountain Street  
There will be two traditional Japanese Tea Ceremonies with seating at 1:00 pm and 2:15 pm. Martial Arts; Live Traditional Music; Bonsai; Calligraphy; Sumie Painting. There seating is limited and reservations are required. RSVP by December 12 to [friends@shoseianteahouse.com](mailto:friends@shoseianteahouse.com). Suggested entrance donation of \$10 per person.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 23 - Teen Advisory Group, 4:00 pm**  
*Central Library*  
222 East Harvard Street  
Join the Teen Advisory Group to make holiday ornaments. Supplies with the holiday cheers will be provided. The Teen Advisory Group is a chance for you to lend your voice to the services Glendale Public Library provides for teens. In the past few years, the TAG has selected teen books for the library, created displays, planned programs, created public art

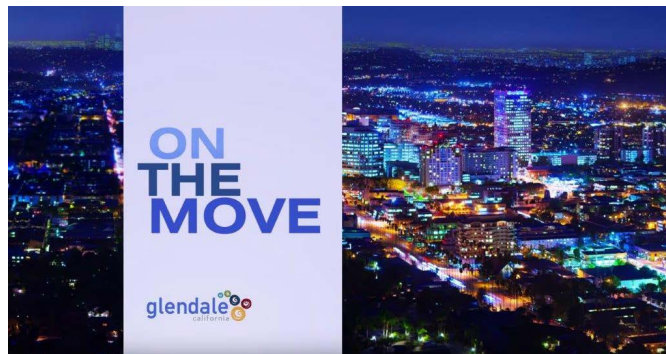


The Arts & Culture Commission, an advisory board to the City Council of the City of Glendale, is seeking an appropriately qualified, highly motivated and innovative event management and planning firm to assist in the strategic planning and execution of a 2-day Open Studio Tour (OST).

The Consultant will be responsible for implementing the vision for the OST event, as well as setting the foundation to expand the event in future years. Services for OST include, but are not limited to: research, planning, marketing, production, coordination, and presentation.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm, Monday, December 14, 2015. To view the full RFP and for more information, click [here](#).

## Glendale *On The Move*



GTV6's newest episode of *On The Move* is now available! In this episode, we will check out a fun holiday craft idea, meet a very merry Parks employee, see where you can do your holiday shopping, prepare for El Niño, and so much more! Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's [YouTube](#) channel for new episodes.

Watch each segment here:



projects, and much more!  
Attendance counts for two  
hours of volunteer credit.  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
All City offices will close at  
12:00 pm. Library branches will  
be closed all day.

**December 25 - Christmas Day**  
All City offices and library  
branches will be closed.

**December 26 - Christmas  
Holiday**  
All Library branches will be  
closed.

**December 27 - Christmas  
Holiday**  
All Library branches will be  
closed.

**December 31 - New Year's Eve**  
Library branches will close at  
5:00 pm. Pacific Park Library  
will close at 3:00 pm.

**January 1 - New Year's Day**  
All City offices and Library  
branches will be closed.

**January 2 - New Year's Holiday**  
All Library branches will be  
closed.

**January 3 - New Year's Holiday**  
All Library branches will be  
closed.

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

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## Compost Workshop

Recycling bottles, cans, and newspapers, helps divert 15-20% of discarded waste from going to landfills, helping maintain the community's beauty. But, recycling leaves, grass, and vegetative food scraps into compost, can divert another 25-30% more! With little effort, you can cut the amount of waste you produce in half! Composting is nature's way of recycling and decomposing organic material into humus, which is a dark, rich soil that provides nutrients to plants and reduces their water requirements. If you have a garden, lawn, trees, shrubs, and planter boxes, you should consider composting!

When attending a compost workshop, the City of Glendale Integrated Waste Management Division provides free compost bins and pitchforks to all Glendale households or building owners responsible for yard maintenance. Glendale residents and business owners can reserve a spot in an upcoming class on December 12 at 9:00 am by sending an email to [dhartwell@glendaleca.gov](mailto:dhartwell@glendaleca.gov) with a completed [registration form](#), or by calling (818) 548-3916.

The location of the workshop will be announced as the date gets closer. For current updates about the workshop, follow Public Works on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## Upcycled Holiday Craft Contest



Upcycling is creative reuse of materials that would have otherwise been thrown away or recycled into something useful and beautiful! This month, the Public Works Department is hosting its First Annual Upcycled Holiday Craft Contest for Glendale's students. Students can be as creative as they would like and can make any holiday craft reusing household items! At least 90% of their creation must be made from reused materials, such as plastic bottles, candy wrappers, magazines, newspapers, bottle caps, etc. There will be four categories for entries: K-3rd, 4th-8th, and 9th-12th. Contestants can begin submitting their entries Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00 am until Monday, December 28 at 5:00 pm. Winners will be announced on January 7, 2016 and will receive a prize that you don't want to miss!

If you're interested in entering the contest, visit the Public Works [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for more details and for other examples of upcycled crafts!

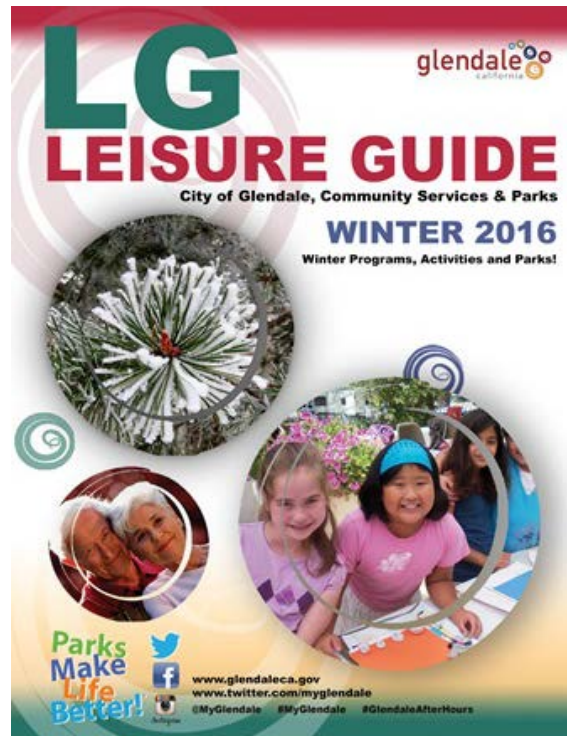
## Doran Street & Adjacent Streets

## Community Meeting

The Public Works Department invites you to attend a community meeting for the upcoming Doran Street and Adjacent Streets Improvement Project on Saturday, December 12 from 10:00 am-11:00 am at the Municipal Services Building, located at 633 East Broadway, Room 106. This project is intended to repair deteriorated pavement, while enhancing the area's safety with striping, curb ramps, and traffic signal upgrades. Construction for this project is expected to start Spring 2016 and continue through Summer 2016. For more information about the project, click [here](#).

The Public Works Department gladly welcome your input and will answer any questions you may have!

## Winter Leisure Guide



The Leisure Guide is the Community Services and Parks Department's quarterly e-publication where you can find information about programs, classes, services, and events that we are offering that season. Want to see a list of all of our parks or learn about our rental facilities? Looking for our department's phone directory. That's inside too!

This Winter, be sure to check out the Mini Session Classes, Fall and Winter Break Camps, and Life Long Learning Classes. Registration for Life Long Learning classes began on November 2; classes start on January 4.

Click [here](#) to view the Leisure Guide.

## Glendale Rose Float



"Getting There is Half the Fun" is the City of Glendale's 2016 float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. The parade theme this year is "Finding Your Adventure", and Glendale's float design reminds us that the experience of "getting there" (wherever "there") really is "half the fun", and to enjoy our journey, whether it involves traveling, going through change, or exploring the outdoors.

The Glendale Rose Float Association is working with Petal Pushers to organize volunteers interested in decorating the Glendale float. For more information, click [here](#).

## Glendale Sports Complex Adult Soccer League

The City of Glendale's 11x11 Adult Soccer League will start in January! The City hosts a league on Thursday nights and another on Saturday mornings. Team registration will take place on Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm. for the Thursday night league and on Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 am. for the Saturday morning league. Registration will be held in the Sports Complex meeting room, at 2200 Fern Lane, Glendale 91208. Should the number of teams that show up to register exceed the number of spaces available, a lottery will be used.

The league fee is \$845 per team, plus \$65 per team/per game paid in cash to the referees. Registration is for teams only. Please call (818) 937-7441 with any questions. Click [here](#) to visit the Community Services and Parks website.

## Verdugo Jobs Center



The Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC) provides job placement assistance, career counseling, information about new in-demand jobs, and short-term training programs. The VJC also offers free access to large facilities for onsite recruitments and interviews, as well as assigned VJC recruitment assistants; customized pre-employment orientations to meet your needs; and targeted candidate searches and pre-screening services.

RSVP to attend a VJC information session by calling (818) 937-8011 or click [here](#) to view the flyer. The Verdugo Jobs Center is operated by



the Workforce Development Section of the Community Services & Parks Department. Click [here](#) to visit the VJC's website.

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