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MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



Glendale City Manager

February brings us the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, Black History Month, and many other things. But, this year, February also brings us Leap Day. With so much happening and the speed at which time flies, good thing we get an extra day...

This year's Super Bowl marks the 50th anniversary, and has me thinking about the connection between local government administration and the game of football. Sure, at first glance, it may not be clear the number of similarities between the two fields. One involves an actual field where people tackle each other, and the other involves a group of community members where tackling anyone is generally frowned upon.

However, while municipal government is certainly not a game, both produce and require many of the same scores- respect for achievement, pride, delivery, leadership, challenging situations, and an understanding and appreciation of teamwork above individual accolades.

Crime Blotter



A sneak peek into the work of the Glendale Police Department over one weekend in January:

Burglary/Drug Arrest - Friday, January 8th

The Crime Impact Team initiated a traffic stop in the area of Los Feliz/San Fernando for a vehicle code violation. The driver, an adult male, was found to be in possession of narcotic paraphernalia and numerous packages of Red Bull Energy Drinks (approximately \$250 worth). Further investigation showed that the driver had stolen the drinks from the Vons store in the area just prior to the traffic stop. The male was arrested for burglary and possession of drug

paraphernalia.

Robbery Arrest - Saturday, January 9th

Suspect was located and arrested in relation to a robbery involving a knife that occurred in the 800 block of South Glendale Avenue.

Theft Auto - Sunday, January 10th

Officers and Detectives arrested a total of 5 individuals as a result of a stolen vehicle investigation in the 1100 block of South Glendale Avenue. Detective learned there was a second stolen vehicle involved in the investigation. Suspects were booked for various crimes including, stolen mail, identity theft, possession of narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia.

To take a deeper look into the work of the Police Department, click [here](#) or visit the [crime statistics webpage](#).

City Council Meetings, On the Go

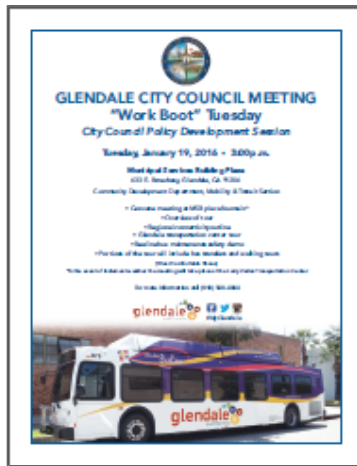
In an effort to provide more outreach to the community, as well as edify the City Council about significant public service and infrastructure efforts underway, "Work Boot Tuesday" will occur once a month, in lieu of the City Council's customary afternoon session. On **Tuesday, February 16 at 3:00 pm**, join the Glendale City Council for a

Glendale is a leading scorer among cities. Through the vision of the Glendale City Council, we are able to balance new growth, while preserving a rich and honored heritage. Much like the NFL, where the mission is to ensure that football remains the greatest game- our mission is to ensure that Glendale remains the greatest City by delivering exceptional customer service through precision execution and innovative leadership. In order to continue to succeed and accomplish our mission, our team will continue to hustle and provide the services our community deserves by being accurate, communicating, and staying focused.

I am tremendously proud of the team work involved when delivering services to our diverse and vibrant community. The safe and attractive residential neighborhoods, parks, libraries, award-winning schools, and a quality of life that is unique and highly sought, Glendale is a shining example of exceptional municipal service. Glendale is a full-service city and has its own electrical and water utility service, a first-class fire department, and thanks to our Police Department-is one of the safest cities for its size in the country.

Alternatively, some cities receive water service from a district, police and fire services from the county, and parks and recreation services from a special district. Advantages of living in a full-service city are many and provide a greater relationship with municipal government. It also allows for a more coordinated response between departments. See how this all comes back to the field? In order to carry the ball and dance in the end zone, a team must coordinate a response, have a game plan, and be focused play by play.

As a full-service city, I am very proud of the services and programs we offer. Whether you are a resident, business owner, or just visiting Glendale, I hope that you will join the team and help continue its legacy.



a "One Glendale" Youth soccer game. Learn more [here](#).

"Work Boot" meeting in various City Parks and Community Centers. The meeting will convene at the City Hall Lobby and will continue to the Deukmejian Wilderness Park Barn, Verdugo Park, and Pacific Community Center and Health Clinic, and

Ways to Connect with Glendale It's All About Photos

The City of Glendale recognizes the importance of connecting with residents, businesses, and visitors through a variety of platforms. The City of Glendale offers interested parties many ways to stay informed about our City. The City utilizes the local access channel [GTV6](#), various [social media](#) platforms, [press releases](#), [emergency notifications](#), [newsletters](#) and much more. For the next few months, we will spotlight one specific way in which the City of Glendale connects with the community. This month, stay connected with your community by following us on [Instagram!](#)

Follow the City of Glendale at [@MyGlendale](#) and stay informed. We utilize Instagram to push a variety of photos from around Glendale. Discover what your City has to offer!



Employment Opportunities for Young Adults 18-24



The Glendale Youth Alliance is accepting applications for the Employment Incentive Program. To qualify, applicants must be between the ages of 18 to 24 and not attending school at the time of enrollment. If interested, please submit an application to the GYA office.

Participants are placed primarily in private businesses to gain the skills and experience needed to climb the career ladder within a company. The program pays for the initial work experience hours as an incentive for the employer to hire the young adults in long term,

CALENDAR

February 1 - March 19 - Beluga's Journey Art Installation

*Adams Square Mini Park
1020 E. Palmer Avenue*
The Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station provides a whimsical environment which alludes to a "dry tank" aquarium for artist YaYa Chou's installation, Beluga's Journey. The artwork is a continuation of a traveling temporary public art project designed to raise the awareness of dislocated wild animals. Learn more [here](#).

February 3 - Teen events: Community Service Hours, 4:00 pm

*Central Library
222 East Harvard Street*
Make/Draw your own Comic Book Character. Learn more [here](#).

February 6 - Beluga's Journey Art Installation Reception, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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February 7 - Clifton's and Clifford: A Cafeteria and a Crusader, 7:00 pm

*Casa Verdugo Library
1151 North Brand Boulevard*
This is Clifford Clinton's never-published story, and more stuff about Los Angeles you just won't believe. Learn more [here](#).

February 9 - Booked Solid Adult Book Club, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*Casa Verdugo Library
1151 North Brand Boulevard*
This month the Club will read and discuss *Ghettoside* by Jill Leovy. Learn more [here](#).

February 10 - Barks N' Books, 3:00 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](#).

February 10 - Teen Events:

unsubsidized employment. The program enrollees also partake in pre-employment training provided by GYA and a certificated training program designed to prepare youth to succeed in the workforce. For more information about GYA, please visit glendaleyouthalliance.org or call 818-937-8073.

Now Accepting Applications

GYA is now accepting applications for Hourly City Worker/Youth Employment Apprentice positions. Youth Apprentices work in teams and perform hillside brush clearance, weed abatement and general labor tasks. Employees that perform well in this position may have an opportunity to transition to more independent projects within the City of Glendale and/or other businesses. This program is meant to be a stepping stone into permanent employment.

Must be 18 years of age or older to apply and must be available to work a minimum of 25-30 hours during the week. For more information, please click [here](#).

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Glendale Fire Department will hold the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The training covers topics such as fire suppression, disaster psychology, and light search and research, and triage methods. The first of the 2106 CERT courses will be held on the following **Wednesday's: February 3, 10, 17, and 24** from 5 pm - 10 pm at 780 Flower Street in Glendale. Participants 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 or visit www.glendalefire.org for more information.

Glendale Fire Department Mobile App



The Glendale Fire Department has officially launched a free mobile application through Mobile Programming, offering the community a new and interactive way to engage with the department anytime and anywhere. The user-friendly platform provides easy access to information at the tip of a finger. The mobile app, featuring the new GFD logo, allows customers to request station visits, provides a channel for customer feedback, access to the department's social media platforms, calendar reminders for critical items, such as replacing fire alarm batteries, and incident specific information. The free mobile app is available for download in the [iTunes Store](#) and [Google Play](#) by searching "Glendale Fire Department."

City of Glendale Disaster Expo

Community Service Hours, 4:00 pm
Central Library
 222 East Harvard Street
 Decorate your own Valentine's Day Cookies.
 Learn more [here](#).

February 10 - Parenting Workshop: Substance Abuse, 6:00 pm
Library Connection @ Adams Square
 1100 East Chevy Chase Drive
 Risk and protective factors for alcohol and other drug problems in adolescence will be covered. Learn implications for substance abuse prevention.
 Learn more [here](#).

February 11 - Scout Tufankjian: Yes We Can and There Is Only The Earth, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Adult Recreation Center
 201 East Colorado Street
 Scout Tufankjian is an Armenian-American photojournalist and author based in Brooklyn, New York. She is well known for her photos of American President Barack Obama during his campaign leading up to his presidency. She is also known for her photojournalism work on the Armenian diaspora.
 Learn more [here](#).

February 16 - Barks N' Books, 3:00 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 Humane Society.
 Learn more [here](#).

February 16 - 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 [here](#).

February 17 - Barks N' Books, 3:00 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](#).

February 18 - Teen Advisory Board, 4:00 pm
Montrose Library
 2465 Honolulu Avenue
 Lend your voice to the Teen

Overwhelmed with the variety of emergency preparedness options? Need to put together your emergency kit, but don't know where to start? Ever wonder what a disaster shelter looks like? Get the answers to all of these questions and more at the City of Glendale Disaster Expo. Visit the Glendale Civic Center on **Saturday, March 19 from 9 am - 1 pm** to get the latest information on disaster preparedness.

Interested in Law Enforcement?



The Glendale Police Department Explorer Post is looking for dedicated young men and women who have the desire to learn about and participate in police related activities. You must be between 12-17 years of age to start the program and you may participate until you are 21 years of age.

To participate in the Explorer Program, you must have and be able to maintain:

1. 2.0 grade point average or higher.
2. Good physical condition.
3. Appropriate school attendance.
4. Good moral character
5. No prior arrest record or problematic school discipline record.
6. When you turn 14 years of age, you must be able to attend an Explorer Academy

If you qualify for an Explorer position, using the standards listed above, contact an Explorer Advisor at 818-548-4033 for an application or click [here](#) for more information.

GWP's Mobile App Can Help in So Many Ways



If you want an easier way to view your electric and water usage in near real time, pay your bills, or contact GWP, download the free mobile app - GWP Mobile My Connect. The app allows you to set budget goals, see and drill down your usage by month, day or hour, submit service requests, report outages, and view electric vehicle or solar panel information. Enter "GWP" in your phone's app store

Advisory Groups and help create the services Library, Arts & Culture provides for teens. Learn more [here](#).

February 19 - Library Tech Demo: Driver's License Test, 4:00 pm

Library Connection @ Adams Square
1100 East Chevy Chase Drive
Getting Ready for your Driver's License test? Come and practice for your permit. Learn more [here](#).

February 20 - March 25 - Go BIG or Go Home Exhibition on View

Brand Library Art Galleries
A group of objects that question the limits of possibility. Thirteen Los Angeles artists present large scale sculpture and site specific installation. Learn more [here](#).

February 20 - Brand Associates Music Series: Trio Brio, 2:00 pm

Brand Library Recital Hall
1601 West Mountain Street
Trio Brio consisting of violinist Armen Anassian, cellist Jacob Braun and pianist Mark Robson will perform the music of Shostakovich, Mendelssohn, Mahler, Monk and a world premiere by Mark Robson. Learn more [here](#).

February 20 - Go BIG or Go Home Opening Reception, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Brand Library Art Galleries
1601 West Mountain Street
A group exhibition of objects that question the limits of possibility. Thirteen Los Angeles artists present large scale sculpture and site specific installations. Learn more [here](#).

February 21 - BookSmARTS: A Conversation and Acoustic, 6:00 pm

Brand Library & Art Center
1601 West Mountain Street
This presentation of our author talk series BookSmARTS features artist Ara Oshagan, who will discuss his latest publication. "Mirror" is a unique interactive audiovisual experience combining print and modern technology. The book documents musician Gor Mkhitarian's work over a decade. Gor will perform a live acoustic set. Learn more [here](#).

February 22 - Montrose Library Books Club for Adults, 6:15 pm

Montrose Library
2465 Honolulu Avenue
This month the Club will read and discuss *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier.

search box. For assistance on registering or for more information, please contact Customer Service at 818-548-3300 or click [here](#).

Donate Blood and Save a Life



American Red Cross

The Red Cross desperately needs blood donations this time of year. Help save a life and donate on Monday, February 29 from 9 am - 2 pm. The blood drive will take place at the Glendale Police Department Community Room located at 131 North Isabel Street.

To schedule your life-saving appointment, contact Andres Azarian at AAzarian@GlendaleCA.GOV, call 818-548-2789, or visit redcrossblood.org with the sponsor code: CityofGlendale

Parkway Landscaping Ordinance

Glendale property owners are required to obtain a Parkway Landscaping Permit in order to install any living plant materials over 6 inches in height or any non-living materials in the parkway. The parkway is the landscaped area in the public right-of-way that lies along the street curb.



No permit is required to replace a grass parkway with California friendly drought tolerant plantings less than 6 inches in height. If living material over 6 inches in height or any non-living materials are included such as pavers, rocks or decomposed granite, then a permit is required.

For more information on parkway regulations or the permitting process, please contact the Public Works Engineering office at 818- 548-3945. For additional information, please click [here](#).

Glendale On The Move



GTV6's newest episode of *On The Move* is now available! In this episode, we will learn more about the history of Glendale's

Learn more [here](#).

February 24 - We Be Book'N Teen Book Club, 4:00 pm
Central Library
222 East Harvard Street
Read and discuss *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman. Light refreshments will be provided. Learn more [here](#).

February 24 - Identity Theft Prevention Workshop, 6:30 pm
Library Connection @ Adams Square
1100 East Chevy Chase Drive
Learn how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft. Presented by the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs. Learn more [here](#).

February 25 - Skills for Teen Parents, 6:00 pm
Pacific Park Library
501 South Pacific Avenue
This new program series is open to pregnant or parenting young adults between the ages of 13 - 21. All programs will feature storytimes for children during the workshops. Learn more [here](#).

February 29 - City of Glendale Blood Drive, 9 am - 2 pm
Glendale Police Department Community Room
131 North Isabel Street
The Red Cross desperately needs blood donations this time of year. Help save a life! Learn more [here](#).

Holiday Closures:

February 15 - President's Day
All City offices and Library branches closed.

February 13 - 15 - President's Day
All Library Branches closed
Learn more [here](#).

Looking Ahead:

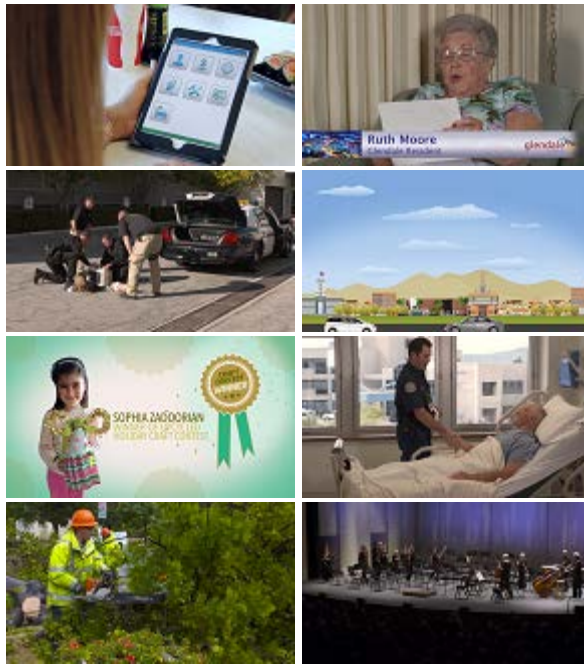
March 26 - Cesar Chavez Celebration, 1 pm - 4 pm
Pacific Community Center
501 South Pacific Avenue
The City of Glendale invites you to celebrate the life and work of Cesar Chavez. Learn more [here](#).



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

infrastructure, get a peek into the Police Department's Medic Training Program, learn how the GWP mobile app provides essential data, 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](#):



Community Development: A Year-in-Review



2015 was a busy year for the Community Development Department with many long awaited projects coming to fruition and ambitious plans beginning to take shape and unfold. Here's a look back at some of the year's major accomplishments and highlights. Learn more [here](#).

1. 18-Hour Day
2. Space 134
3. Building Safety Month
4. Creative Affordable Housing Developments
5. Recognized for DSP and Mobility Study
6. Redevelopment Continues to Wind Down
7. New Director Takes the Helm

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 in 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 MT Wilson Trail Race on Saturday, May 28. Participants who

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

Follow [@Verdugo10K](https://twitter.com/Verdugo10K) on Twitter for updates. Learn more and register [here](#).

First Annual Upcycled Holiday Craft Contest Winner!



The Public Works Department is proud to announce Sophia Zadoorian from Balboa Elementary School as the winner of the First Annual Upcycled Holiday Craft Contest! Her angel was so beautifully crafted and demonstrated endless creativity. She earned a \$25 gift card to Target along with other Glendale items. Sophia's angel was made with the following materials:

Body - Empty water bottle
Dress - Old holiday wrapping paper
Wings and shoes - Old holiday decoration
Head - Reused construction paper
Scarf - Old hair ribbon
Arms and dress décor - Flowers and twigs from backyard

Upcycling is creative reuse, the process of transforming materials that would have otherwise been thrown away or recycled into something useful and beautiful. This contest was created to educate and encourage upcycling amongst Glendale students. For future contests and other upcycled craft ideas, follow Public Works on

Facebook and Twitter.

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