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MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



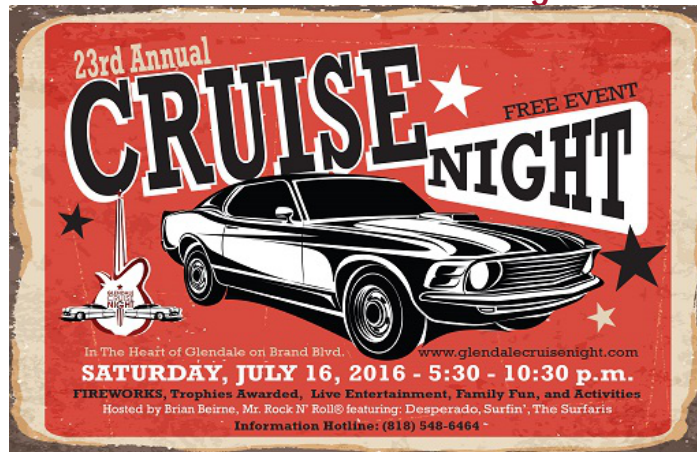
Glendale City Manager

Happy New Year!!!

Well, *fiscal* New Year anyway...

Unlike our other New Year (the fun one), the actions and decisions that accompany each new fiscal year are not a series of singular events, but rather an exhaustive and ongoing evolution in the pursuit of the City Council's priorities. We have goalsetting sessions with the City Council and management team, revenue and appropriation forecasts, cost-allocation and capital budgeting workshops, and then back to the Council and community for Budget Study Sessions, the Budget Hearing and, finally, the actual budget adoption. This regimen occurs along a steady and predictable pace established by our budget calendar. Yet for a high-functioning organization like the City of Glendale, these actions also exist in a cascading continuum with each year building on the last.

23rd Annual Cruise Night



We are pleased to announce the 23rd anniversary of our annual Cruise Night Event in conjunction with the Downtown Glendale Association and presented by Glendale Economic Development. This year's Cruise Night will be held on **Saturday, July 16 on Brand Boulevard from 5:30 pm - 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. New this year: Pre-1980 classic motorcycles will be on display as well!! The event will include live entertainment, trophies, a fireworks show, and family fun and activities!

Click [here](#) to learn more and register your vehicle or bike. Click [here](#) to view the 2016 Glendale Cruise Night Promo.

South Glendale Community Plan Workshop

I refer to Glendale as a high-functioning organization - in my opinion, one of the best in the State and perhaps even the nation. Glendale is not perfect and we have challenges aplenty. However, I cannot think of a city that isn't dealing with most or all of the same issues as we are. That isn't just me being a cheerleader for my town; that is based on experience and interaction with other managers who struggle with many of the same issues, as well as the recognition and validation that this community regularly receives on everything from public safety rankings to the quality of our public pool to the innovativeness of our information/outreach efforts.

Yet, despite our wide-ranging challenges and the ebb and flow of public opinion from project to project, issue to issue, the City Council and staff deliver exceptional customer service by building success on top of success and generating positive momentum. Far from being the sharpest plastic knife in a bag full of sporks, Glendale isn't good because everyone else is terrible; Glendale is high-performing because we have learned and maintained the ability to be strategic and decisive. This means that we do not lurch forward after every new trend, or come to a screeching halt in response to a singular pressure point. It means that we operate on a balanced plane of overarching themes and respect for the rights of everyone.

Reflecting upon the FY 2016-17 City Council Priorities and the Department Strategic Goals, it seems to me that there are five themes that encapsulate the entirety of this concept:

Sustainability - From fulfilling our commitment to a Zero Waste future and seeking out waste conversion technologies, to investing in energy infrastructure that will afford us the reliability to advance our renewable energy and battery storage portfolio, to protecting our water resources and waterways, to recommitting to open space and urban forestry, Glendale's "sustainability curve" is getting steeper, but our organizational velocity is



The Community Development Department invites you to attend a series of Glendale City Council workshops to discuss the South Glendale Community Plan. **Event dates and topic overviews:**

- 7/12: What is the South Glendale Community Plan and a History of South Glendale Development
- 7/19: The Future of Residential Neighborhoods in South Glendale
- 7/26: The Transportation Network in South Glendale

All workshops will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Municipal Services Building, located at 633 E. Broadway, Room 105. For more information, please visit the [CDD webpage](#) or call (818) 937-8333.

Glendale On The Move



GTV6's newest episode of On The Move is now available! In this episode, we'll learn about two different summer concert series', check out the closing season of One Glendale, take a peek into the free lunch program in partnership with GUSD, 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:



only increasing.

Security - With Glendale's adherence to the Council's top priority of Fiscal Responsibility, we have the ability to assure our residents and businesses of the second priority: providing a safe & healthy community. Not only is Glendale one of the safest mid-sized cities in America and able to boast a Class One fire rating from the ISO, but we also utilize the full extent of City services and partnerships to ensure that our assets are appropriately matched to their respective tasks. That is, public safety is a function for more than just the Police and Fire Departments; Code Enforcement, Building & Safety, Public Works and GWP, and our non-governmental partners also help make sure that graffiti is removed, blighting influences are abated, discarded items are collected, roads are passable, streets are lit at night and hydrants all function, we have an appropriate degree of energy independence, and that we endeavor toward "collective action" to enhance the wellness of Glendale families. This allows first responders to be more effective in their own specialized functions, thus ensuring a maximum cost-efficiency for the City.

Livability - Although I suspect that more than a handful of folks may on the surface dispute Glendale's livability, I'd ask you to reflect on all that this community has to offer and give appropriate context to the pluses and the minuses. Quality of life surveys from twenty years ago indicate that traffic congestion and overcrowding/development were residents' primary complaints - sound familiar??? Yet, the difference today is that we are now beginning to realize the impact of long-term land use planning decisions to redirect development pressure from central and south Glendale to the downtown district, and we will reap the rewards going forward. While the pace of development in and around downtown has scared some folks, I think the fear is derivative of change in general. Glendale is indeed different today than it was 50 or 20 or even 10 years ago, and that makes some folks uneasy; the history of cities shows, however, that the more we try to keep someplace the same, the more we ensure that that version of the community will not thrive. The trick, as I see it - and as profiled by the City's vision and goals - is to facilitate



Think, Act, Save. We All Have The Power.



Natural gas is not just used for cooking and heating your home, it is also a fuel source for power plants that generate electricity. The gas shortage at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage facility in Porter Ranch is affecting the 17 power plants in the Los Angeles basin, including GWP's Grayson Power Plant. This limited availability of the natural gas needed to produce electricity, especially during high-usage periods, could lead to power outages this summer. We are calling on all our customers to be vigilant this summer and respond to our requests to conserve electricity, especially on extremely hot days.

When temperatures rise, the demand for electricity goes up. Glendale Water & Power will reach out to customers throughout the summer through an energy saving campaign **Think, Act, Save. We All Have The Power** to remind customers to conserve. Your conservation efforts are key to helping GWP deliver reliable power and prevent potential outages.

Click [here](#) to read more and learn about tips to help you save.

Reading Under the Summer Sun



Readers of all ages can enjoy the annual Summer Reading Program! Sign up at any Library, Arts & Culture location.

Summer Children's programs: Learn more [here](#).

Summer Teen programs: Learn more [here](#).

Summer Adult reading program: Learn more [here](#).

positive (if inevitable) change while anchoring our identity to preserving place value in areas like our quaint neighborhoods, our vibrant shopping and employment districts, safe and reliable infrastructure and services, our diverse cultural offerings, libraries and public parks and recreation programs, pursuing quality affordable housing opportunities for renters and first-time homebuyers alike, and by having the courage to test our assumptions through ongoing evaluation of our previous decisions.

Value - Quality costs money. As consumers, investors and taxpayers, we may not like not this dynamic but it is reality. As a leading-edge municipality, our mission is to deliver exceptional customer service through innovative leadership and precision execution. In doing so, we can help ensure that your investment in Glendale - from property taxes to sales taxes to user fees and charges - is well-managed. You pay a premium to live and work here and we appreciate it. We demonstrate this appreciation by managing costs, executing hard choices and keeping the workforce streamlined, making smart investments in technology and responsibly maintaining the public infrastructure, ensuring that costs of service and costs to customers reflect or beat the market, aligning department projects to seek out value-added opportunities to collaborate, and evaluating performance outputs to look for trends affecting productivity and operations.

Optimism - Examining the scope of projects coming along this year and the benefits they lead to in the future, you cannot help but feel hopeful and optimistic about Glendale. While we keep one hand firmly gripped upon "what is", we stretch out the other toward "what could be". Big ideas and bold initiatives to improve lives and positively impact folks from every corner of our community are important "moon shots" that inspire, engage and mobilize. From the development of \$16 million in new park amenities to the exploration of the opportunity for a brand new park over the 134 Freeway, from the opportunity to harness Glendale's burgeoning tech and entrepreneur scene to the possibility of enhancing our connectivity to the larger metropolitan region through

Children's ONLINE Summer Reading Program!

Kids can login to the *new* Online Summer Reading Program website to keep track of books they've read and programs they've attended for a chance to win prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Use the Children's Online Summer Reading Program site by downloading our GPL2GO app onto your Apple or Android device, or visit the site on your computer by clicking [here](#).

Summer Safety



As you enjoy the summer months, it is important to always put safety first. The Glendale Fire Department encourages the community to follow these water and barbecue safety tips to keep the fun going all summer long.

When sitting by the pool, playing in the ocean or riding in a boat, it is important to never leave children unattended. Be sure that children know how to swim or are wearing proper safety devices (life vests) when around a body of water. Always know the address to your location in the event that emergency help is needed.

When barbecuing with the family, remember that the grill should always be used outside and placed in a location away from branches, awnings, and deck railings. Never leave your grill unattended and always clean the grill after using it. Children and pets should be kept at least three feet away from the grill to prevent injuries. The Glendale Fire Department wishes you and your family a safe and fun summer. To learn more about the Glendale Fire Department, please visit www.glendalefire.org and follow us on twitter at [@GlendaleCAFire](https://twitter.com/GlendaleCAFire).

Brand Library Plaza Series

The popular Brand Plaza outdoor concert series continues through

fixed-rail transit, to the opportunity to make progressive strides in addressing homelessness and mental health, Glendale has earned the privilege to dream and has developed the resourcefulness to act.

Again and again, these themes illuminate a way forward that both gives assurance that we are on the right path long-term and, in doing so, helps remove some of the angst surrounding a single action or inaction.

As my Dodgers get ready to kick into a higher gear for the second half of the season (I hope), I will freely concede that we will not and cannot bat 1.000. But by maintaining a steady pace and a comprehensive view of our challenges and opportunities, I truly believe that we will succeed - to the benefit of all of our stakeholders - far more often than we fail; and we will make good on a value proposition that brands Glendale as a premiere community in which to live, work and enjoy life.

Happy New (fiscal) Year!

Brand Library Plaza Series



Enjoy summer concerts on the Brand Library Plaza, every Friday night through August 26 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](#).

Summer Concerts in the Park

August 26 – every Friday at 7:00 pm. The free performances are supported by the City of Glendale and Glendale Arts & Culture Commission, with funding from the Urban Art Program and the Brand Associates. Fridays:

- July 8 - Los Angeles Cello Quartet - Charismatic chamber music
- July 15 - Louie Cruz Beltran - Blends Afro-Cuban rhythms with jazz & R&B
- July 22 - Mighty Cash Cats - Tribute to Johnny Cash
- July 29 - Celtic Consort - Baroque and Irish Celtic music with a Harp Petting Zoo

Learn more [here](#).

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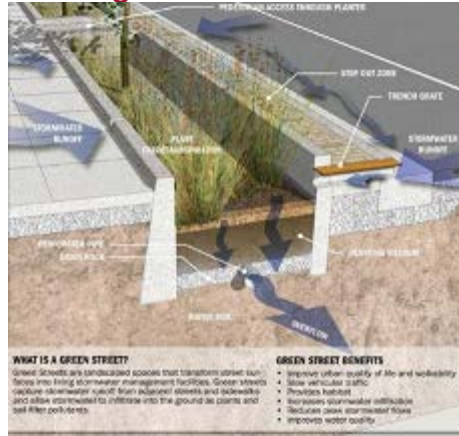
The City of Glendale is proud to announce the 2nd annual Summer Concerts in the Park Series! Our six-week free concert series will be filled with amazing performances from a variety of bands that will be sure to bring you an evening of fun and excitement! Bring a blanket and your dancing shoes, and enjoy your evening picnic dinner with your family, listening and dancing to the music and beats of the talented bands!

The Summer Concert Series will take place at Verdugo Park every Wednesday through August 3, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.



Click [here](#) for more information.

SR-134/Glendale Avenue Interchange Modification Project



The Public Works Department began construction for the SR-134/Glendale Avenue Interchange Modification Project. The project will improve capacity and flow of traffic on Glendale Avenue and surrounding areas. Due to the expansion of the Green Streets Project, the construction of the first bioswale in the City has been added to the scope of work. A bioswale is a landscape element designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water. The bioswale will be installed at the northwest corner of Coronado Drive and Monterey Road.

For current project updates and notifications concerning other Public Works activities, follow [MyGlendalePW on Twitter](#).



Join us at the north end of Verdugo Park every Wednesday through August 3 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and enjoy a free concert. Pack your picnic basket, gather your family and come join us for great music and fun. Learn more [here](#).

CALENDAR

July 5 through July 28 - Summer Lunch at the Central Library, 11:30 am

*Central Library
222 East Harvard Street*
The Central Library is a designated site for the Glendale Unified School District's free summer lunch program. Children under the age of 18 are invited for lunch, stories and other activities. Note: Staff will admit children to the Central Library on Fridays. Learn more [here](#).

Through August 5 - Gravitas Exhibition

*Brand Library & Art Center
1601 West Mountain Street*
Los Angeles area artists Carlos Beltran-Arechiga, Nicholette Kominos, Melissa Manfull, Kristan Marvell and Sonja Schenk challenge an evolution of perception through painting, drawing, sculpture and installation. Learn more [here](#).

July 6, 13 & 20 - Personal Prose & Poetry: A Writing Class for Adults, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

*Chevy Chase Library
3301 East Chevy Chase Drive*
Participants in this class will have an opportunity to write in class and share what they have written, getting positive feedback, as well as suggestions for revision. They will also have an opportunity to bring pieces they have already written to share. Learn more [here](#).

July 7 - Fiscal Literacy: Your Money & Uncle Sam, 6:30-7:30 pm

Get Outdoors!



1. **July 9** - Native Bees of Southern California
Click [here](#) for additional information.
2. **July 16** - Riverwalk Workday
Click [here](#) for additional information.
3. **July 23** - Wilderness Workday
Click [here](#) for additional information.
4. **July 30** - Experimental Forest Workday
Click [here](#) for additional information.

For additional information, please click [here](#). All Trails and Open Space programs are sponsored by the [Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation](#).

GPD Arrest Spotlight



Stolen Vehicle Recovered/One Arrest - Wednesday, June 15th

Officers were dispatched to a disturbance in the 1400 block of Stanley Avenue. As the officers walked to the rear of the location, several individuals fled over a rear wall. An 18 year old female on probation was contacted and arrested for being in possession of an unknown person's credit card. A 14 year old female runaway was taken into custody for lying about her identity.

Vehicle Tampering/One Arrest - Wednesday, June 15th

A male was arrested at Alameda/Glenoaks for tampering with vehicle door handles. As the officers approached him, he fled on foot and was shortly captured and taken into custody.

Burglary Tools /Three Arrested - Tuesday, June 14th

An officer on patrol in the area of Isabel/Dryden saw three suspicious males in a vehicle. As the officer attempted to stop them, they fled on foot. Two males were detained and the third male (parolee at large) was located hiding on a balcony. A search of the vehicle revealed burglary tools. All three males were taken into custody.

To view additional Police Department crime statistics and booking reports, click [here](#).

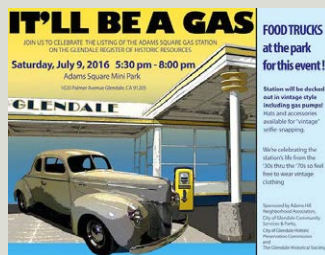
Spend Tuesdays & Thursdays at Pacific Community Center & Park

Library Connection @ Adams Square

1100 East Chevy Chase Drive
A free 8-part Fiscal Literacy series with the Glendale Communitas Initiative. Learn more [here](#).

July 9 - Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station Ceremony, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Adam's Square Mini Park
1020 Palmer Avenue
Celebrate the official landmarking of the 1936 Richfield Gas Station in the Adams Square Mini Park. Learn more [here](#).



July 9 - Jewel City Knitters, 2:00 pm

Chevy Chase Library
3301 East Chevy Chase Drive
Learn how to knit! Members of the Jewel City Knitters make and donate knitted and crocheted items to local, national, and international organizations. Learn more [here](#).

July 12 - ACT Test Preparation, 3:00 pm

Montrose Library
2465 Honolulu Avenue
The Montrose Library, in collaboration with C2, is offering a free New ACT practice test. Pre-registration is required. Learn more [here](#).

July 12 - 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 Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. Learn more [here](#).

July 13 - Glendale Tech on Tap, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Moose Den
156 South Brand Boulevard
YP Chief Technology Officer, Wendell Hicken, will serve as the next Glendale Tech on Tap speaker. To sign up, click [here](#).

July 15 & 29 - Teen Night Out, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Pacific Community Center
501 South Pacific Avenue



Parents with Toddlers can spend Tuesdays and Thursdays at Pacific Community Center, Park and Branch Library. The day will include tot-time, story time, a free lunch, play time, and more!

Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

Party Packages!

Looking for a venue to host your next event or party? You can reserve one of our beautiful parks facilities for your next event! The Community Services and Parks Department offers 2 fun-filled sport themed facility rental party packages. To take it a step further, CSP can bring the party to you! *Mobile recreation, Party On the Go!* packages offer a unique party experience that will have Parks staff come to your residence or event location and host a variety of themed sports, arts & crafts activities, and games. Click [here](#) for more information.

2016 Summer Aquatics Program



The 2016 Summer Aquatics Program will run through September 25 at the Pacific Park Community Pool, 509 S. Pacific Ave.

Programs/Events:

- Recreational swim
- Instructional swim lessons for children and adults
- Glendale Gators Swim Club
- Glendale Polo Bears Water Polo Team
- Junior Lifeguard Academy
- Lap Swim
- Special aquatics events

Wading pools will be open at four City of Glendale parks: Brand, Glenoaks, Dunsmore and Fremont on specific days and times, through August 14. *Please note that the Palmer Park wading pool will not be open this summer.* Wading pools are also available for private rentals during non-scheduled hours, June - October, pending staff availability.

For additional information, please visit www.glendaleaquatics.com or call (818) 937-7433.

Teens ages 14 and older can come hang out at the facility, and participate in activities while being supervised by staff. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Learn more [here](#).

July 16 - Cruise Night, 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Brand Boulevard
Come out and see what one of Southern California's largest car shows has to offer. Learn more [here](#).

July 21 - Meet Author Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney, 7:00 pm

**Adult Recreation Center
222 East Harvard Street**
The Friends of the Library is excited to present Cynthia Sweeney, the author of one of the year's most anticipated debuts, *The Nest*, a Los Angeles Times and New York Times bestseller. *The Nest*, is a warm, funny, and acutely perceptive novel about four adult siblings, and the fate of the shared inheritance that has shaped their relationships, their choices, and their lives. Learn more [here](#).

July 21 - Fiscal Literacy: Education Planning, 6:30 pm -7:30 pm

**Library Connection @ Adams Square
1100 East Chevy Chase Drive**
A free 8-part Fiscal Literacy series with Glendale Communitas Initiative. Call Library Connection for more information or to register at 818-548-3833. Learn more [here](#).

July 25 - Montrose Library Adult Book Club, 6:15 pm

**Montrose Library
2465 Honolulu Avenue**
This month the Club will read and discuss *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. Learn more [here](#).

July 27 & 28- Free Citizenship Class, 6:00 pm

**Library Connection @ Adams Square
1100 East Chevy Chase Drive**
Learn the English, Civics, and History required to pass the test and become a United States Citizen! Students must have a green card. Cosponsored by the International Rescue Committee. Pre-registration required. Classes continue through September 8. Learn more [here](#).

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

Water Play Features Summer 2016 Schedule: Extended Hours



The water play features at Cerritos Park and Pacific Park will be on for summer fun from June 15 - September 16, from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm every day and from September 17 - October 16, from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saturday and Sundays only.

To report maintenance needs, please contact Park Services at (818) 548-2054. To learn more about the Water Play features, click [here](#).

Job Seeker Services and Business Resources Available



Are you looking for work? The Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC) provides job placement assistance, career counseling, information about new in-demand jobs, and short-term training programs. VJC has training funds available to assist individuals who've been laid off or are currently receiving government assistance. You can learn more about how to qualify for training funds by attending a VJC orientation. Training funds are only available for a limited time. RSVP to attend a VJC orientation by calling (818) 937-8001.

Are you a hiring manager or business owner? The VJC 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.

For additional information, please click [here](#).

Central Library Renovation Photos

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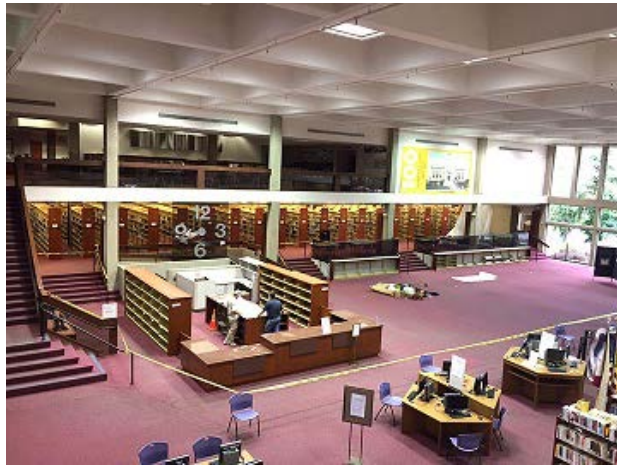
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Enjoy photos from the past twelve months of the Central Library Renovation. Learn more [here](#).

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For additional information about downloading the app, click [here](#).

GPD Explorers

On June 18, 2016, GPD Explorers Maria Kaplanyan and Brianna Guzman graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Explorer Academy Class #96. The Explorers are pictured below with Chief Robert Castro and Lieutenant Oscar Rodriguez. Learn more about the GPD Explorer Program [here](#).



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