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CITY CONNECTION

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY



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This publication is brought to you by Mayor Vartan Gharpetian, and Councilmembers Paula Devine, Ara Najarian, Zareh Sinanyan, and Vrej Agajanian

A Message From Yasmin Beers



Interim City Manager

How does Glendale grow and adapt to meet the needs of its residents? How do changes in our community's make-up affect the services the City provides, the way we think about land-use, and the way people get around? These challenges are always present and are best met when residents like you are well informed and involved.

Over the last several months, the City has conducted engaging community meetings, planned events, and provided educational information through social media platforms, websites, videos, and news pages about a variety of important topics.

There are many different ways to get involved in and learn more about plans, projects, and programs that impact the quality

Glendale On the Move



GTV6's newest episode of *On The Move* is now available! Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's YouTube channel for new episodes.

Watch each segment here:

1. [Glendale's Commitment to Affordable Housing](#)
2. [Mylar Balloon Safety](#)
3. [Burgers in Glendale](#)
4. [Age of Learning](#)
5. [Japanese Friendship Garden Renovation - Shoseian Tea House](#)
6. [Grayson Repowering and Why it Matters](#)

The Importance of Grayson Repowering

A Comprehensive Plan to Provide Local, Reliable, Renewable, and Cost-Effective Energy Today and into the Future

of life in your community and Glendale overall.

For example, the Community Services and Parks Department is hosting a series of community meetings to better understand what residents envision for the future of Verdugo Park. The purpose of the initial meeting held on June 17, 2017 was to listen, engage, and note down suggestions, while the upcoming meeting on March 5, 2018 will be to discuss and hear your thoughts about the options developed. We encourage your attendance.

We also hope you will get involved in some of the major planning efforts in the City over the course of the next year. One of our significant efforts in 2018 is the [South Glendale Community Plan](#), which will be the official guide for the neighborhoods and commercial districts in Glendale south of the 134 Freeway, including the Downtown Specific Plan. The 60-day public review period for the DEIR is open through March 12, 2018, while a special joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Transportation and Parking Commission has been scheduled for March 7th. We encourage you to attend the public meeting and/or to present written comments. Your voice is important to the future of Glendale.

We will continue to provide opportunities to participate and to deliver transparent information that is accessible to everyone. Your City Council knows that access to information is a fundamental part of civic engagement, but also that just releasing information is not enough. The expectation for providing such information is that our residents will use it to educate themselves about current affairs and have meaningful participation in the conversation.



How The Proposed Project Will Work

All but one of Grayson’s power-generating units will be demolished and replaced with new, cleaner, and more efficient units to meet Glendale’s power needs. The modern units will have the flexibility to turn on and off quickly and to provide reserve energy to support increasing amounts of solar and renewable energy.

The Need

The proposed Grayson Repowering Project means reliable energy in Glendale. This past summer, Glendale set a new record high for power usage of 350 MW per day. With only 20% of Grayson Power Plant currently in use due to old and aging infrastructure, Glendale barely avoided rolling blackouts. Our community needs Grayson to run efficiently in order to meet the current and future energy needs of Glendale.

The need to repower Grayson is also an environmental one. Per the Clean Energy & Pollution Reduction Act (SB350), Glendale Water and Power will be required to obtain 50% of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. GWP already obtains 47% of its energy from renewable sources. Repowering will allow Glendale to import more renewable and carbon-free energy. It will also allow Glendale to support local solar generation to create a cleaner and environmentally-friendly Glendale.

The Benefits

Four years of hard work have gone into making the Grayson Repowering Project a comprehensive plan to revamp our power plant and provide the best reliable service to Glendale Water & Power customers.

- Meeting the energy needs of Glendale today and into the future
- Maintaining local control over our invaluable historic utility and greater independence from outside sources of energy
- Lowering long run costs for ratepayers
- Investing in new renewable and carbon free energy technologies that replace high-maintenance, aged infrastructure

For more information on the Grayson Repowering project visit

www.GraysonRepowering.com

To view the February 6, 2018 City Council report, click [here](#).

Park Playground Renovations

I encourage everyone to connect with Glendale by visiting GlendaleCA.gov or our news website myglendalecitynews.org, subscribing to our electronic newsletter [City Connection](#), utilizing tools such as the [MyGlendale app](#) to alert the City to problems that need attention, or following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#). Whether you are a resident, business owner, or a visitor, you will never miss a beat by using these platforms.

Furthermore, with events such as Police Open House, Fire Service Day, Utility Day, Public Works Open House, Glendale Tech Week, and more throughout the year, there is no shortage of ways to connect. We are a city on the move and I invite you to join our community efforts.

Literacy Classes - Sign up Today!



The Adult Literacy Program helps adults who want to learn English, as well as English-speaking adults who need to improve their reading and writing skills. Conversation classes and one-on-one tutoring sessions are offered for adults ages eighteen and over. Learn more [here](#).

Free Citizenship Classes Wednesdays



Where: Library Connection @ Adams Square, 1100 E. Chevy Chase Dr.

When: Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 6 p.m.

What: Learn the English, civics, and history requirements to pass the test and become a United States Citizen! Students must have a green card. This service is



The playgrounds at Carr Park and Nibley Park are under renovation, and therefore, closed as follows:

- Carr Playground: January 8 - March 31, 2018
- Nibley Playground: February 5 - March 31, 2018

Please note that these dates are tentative. Please visit www.glendaleca.gov/parks for future updates.

We Want to Hear From You!



The [South Glendale Community Plan \(SGCP\)](#) and [Draft EIR \(DEIR\)](#) are available for public review and comment on the City's website.

The DEIR public comment period is open until Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. A joint public hearing of the Planning Commission and the Transportation and Parking Commission to take comments on the DEIR is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room, MSB 105, 633 E. Broadway.

Written comments on the SGCP or DEIR may be submitted using the online form through the website or mailed to the Community Development Department Attn: Laura Stotler or Erik Krause, 633 E. Broadway, Room 103, Glendale, CA 91206. For more information on the SGCP or DEIR, please contact Laura Stotler at LStotler@glendaleca.gov or (818) 937-8158.

[Submit Your EIR Comments Online](#)

Citywide Pedestrian Plan



cosponsored by the International Rescue Committee. Pre-registration required. Classes continue every Wednesday. Learn more [here](#).

CALENDAR

Through March 16 - GARDEN VARIETY

**Brand Library & Art Center
1601 W. Mountain St.**

Curated by Katie Bode, Garden Variety is a group exhibition that explores the systems and experiences that encapsulate notions of timekeeping. The exhibition runs through March 16, 2018. Learn more [here](#).

February 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Back Alley Painters, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Montrose Library
2465 Honolulu Ave.**

Sign up to join the Back Alley Painters. An adult group of watercolor artists coming together to paint, give each other helpful critiques and have fun. NO INSTRUCTION. Bring your own watercolor supplies. Space is limited. Learn more [here](#).

February 7 - Career Pathway Workshop, 2:00 p.m.

**Downtown Central Library – Computer Lab
222 E. Harvard St.**

Are you at an employment crossroads? Come to a career pathway workshop to learn about in-demand jobs in the Glendale Region. Sponsored by the Verdugo Jobs Center. Learn more [here](#).

The City's Draft Pedestrian Plan is available for viewing online. You can also answer a quick survey to share your thoughts on the proposed plan.

View the Draft Citywide Pedestrian Plan [here](#). Share your thoughts by taking the [survey!](#)

View Your Water Usage Any Time & Check for Potential Leaks



Don't wait for the water bill to be surprised by your water usage! View your near-real time water usage through GWP's WaterInsight portal. You can even see how your water usage compares to similar homes and receive water saving tips! You can also sign up for leak alerts to detect potential leaks in your home before they get worse. [Click here](#) to sign up and for more information.

Glendale Police Department Recruitment

February 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Personal Prose & Poetry: A Writing Class for Adults, 3:30 p.m.
Chevy Chase Library
3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr.
 Learn more [here](#).

February 8 – The Brian Waite Band presents Battle of the Bands, 11:00 a.m.
Downtown Central Library Auditorium
222 E. Harvard St.
 Come sing, dance and laugh with The Brian Waite Band as they journey to the musical land of Rockmania, where they help the arguing natives of Fastopolis, Beatborough, and Lowburg learn that working together and playing in harmony make for a better and happier country. This fast-paced 45 minute musical is designed for children ages 2+ and their parents. Learn more [here](#).

February 8 & 22 – STEAM Project, 4:00 p.m.
Library Connection @ Adams Square
1100 E. Chevy Chase Dr.
 Amazing science projects! Ages 4+. Learn more [here](#).

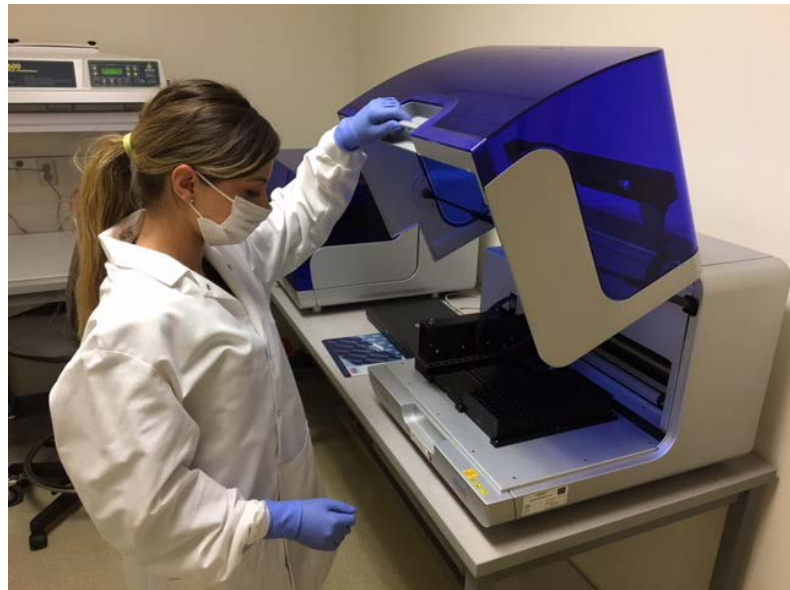
February 8 - Club Maple Valentine's Day Celebration, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Maple Park Community Center
820 E. Maple St.
 Refreshments will be provided as you celebrate love and friendship. Club Maple is a free program open to all adults with intellectual disabilities, which provides an opportunity for individuals to experience positive, healthy recreation and socialization experiences. Activities are appropriate to age and skill ability in a friendly and safe environment. Learn more by calling Kenneth Khan at (818) 548-3783.

February 9 – Parent's Night Out, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Pacific Community Center
501 S. Pacific Ave.
 Drop off your children at Pacific Community Center for an evening of fun, friends, pizza, games, popcorn and a movie, while you spend an evening out doing whatever you want! Space is limited, so call to reserve your



The Glendale Police Department is seeking qualified individuals, particularly Korean and Armenian bilingual candidates, who are interested in a rewarding and exciting law enforcement career. These and other positions in the police department can be found on our recruitment website joingpd.com. If you need more information, contact the department's Professional Standards Bureau at (818) 548-3117.

GPD Spotlight



Michelle is currently a DNA Specialist at the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory (VRCL) housed within the Glendale Police Department. She was born in Glendale, became a graduate of Crescenta Valley High School, and then went onto Loyola Marymount University to receive her BS in Biology with a minor in Biochemistry. Michelle attended Michigan State University and earned an MS in Forensic Science with a Forensic Biology concentration. Her thesis examined the feasibility of obtaining DNA profiles from fired cartridge casings. During graduate school, Michelle also interned in the Forensic Biology Unit at the Michigan State Police.

Michelle has been with the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory since 2014. She began her career at VRCL as an intern, was hired as a DNA technician, and promoted to a full-time DNA Specialist in 2015. Michelle has worked on approximately 500 cases including a cold case homicide from 1993.

Outside of work, Michelle is the VP of the Glendale Parks and Open Space

spot today! The fee is \$15.00 per child, ages 5 to 12 years old. Participants are encouraged to bring their pajamas and a blanket. For registration or more information, please call (818) 548-4098. Learn more [here](#).

February 9 - Friday Night Lecture Series: "The Weird and Wonderful World of Bats", 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Rd.

One fourth of all the world's mammals are bats. These animals have been portrayed as evil, scary, and dirty. Do they deserve this type of press? Is this fake news? What is the truth? Join Michelle Rivers, bat enthusiast and UK Bat Worker as she shares the facts about these fascinating creatures. You will learn about the weird and wonderful things that make bats so special and why we should all learn to love them. This event is free! But you must call us at (818) 548-3795 to RSVP. This program is recommended for ages 16 and older. This program is made possible by a grant from Avery Dennison. Learn more [here](#).

February 10 – 222 EAST Performances & Back Door Bookstore, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Downtown Central Library 222 E. Harvard St. Central Park Paseo – 216 S. Brand Blvd.

Enjoy a used book sale and live music at the Central Park Paseo. Learn more [here](#).

February 10 - Campfire Program: "City Wildlife", 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Pacific Community Center & Park 501 S. Pacific Ave.

We are moving the Campfire from the wilderness to the city as we present an evening on "City Wildlife". Join us as we learn about the animals that have also moved into the city from their wilderness homes. Our focus is on skunks, opossums, raccoons, and coyotes, and how they have adapted to their new urban environment. Our program will feature songs, skits, smiles, and s'mores. This event is free! But you must call us at (818) 548-3795 to RSVP. Learn more [here](#).

February 14 – Barks & Books,

Foundation, a youth leader at church, a Glendale Trail Safety Patrol member, and a volunteer ski instructor in Mammoth.

Michelle feels it is a privilege to serve the community with which she is deeply rooted and considers home.

Click [here](#) to view career opportunities!

The Verdugo Regional Crime Lab

In addition to servicing Glendale and Burbank, the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory also provides DNA testing for approximately 30 other agencies, both at the local and federal levels. The Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory Forensic Biology Unit and its members have been recognized by the Glendale Police Officer's Association, the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Montrose-Verdugo Hills Chamber of Commerce for their hard work and dedication.

Christmas Tree Recycling Update by Glendale Public Works



Nearly 3,000 Christmas trees were estimated to be collected by the week of January 12! The Integrated Waste Management (IWM) staff brought in a chipper to help clear space so they could continue clearing trees off the streets. Above is a picture of the trees collected on January 17!

We appreciate your patience; tree collection is scheduled to continue until all are picked up. If you have any questions about tree collection, please call IWM at (818) 548-3916.

The Brand Library is a Gem!



3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pacific Park Library
501 S. Pacific Ave.

Come and practice your read aloud skills with a trained therapy dog: Co-sponsored by the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA: Everyone ages 4 and up are invited! The Library dog that will be present is Chloe. Learn more [here](#).

February 15 – Chalk-Bots, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Downtown Central Library Children’s Room
222 E. Harvard St.

Artist Kristin Donner shares her favorite books about robotics, design and creative recycling using recycled cardboard boxes finished in chalkboard paint. Learn more [here](#).

February 16 – Teen Night Out, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Pacific Community Center
501 S. Pacific Ave.

Glendale Teen Night Out is designed to provide free teen activities that include billiards, ping pong, karaoke, PS4, and teen coordinated activities. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Learn more [here](#).

February 16 - Friday Night Lights, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Verdugo Skate Park
1621 Canada Blvd.

Enjoy some of the newest skateboard videos on a big projection screen. There will be a raffle and one grand prize given away monthly. You will receive a free snack with the purchase of a raffle ticket. Admission is free. For more information, please call (818) 548-2786.

February 16 – College Scholarship Workshop, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Community Center
501 S. Pacific Ave.

Carolynn Lyons from Glendale Federal Credit Union will be providing information about local scholarships that are available to the youth in the Glendale community. Now is the time for High School Seniors to apply for scholarships and get a jump start before the rush. Glendale Federal Credit Union will make recommendations on what to highlight on scholarship applications and how to be set themselves apart from other

Glendale’s Brand Library and Arts Center is brimming with cultural affairs. Take your friends and family to one (or all!) of the upcoming events. [Check them out!](#)

Recruiting for the Summer Aquatics Program!

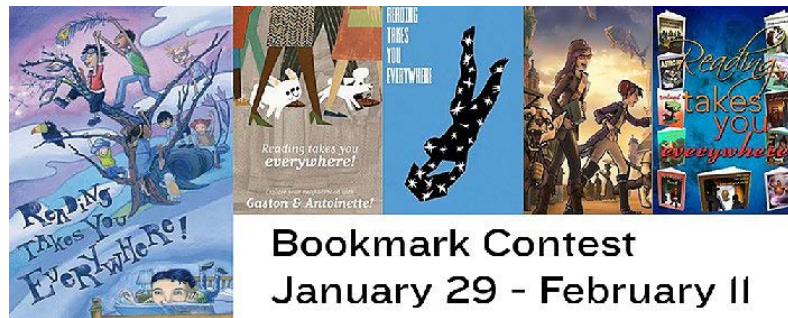


The Community Services & Parks Department is currently recruiting staff for the Summer 2018 Aquatics Program! All candidates must have successfully completed the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification class by May 15, 2018. Spend your summer working at the pool, teaching swimming lessons, and staying cool at the only City pool in town!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full job bulletin and to apply for a position.

For more information, please call (818) 937-7442.

Bookmark Contest!



Bookmark Contest January 29 - February 11

Through February 11, create a bookmark for the Summer Reading Program theme: *Reading Takes You Everywhere, exploration and new discoveries to be found in books, libraries, our communities and beyond.* Winning entries in different age groups will become official Library bookmarks for the year. Winners will also receive 50 copies of their own bookmark, a goodie bag, and a certificate! The winners' school principals will also be notified of their achievement. All submissions must be completed in our libraries. Ages 0 - 18 years. Learn more [here](#).

ReflectSpace Gallery

In | visible: Negotiating the US-Mexico Border

applicants. Parents also welcome to attend. Learn more [here](#).

February 17 – Third Saturday Wilderness Workday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd.

Plan to join us for our February Wilderness Workday for invasive weed removal, watering of our newly planted trees and all of the trees planted since 2010. It's perfect for students who need community service hours. Community and Youth organizations are welcome. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, and protective clothing. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call us to RSVP at (818) 548-3795 or for more information. Learn more [here](#).

February 18 – Spirit of Haiku, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Brand Park
1601 W. Mountain St.

Join us for an inspirational garden walk, learn all about a Haiku, then learn how to write one yourself! Join us for this educational and fun adventure with a wonderful bowl of tea. This event is \$20 per person and RSVP is required. Learn more [here](#).

February 20 – Lanterman Regional Center Armenian Parent Support Group, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Library Connection @ Adams Square
1100 E. Chevy Chase Dr.

The Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center, in cooperation with the Library, Arts & Culture Department, hosts a monthly support group for Armenian-speaking families of children with special needs. Learn more [here](#).

February 26 – Montrose Book Club, 6:15 – 8 pm
Montrose Library
2465 Honolulu Ave.

Read and discuss Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill by Sonia Purnell. Learn more [here](#).

February 28 – Harry Potter Party, 4:00 p.m.
Library Connection @ Adams Square
1100 E. Chevy Chase Dr.

Celebrate with activities and refreshments. Ages 5+. Learn



ReflectSpace Gallery presents an exhibition of visual, technological and performative narratives that reflect on the permanence and permeability of the US-Mexico border. Separating the gallery in half by a site-specific border wall and through the work of artists, public art and virtual reality, "in | visible" aims to bring attention to the border as not only a physical, familial, and cultural impediment, but also as the fault line of interdependence of two countries. Artists Dulce Pinzón, Claudia Cano, Teresita de la Torre, Tom Kiefer and Joan Zierhut address the visible and invisible impact of the border on lives of those on either side.

Special events include:

- Lauren Markham, author of *The Far Away Brothers*, **Thursday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.**, Downtown Central Library Auditorium
- T.C. Boyle, author of *The Tortilla Curtain*, **Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.**, Downtown Central Library Auditorium
- Tim DeRoche & Daniel Gonzalez, author and illustrator of *The Ballad of Huck & Miguel*, **Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.**, Downtown Central Library Auditorium

The ReflectSpace Gallery is located at the Downtown Central Library, 222 East Harvard Street, Glendale.

Learn more [here](#).

Calling All Artists and Performers!

Artist Opportunities

The Glendale Arts and Culture Commission is calling all artists and performance groups to apply for a spot in the exciting Brand Library Plaza Series. The Commission will provide a variety of performance experiences every Friday at 7:00 p.m. from June through August at the Brand Library & Art Center Outdoor Plaza. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

There is one more opportunity to showcase artistic talents! Thirteen utility box murals will be painted in Downtown Glendale, along Verdugo, Monterey and Broadway from March 16 through 18. So think outside the box, and apply to be featured on Beyond the Box. Applications must be submitted by February 13.

Learn more [here](#).

Verdugo Park North Master Planning

more [here](#).

Holiday Closures

President's Day Weekend
Saturday - Monday, Feb. 17 - 19
City offices and Libraries closed.
Learn more [here](#).

Looking Ahead

March 5 - Verdugo Park North Master Planning Meeting
Learn more [here](#).

March 6 - Glendale Beautiful Arbor Day Celebration
Learn more [here](#).

March 7 - Joint Planning Commission and Transportation and Parking Commission Meeting Re: South Glendale Community Plan and DEIR
Learn more [here](#).

March 15 - 6th Annual Veterans Job Fair
Learn more [here](#).

May 6 - Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run & Hike
Registration opened January 11, 2018. Learn more [here](#).

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

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 We will present design options!

UPDATE REGARDING MASTER PLANNING OF
VERDUGO
PARK NORTH

Monday, March 5, 2018
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Glendale Civic Auditorium (Lower Level)
1401 N. Verdugo Rd.
Glendale, CA 91208



If you have any questions about this meeting call (818) 548-2000.
Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request. Please notify us within 72 hrs prior to event date.

<p>Presentaremos Opciones de Diseño Informe Tocante al Plan Maestro de Verdugo Park North</p> <p>Lunes, 5 de Marzo, 2018 6:30 PM - 8:00 AM</p> <p>Glendale Civic Auditorium (planta baja) 1401 N. Verdugo Rd. Glendale, CA 91208</p> <p>Si tiene cualquier pregunta acerca de esta reunión, llame al (818) 548-2000. Se harán acomodaciones razonables que sean solicitadas. Por favor notifiquearnos por lo menos 72 horas antes de la fecha del evento.</p>	<p>Անկը ներկայացնել են շեզան տարբերակներ: Վերջագույն գրառույթը ներառված է հավելյալ վեբ-էջում: Ընթացիկ ընթացիկը:</p> <p>2018 թ. մարտի 5-ին, կեսգիշերից մինչև կեսօրը 6:30-ից - 8:00-ը</p> <p>Վեբ-էջի տեղեկությունները հասանելի են: Glendale Civic Auditorium (տարբ. մակարդակ) 1401 N. Վերդուգո փողոց Գլենդեյլ, Կալիֆոռնիա 91208</p> <p>Եթե անկը հարցեր ունեցնեք, ասե՛ք հեռախոսով կամ ֆակսով: Գրե՛ք մեզ (818) 548-2000: Ըստ պահանջի կատարվեն համարապատասխան հարմարություններ: Խնդրում ենք մեզ տեղեկացնել առնվազն 72 ժամ առաջ:</p>
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Community Services & Parks is hosting a community meeting and wants to hear your opinions regarding the options developed for the master plan of Verdugo Park! The community meeting will take place on March 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Auditorium's lower level.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please call the Community Services & Parks Administration Office at (818) 548-2000.

Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request. Please notify us within 72 hours prior to the event date. Learn more [here](#).

Your Next Special Event can be at the Glendale Civic Auditorium!



The Civic Auditorium, located at 1401 N. Verdugo Rd, Glendale, is a wonderful venue that can meet all of your special event rental needs. From indoor soccer to shows, meetings, celebrations, and banquets, we're here for you. Contact Lara Dalyan at (818) 548-2787, or via email at LDalyan@GlendaleCA.gov for reservations.

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Civic Auditorium's website and view floor plans, reservation information, and a list of upcoming public events.

[CLICK HERE](#) for directions to the Civic Auditorium.

Verdugo Sector Skills Project



The Verdugo Jobs Center has been awarded the Verdugo Sector Skills Project, which is a grant that provides free vocational training and job placement services to individuals that have been affected by recent layoffs from the following companies:

- Dreamworks Animation NBC Universal Media LLC
- Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, Worldwide-Walt Disney Imagineering
- Shire/Baxalta
- Nestle
- Crane Aerospace
- Deluxe Entertainment Services
- Warner Music Inc.
- The Castaway
- YP, LLC

Space is limited; all interested are encouraged to contact Veronica Parra at vparra@glendaleca.gov or call (818) 409-7236.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the flyer.

RIISE Project



The RIISE grant creates the Regional Immediate Intervention Service to Employment (RIISE) project, which brings together several community partners to train and prepare participants for full-time employment. RIISE will target individuals that are homeless and are either foster youth, victims of domestic violence, have disabilities, or are receiving government assistance.

The City of Glendale's Continuum of Care, in partnership with Ascencia and other community organizations, will identify and refer candidates to the program. The Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC) will provide counseling and career guidance, as well as work readiness workshops to prepare participants for job search. Work readiness also includes training in communication skills, interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, and other skills needed to be successful in the work environment. The City of Glendale's Community Services & Parks Department will provide temporary paid work experience to qualify for future jobs, while earning wages. Individuals will be supervised while working at park sites conducting general park maintenance. The VJC will provide job placement assistance and supportive services, including interview and work clothing, and transportation assistance to secure employment.

For more information please contact Rasheedah Scott, Case Manager at (818) 937-8011

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the flyer.

Training and Job Placement Opportunities

VJC Can help with ...



Resume Writing



Interview Skills



Job Placement



On the Job Training

The Verdugo Jobs Center has received the Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) 3 grant to assist individuals with disabilities with employment and training opportunities. The VJC works with community partners to assist these individuals with training, resume writing, career guidance and work readiness workshops. Individuals may also want to take advantage of a 13-week training program in Information Technology, Computerized Numerical Control or other in-demand training programs in various industries. To find out if you qualify for this program, contact Tina Hartyon at (818) 937-8080 or VJC at (818) 937-8001.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the flyer.

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