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2019**

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

## A Message From Yasmin Beers



*Glendale City Manager*

If you use social media, you've probably noticed a trend across platforms of people posting photos of themselves from 10 years ago and now— the #10yearchallenge.

By the time you read this, it's old news and we've all moved on from it. Still, this is a great opportunity to look back at how Glendale has grown in the last decade.

Let's start with our population. In 2009, Glendale was considered to be the third largest City in Los Angeles. Well, in just 10 years, we are now considered to be the fourth largest, following the City of Santa Clarita. Despite moving down that list, Glendale has

## Guardian Program



Does someone in your home use prescribed electrical equipment? If so, you may be eligible to receive a discount on your electric bill through Glendale Water & Power's Guardian program. Some of the prescribed equipment that qualify are:

- Apnea Monitors
- Kidney Dialysis
- Motorized Wheelchairs
- Nebulizers
- Oxygen Concentrators
- CPAP/BiPAP

Customers with special, medically-prescribed electric heat or air conditioning needs may also be eligible for the program on a case by case basis. Discounts will vary depending on the type of equipment used. Visit [Glendaleca.gov/Guardian](http://Glendaleca.gov/Guardian) or call (855) 550-4497 for more information.

**There's Still Time to Get a Free 2019  
Calendar!**

grown from a population of 191,719 (2010 Census) to 205,536 in 2018 (California Department of Finance).

Looking back, there have been numerous achievements that we should all be proud of, as well as some challenges that we continue dedicating our time and efforts to. Since 2009, Glendale has seen a number of improvements and has become a world class city.

In the last ten years, we upgraded a number of our library locations, and completely renovated our two largest libraries – Brand and Downtown Central. These two locations have greatly enhanced the functions of the libraries that are now state-of-the-art facilities for access to information, art, and technology. The restored Brand Library became a historic gem in its park setting, attracting more visitors. And improvements to the Central Library make it a strong anchor to Central Park and the location of the future Armenian American Museum, helping develop a connection to the downtown and arts & entertainment districts.

Additionally, with the founding of new businesses, multi-unit housing developments, and corporations in and around the downtown, Glendale has reached new economic development heights. With added business concierge services, attraction efforts, and tech initiatives, Glendale is now the site of top new companies such as Tesla, Service Titan, Age of Learning, and much more. Now, over 1,029 local high tech firms employ over 40,000 employees, and new hotels such as the Hyatt Place and Hampton Inn are serving thousands of guests. Glendale has also gained a number of new delicious eateries. One of Glendale’s shopping destinations, the Americana at Brand, celebrated its 10 year anniversary just last year. The impressive Glendale Galleria, the fourth-largest shopping mall in LA County, also underwent an extensive renovation starting in 2012.

Since 2009, Glendale also saw the renovation of a variety of park spaces and constructed the

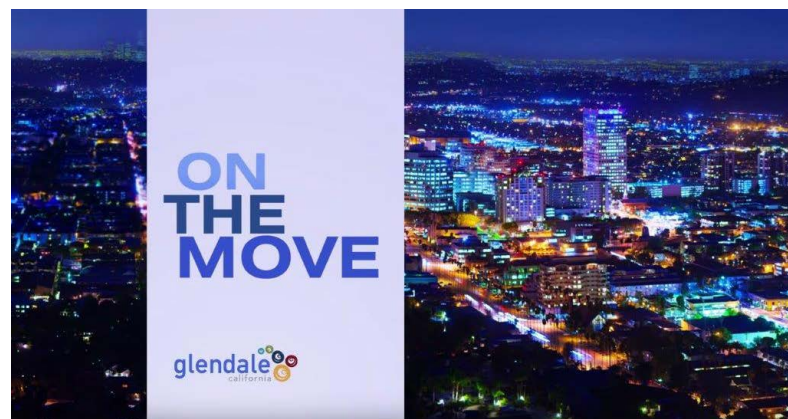


Free 2019 calendars featuring emergency preparedness information by the Jewel City's very own animated characters Glen and Dale are ready to be mailed out to residents interested in receiving a copy!

Just [click here](#) and fill out the form with the required information.

Calendars are also available for pick-up at Glendale City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, room 200, Glendale, CA.

### 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. In this episode, we check out gyms in Glendale, Valentine's Day in Montrose, GYA programs, the history of the Catalina Verdugo Adobe, and sewers!



Pacific Park Community Pool. In 2010, construction of the Adult Recreation Center, home to the Community Services & Parks Department's senior services section, was also completed.

In the last ten years, Glendale welcomed the new Regional Crime Lab in a new Police Station, which officially opened in April 2012. This new Station and lab modernized the police force and accommodated for growth, while allowing the City and its neighbors to process DNA evidence quicker and more frequently than before.

Despite the economic downturn about 10 years ago, Glendale created and continues to seek affordable housing opportunities – from Doran Gardens to Veteran's Village to ACE/121. These units are fully occupied by very low, low, and moderate income families and persons with special needs.

In addition, Glendale moved towards a Smarter Grid and replaced 120,000 electric and water meters with new technology that provides real-time usage data to customers and helps conserve energy and water in ways that would be impossible with traditional meters.

Of course, in the last 10 years, there have been many more transformations, but the small examples above give a good indication of the great renewal Glendale has seen.

**@MyGlendaleTeens Now on Instagram!**



Follow us on [Instagram](#) to find the latest info on volunteer and job opportunities, special events, educational workshops, and places to hang out for teens! For more information, call (818) 937-7243.

Watch each segment here:

[Gyms in Glendale](#)

[Valentine's Day in Montrose](#)

[Glendale Youth Alliance Programs](#)

[History of The Catalina Verdugo Adobe](#)

[Sewer Overflow PSA](#)

## Teen G.E.N. Fair



Last year, the Glendale Library, Arts and Culture Department asked teens how they would like to improve their community. Resoundingly, teens asked for community events geared towards teens. To fill this need, the Library will be holding a Teen G.E.N. Fair on Friday, February 8 from 7 - 10 p.m. Empowerment. Now. -- created and led by teens. There's even a "Time Out" room for parents!

- YouTube Panel
- Selfie Stations
- Club Booths
- Carnival with prizes
- Life-Sized Games
- DJ
- Kahoot
- League of Legends demonstration
- Announcing a Teen Library Card Design Contest
- Time Out Room for Parents

Learn more [here](#).

## Comedy Night to Benefit Glendale Police K-9 Unit

### MakerSpace, SoundSpace, and Career Workshops



**Where:** Downtown Central Library, 222 East Harvard St.

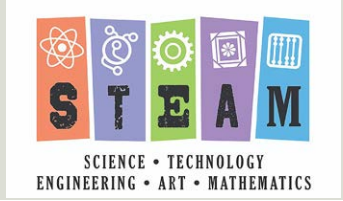
Enjoy free craft making workshops, learn about music production, or delve into in-demand occupations in the Glendale region. Learn more about free monthly workshops and register [here](#).

### eBooks & Online Media



Read daily issues of the New York Times, take online courses on Lynda.com, watch movies and shows on Hoopla, or learn a new language. Check out these online services provided by the Library, Arts & Culture Department by visiting [GlendaleCa.gov/LibraryOnline](http://GlendaleCa.gov/LibraryOnline).

### STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math!



**Comedy Night**  
**Howl At The Moon**  
 Saturday, March 2nd, Starting at 6:00 PM  
 Tickets \$95  
 Proceeds To Benefit  
**GLENDALE POLICE K-9 UNIT**  
 Contact Melinda Clarke at [Melinda@gpf.org](mailto:Melinda@gpf.org)  
 To become a sponsor or purchase tickets please visit [gpf.org](http://gpf.org)  
**Glen Arden Club**  
 357 Arden Ave, Glendale, CA 91203

The Glendale Police Foundation is hosting Howl at the Moon, a comedy night to benefit the Glendale Police K-9 Unit. The event will take place on Saturday, March 2 at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [GPF.org/events](http://GPF.org/events).

### Call for Performers



Performing groups are invited to apply for two exciting outdoor performance series at two library locations - Brand Library Plaza Series and 222 EAST Performance Series. Learn more and submit an online application by visiting [Glendaleca.gov/CallforPerformers](http://Glendaleca.gov/CallforPerformers).

### It's All About Trees!



The City of Glendale was awarded the Circle 3.0 grant, and is partnering with West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) and the California Urban Forest Council (CaUFC) through the California Initiative to Reduce Carbon and Limit Emissions (Circle). Circle 3.0 is a grant project funded through CalFire with the goal to reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by planting urban trees.

The Circle 3.0 grant provides 220 trees to the City of Glendale, with 200 new trees to be installed as City street trees and 20 trees selected for the reforestation in Verdugo Park. The grant also makes new trees available for Glendale residents through the Circle 3.0 Community Canopy toolkit. This online



Many Library locations have a variety of free STEAM-related programs and workshops that'll inspire and motivate children with fun, hands-on learning activities. Learn more [here](#).

### **CALENDAR**

**Through February 10 – Incarceration Nation**  
*ReflectSpace @ Downtown Central Library*  
*222 East Harvard Street*

The U.S. has the largest prison population in the world and the highest per-capita incarceration rate. Artists explore the economics and racism of the prison industrial complex. Learn more [here](#).

**February 9 – Brand Associates Music Series: Lobo Ensemble, 2 p.m.**  
*Brand Library & Art Center*  
*1601 West Mountain Street*

The Lobo Ensemble performs on the Brand Associates Music Series! The ensemble consists of oboist Catherine Del Russo, violinist Jacqueline Suzuki and cellist Jeness Johnson. Admission is free and a reception will follow the concert. Learn more [here](#).

**February 15 – ReflectSpace: Erasing Native California Opening Reception, 7 p.m.**  
*Downtown Central Library*  
*222 East Harvard Street*

Between 1846 - 1873 the California Native population declined by over 80 percent, from 150,000 to 30,000. Artists reflect on this unspoken genocide that took place in our state. Learn more [here](#).

**February 28 – Silent Glendale with Historian Paul Ayers, 7 p.m.**  
*Downtown Central Library Auditorium*  
*222 East Harvard Street*

The Glendale Historical Society celebrates its 40th Anniversary with a series of special presentations in 2019. Historian Paul Ayers presents an illustrated slideshow on silent film production in Glendale. Learn more [here](#).

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**Hours and Closures**

portal helps residents determine the best tree locations and species for optimal energy savings on their property. Three new trees are available at no cost per residence. WCA will plant these trees for residents in the spring of 2019.

#### **Key Dates:**

**CA Tree Team Workshop**, Brand Library Recital Hall, February 16. 9am – 12pm. Hosted by: Glendale Public Works, WCA and Glendale Youth Alliance.

**Arbor Day Ceremony**, Casa Adobe de San Rafael, March 5. 10:00 am -12:00 pm. Hosted by: Glendale Beautiful and the City of Glendale's Community Services and Parks Department.

**Arbor Day Planting Event**, Verdugo Park, March 9. 9 am – 12 pm. Hosted by: WCA and Glendale Public Works.

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## **Re-imagine the Glendale Beeline**

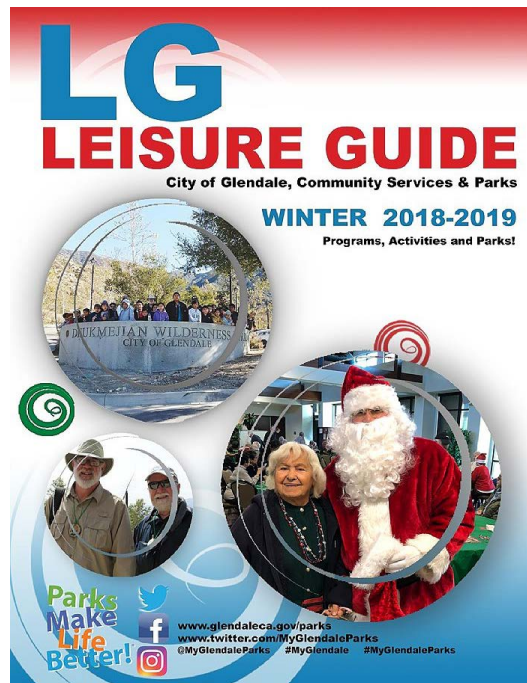
**WHAT IF GLENDALE'S BUS SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED JUST FOR ME?**

Tell us how Glendale Beeline can move you better.

Glendale is re-imagining the bus network to create customer focused routes, faster and more reliable travel times, and less waiting at bus stops. We invite you to tell us how we should re-imagine our bus network in Glendale. Fill out a transit survey by [clicking here](#) or using the QR Code above.

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## **Looking for Things to Do?**



**February 16 - 18 - Presidents Day Holiday**

All City office and Library locations will be closed.

Learn more [here](#).

**Looking Ahead**

**March 6 – Tapestry - Stories of the Human Spirit Reception , 7 - 8:30 p.m.**

*Downtown Central Library Auditorium  
222 East Harvard Street*

This program will feature short film interviews of local area residents on the themes of migration and what it means to be a Californian, chronicling the video stories of immigration using personal narratives, family mementos and other archival material to share the rich cultural fabric of the community. Learn more [here](#).

**March 8 – Mayor's Nonprofit Summit, 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*Downtown Central Library Auditorium  
222 East Harvard Street*

Join Mayor Zareh Sinanyan in a convening of the City of Glendale's nonprofit organizations. Learn more [here](#).

**March 9 – Brand Associates Music Series: Cristina Montes Mateo, 2 - 3:30 p.m.**

*Brand Library & Art Center  
1601 West Mountain Street*

Award winning harpist Cristina Montes Mateo performs a solo harp recital of Spanish music. Program TBA. Admission is free and a reception will follow the concert. Learn more [here](#).

The Leisure Guide is the Community Services & Parks Department's quarterly e-publication where you can find information about programs, classes, services, and events that we are offering that season.

Registration for winter session Lifelong Learning Classes is now open. There are many other events, activities, and programs to learn about inside. Also included is information on Spring Break camps to help you plan ahead. Learn more by visiting [Glendaleca.gov/LeisureGuide](http://Glendaleca.gov/LeisureGuide).

**CA Friendly Landscape Class**

**FREE CA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE CLASS!**

**March 9**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Sign up on our website.  
[www.Glendaleca.gov/landscapeclasses](http://www.Glendaleca.gov/landscapeclasses)

Did you know that over half of a home's water usage comes from outdoor watering? This is mostly because turf grass requires plenty of water to be kept green. You can save substantially on your water bill by replacing your turf grass with California friendly plants. These plants require much less water and can be a beautiful addition to your garden.

Not sure where to start? Sign up for the upcoming and free California Friendly Landscape class, and learn about California friendly plants, as well as efficient irrigation techniques, soils, & much more. The next class available is on:

**Saturday, March 9, 2019, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

[Click here](#) to sign up for a class. You can also visit [GlendaleWaterWiseGardening.com](http://GlendaleWaterWiseGardening.com) for examples of California friendly gardens and to get some inspiration.

**March 16 – Low-Cost Pet Wellness Clinic**

*Pacific Community Center & Park  
501 South Pacific Avenue*

Microchip and pet licensing services will also be available. For more information, visit [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org). Dog licenses are required in the City of Glendale. To purchase or renew a dog license, please visit <https://csi.glendaleca.gov/CLIPP> or call (818) 937-8300

**March 16 – Composting Workshop**

Join our Integrated Waste Management team for a Composting Workshop! At the workshop, you'll learn all about the value of composting, how to compost, and will be able to purchase a worm bin at a discounted price. Find more details in the [registration form](#). Submit it today to reserve your spot!

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

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## Children's Bookmark Contest!



*2018 bookmark by Kindergarten student Pastor A.*

Beginning February 1 through February 28, children grades 8 and younger are invited to submit a bookmark design at any Library location for the 2019 Children's Bookmark Contest, It's Showtime!

Children will design bookmarks using provided supplies at one of eight library locations. Winning entries in different age groups will become official Library bookmarks for the year. Winners will also receive copies of their own bookmarks, a goodie bag thanks to the Friends of the Glendale Public Library, a certificate, and their school principals will be notified of their achievement. For more information call Children's Services at 818-548-2035.

Learn more by visiting [Glendaleca.gov/BookmarkContest](http://Glendaleca.gov/BookmarkContest).

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## Brand Library & Art Center Exhibit: Valley Girl Redefined





Brand Library & Art Center and 11:11 A Creative Collective are pleased to present Valley Girl Redefined, an expansive group exhibition of women who are the new architects of the “valley girl”.

[The “valley girl”, like the San Fernando Valley itself, cannot be contained in a stereotype. However, it can be argued that any Valley Girl’s sense of self has been informed by the cinematic ideal imposed on them. In fact, with little effort one can see that the “valley girl” has left an indelible mark on the global identity of womanhood while only representing a small minority. This exhibition endeavors to look past the myopic lens of popular culture that created the “valley girl” and delve into the true identities and diversity of Women in the Valley through the contemporary artwork they produce.

Learn more by visiting [Glendaleca.gov/BrandLibrary](http://Glendaleca.gov/BrandLibrary).

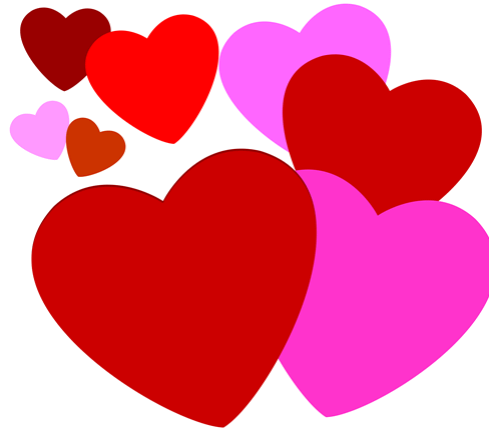
## Interested in Becoming a Lifeguard or Recreation Leader?





Spend your summer making great friends and memories as a Recreation Leader or Lifeguard! Go to [glendaleca.gov/jobs](http://glendaleca.gov/jobs) to apply for a position today.

## Special Valentine's Day Celebration for Seniors



Bring your Valentine to the Adult Recreation Center or Sparr Heights Community Center where love is in the air! A special event is planned on February 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants must call ahead and make reservations at least one week prior to the event.

- For reservations at the Adult Recreation Center, call (818) 548-3778
- For reservations at Sparr Heights Community Center, call (818) 548-2187

Learn more about Senior Programs & Services [here](#).

## Register for the Verdugo 10k



Photo by Jeff Herman

Registration is now open for the Verdugo Mountains 10K presented by the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Department to benefit the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation. The 9th Annual Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run & Hike will take place on **Sunday, May 5, 2019**. The 6.2 miles and 1,735 foot elevation gain will make for one Sunday morning you will never forget! The race begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. in beautiful Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale, CA 91201.

After the race, participants are invited to enjoy a free pancake breakfast. There will also be a Race Expo, offering an opportunity for local health and fitness related businesses and nonprofits to exhibit their wares.

For more information visit [www.RunTheVerdugos.com](http://www.RunTheVerdugos.com) and follow [@Verdugo10K](#) for updates.

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