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January 2020

Every Vote Counts!



February 22 - March 3, 2020 GlendaleVotes.org

The City of Glendale would like to remind you to vote beginning Saturday, February 22nd through Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 in the Glendale Municipal Election.

This election includes the following races:

- 3 seats for City Council
- 2 seats for Community College Board of Trustees, Areas 1 and 5
- 2 seats for Glendale Unified School Board, Areas A and E

The Glendale Municipal Election now coincides with the Presidential Primary

City Manager's Message



Yasmin Beers

We are officially in a new decade. How fast did the last 10 years pass for you?

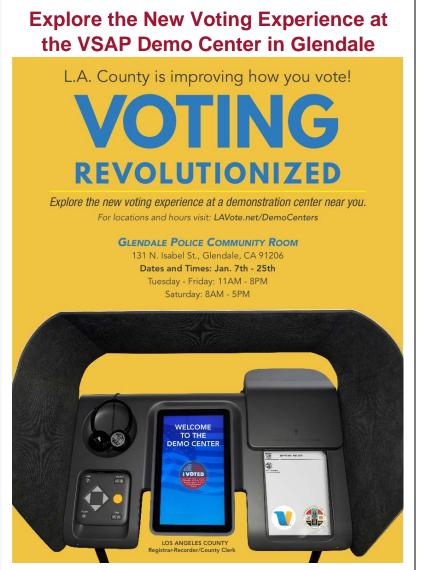
There is always so much going on in all of our lives that make time fly. But enough about that because that feeling is never going to change and we have a lot to talk about!

At this point in the year, mostly everyone is back to their regular programming after the holidays, so this is a good time to take a moment to talk about the amazing things we have going for us here in Glendale. It really is a special place.

Our community continues to be one of the safest cities of its size in California and in the nation. That's no small feat. Looking Election and is run by Los Angeles County.

If you have questions or want to learn more, visit <u>GlendaleVotes.org</u> or call (818) 548-4000.

Remember, voting is one of our most important civic duties and we want to hear from you. Glendale votes and so should you!



How and where you vote in 2020 will soon change

Los Angeles County has transitioned from polling places to Vote Centers, which allow voters 11 days to cast a ballot in person during the upcoming election from any Vote Center location Countywide. Vote Centers will offer new, fully accessible Ballot Marking Devices to make voting easier, including translation of the ballot into 12 languages.

Become familiar with the new Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) voting experience at one of Los Angeles County's Demo Centers.

Anyone may visit a Demo Center to try the new fully accessible Ballot Marking Device (BMD) and preview the Electronic Pollbook. The County is hosting 10 Demo Centers throughout LA County on a rotational basis in January.

Visit the Demo Center in Glendale:

LOCATION Glendale Police Community Room back, our Glendale Police and Fire Departments continue to keep us safe - from making successful arrests to fighting fires to quickly responding to emergencies and providing lifesaving medical care.

GPD and GFD are unmatched and continuously work side-byside to ensure preparedness in any circumstance. Although we strive to be among the fastest responders of emergency situations, it is important to remember that in a major disaster covering a large geographic area, assistance can take time. It is therefore important for you to prepare yourself, your family, your home, and your neighborhood. If we all stay ready, we don't have to get ready!

With that being said, I would like to remind you of the 12 steps to take to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency. If you do one thing each month, by the time this new year has passed (which will come sooner than you think), you will have taken big steps towards being ready for any emergency. It's as simple as...

January: Create a disaster communication plan

February: Store enough water for family and pets for at least 7 days

March: Store enough medications for family and pets for at least 30 days

April: Buy an adequate first aid kit

May: Store enough food for family and pets for at least 7 days

June: Buy a large or small container that will contain disaster supplies

July: Buy a portable radio, flashlight, and batteries for your disaster kit

August: Place clothing, shoes, sanitation and hygiene supplies in your disaster kit

September: Place tools in your disaster kit

October: Place cash in small bills

131 N. Isabel Street Glendale, CA 91206

DATES & TIMES

Tues., Jan. 7 – Sat., Jan. 25, 2020 Tuesdays - Fridays: 11AM - 8PM Saturdays: 8AM - 5PM (Not open Sundays and Mondays)

Find other Demo Center locations in LA County here.

Learn more about how to vote in LA County in 2020 here.

Census 2020



Questions about the 2020 Census? We've got answers.

census.lacounty.gov



dollars in federal funds to state and local governments.

The 2020 Census is fast approaching! Once each decade, the U.S. Census Bureau attempts to count every person in the United States.

A complete and accurate count of California's population is essential. The data collected by the decennial Census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute billions of

See timeline below for more information:

in your disaster kit

November: Place copies of insurance policies and other important papers in disaster kit

December: Annually update your disaster kit and review the plan with your family

Write these monthly resolutions down for 2020 to become better prepared for emergencies and disasters! Read more on our website by visiting our <u>Emergency Preparedness page</u>.

Together we have created a sought-after community to live, work, and play. With a supportive community, we will seize every opportunity to continue to thrive.

Happy New Year!

Calendar

Every Other Friday - Teen Night Out, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pacific Community Center 501 South Pacific Avenue 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. Please call (818) 937-7240 with any questions. Learn more here.

Every Tuesday - Zumba for Adults, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Maple Park Community Center Gymnasium

820 E. Maple St.

Come on down to Maple Park, and get in shape while you dance to some great music! \$1.00 for Activity Card holders. \$2.00 for Non-Activity Card holders. For more information, please call (818) 548-3694.

Zumba for Adults Flyer

Through January 17 - The Nothing That Is Brand Library and Art Center

1601 West Mountain Street Curated by Yaron Dotan and Christine Rasmussen, "The Nothing That Is" features handcrafted artwork that responds to the growing isolation humans feel as they try to connect through technology. Learn more <u>here.</u>

January 8 – Career Pathways,

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL		
On or between	You'll receive:	
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)	
March 16-24	A reminder letter.	
	lf you haven't responded yet:	
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.	
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.	
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.	

If you are interested in working for the 2020 Census, please visit <u>Census.CA.gov</u>.

Don't Be A Victim of Utility Scams & Fraud Calls



Utility scams and fraud calls are especially common this time of year. These calls can sound convincing, but you can stay safe by knowing GWP's procedures. We'd like to remind you that GWP representatives will never ask for payment information over the phone, or threaten to disconnect your water or power. Phone payments can only be made through GWP's automated phone service, and never with a live person. If you receive a call demanding payment or threatening disconnection, hang up immediately!

If you have any doubts or suspect fraud, you can always call GWP at 855-550-4497 to check your account status. You can also check your account anytime by

1:00 p.m. Central Library TechSpace Computer Lab

222 East Harvard Street This free 1 hour workshop delves into in-demand occupations in the City of Glendale, which primarily revolve around retail, food/hospitality and healthcare. Digital resources will be provided including JobNow, an online service which provides personal assistance with resumes, cover letters, and interview coaching for free. This program is sponsored by the Verdugo Jobs Center. Library, Arts & Culture. Learn more <u>here</u>.

January 11, 2020 -Riverwalk Workday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Glendale Narrows 300 Paula Ave.

Join us down by the riverside as we work to remove invasive plants from the landscaped areas along the L.A. River. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, and bring sunscreen, sun glasses and a hat. We'll provide tools, gloves, drinks and snacks. Families, individuals, clubs, and students needing community service hours are welcome. Groups of 10 or more, please RSVP at (818) 548-3795. <u>Riverwalk Workday Flyer</u>

January 12 – Art & Poetry Day,

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Brand Library & Art Center 1601 West Mountain Street A day of movement, poetry & art to start the New Year off right! Learn more <u>here</u>.

January 12 - Fragmented Futures: Afghanistan 100 Years Later Exhibition Closing, Film & Panel Discussion, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Glendale Central Library 222 East Harvard Street

This closing event features Mariam Ghani's "What We Left Unfinished" and Fazila Amiri's "Unknown Artist." Marking Afghanistan's centennial, the exhibit reflects on how the aspirations of Afghanistan and its diaspora were interrupted, transformed, and reborn since its independence. Learn more <u>here.</u>

January 13 – Cookbook Club:

Click here to learn more about utility scams, fraud, and how to prevent them.

Glendale Fire Department Promotion and Badge Pinning Ceremony

Glendale Fire Promotion and Badge		
Please join us on Thursday, January 16, 2020 • 9:00 am Fire Station 21 421 Oak St. Glendale, CA 91204 Parking is available across the street in the Glendale Galleria lot		
and Badge F	Pinning of	
Firefighter Paramedics Jorge Arreola Christopher Ashbaugh Joshua Benedict Michael Diaz Chad Horst Jesse Landaverde Keith Mayberry Ejmin Mirzakhanian Eric Osterberg Randell Reiner	Fire Communications Operator Jozefina Chilingaryan Fire Prevention Inspector Jennifer Fieda Hazardous Materials Specialist Meri Stepanyan	
For more information	call (818) 548-4814.	

Please join us on January 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for the Glendale Fire Department's Promotion and Badge Pinning Ceremony at Fire Station 21. For more information call (818) 548-4814.

Recycle Your Trees With Glendale Public Works!

Healthy Meals, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Pacific Park Library 501 S. Pacific Ave.

Check out a cookbook relevant to this month's topic, try at least one recipe, and bring in a sampling to share with others potluck style. Learn more <u>here</u>.

January 17, 2020 - Friday Night Lights, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Verdugo Skate Park 1621 Canada Blvd.

Friday Night Lights is offered every third Friday of the month. Enjoy some of the newest skateboard videos on a big projection screen. There will be a raffle and one prize given away monthly. Free snack with the purchase of a raffle ticket. Free admission. For more information, please call (818) 548-2786.

January 18, 2020 - Wilderness Workday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Rd.

Help us water our Douglas Firs and Coast Live Oaks, assist with trail repairs, and remove invasive species from the park. This program is 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. Groups of 10 or more, please RSVP at (818) 548-3795. Wilderness Workday Flyer

January 19, 2020 - Gama, First Tea of the Year, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Brand Park and Library 1601 W Mountain St. Join the Friends of Shoseian to celebrate the Year of the Mouse with the First Tea of the Year! Two tea ceremonies will be performed at 11 a.m. and noon. Please RSVP by January 17 to friends@shoseianteahouse.com, indicating the time of the seating you would like to attend and the names of all the guests in your party. A donation of \$20 per person is requested. Friends of Shoseian is a non-profit organization.

Hatsu Gama Flyer

January 24, 2020 - Teen Workshop: Addressing the Vaping Epidemic, 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.



The Integrated Waste Management Division has a free program to recycle Christmas trees beginning January 1, 2020. All you need to do is remove all the decorations from the tree and place it at the curb on your regular collection day.

*Due to extremely high demand, service can take up to two weeks, so please be patient.

For more information on how to recycle your tree with us, click here.

STARTING THE NEW YEAR RIGHT BY PUTTING RECYCLABLES IN THE BAG



The Integrated Waste Management Division provides FREE Reusable Tote Bags to Glendale residents. The purpose of these bags is to make the separation of recyclable items from trash easier.

If you are a resident, a landlord, or a property manager, you may request Totes for yourself or for your entire multifamily property by contacting the Integrated Waste Management Division at recycle@glendaleca.gov.

Pacific Community Center 501 S Pacific Ave

This Teen Night Out workshop will focus on the harms of vaping and the potential effects on the body after you vape.

Addressing the Vaping Epidemic Flyer

January 25, 2020 - Lend a Hand at Brand Park Service Day in Memory of Marc Stirdivant, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Brand Park

1601 W. Mountain St.

Please join us in memory of Marc Stirdivant, City of Glendale employee, community activist, and wildlife advocate who passed away in 2019. Marc was a founder of both V.O.I.C.E. - Volunteers Organized in Conserving the Environment; and the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation. As an employee for the city, Marc led the Trails and Open Space Program since 2011 and was responsible for establishment of the Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run and Hike. After Marc's retirement he continued to work with the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation until his passing on July 30, 2019. Work may include trail maintenance and removal of invasive plants from the park. Please wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing and a hat. We'll provide the drinks and snacks. Please RSVP by calling (818) 548-3795.

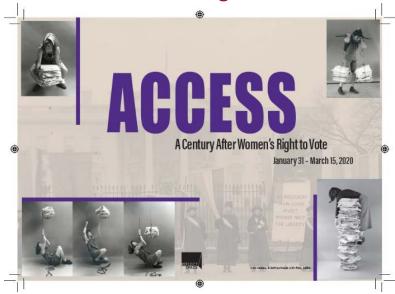
Lenda a Hand at Brand Park Flyer

January 29 - 2020 Census and Why It Matters, 6:00 p.m. Central Library Auditorium 222 East Harvard Street

The Census is completed every 10 years and is a count of persons residing in the U.S. Learn about how the Census works, why it matters to your community, and how to apply for a job with the

*If you have already received a Recycling Tote Bag, but aren't sure how to use it, <u>click here</u> to check out this informational PSA.

ReflectSpace: ACCESS–Women's Suffrage



A new exhibit at ReflectSpace Gallery looks back at the 2020 centennial milestone when women gained access to the political process through the right to vote. However, despite the passage of the 19th Amendment, women of color did not gain that right. To this day, a vast number of women are still disenfranchised and excluded from the political process. ACCESS examines the question "How much has changed in the intervening 100 years?" with art and archive, while also considering women's roles today and their access to positions of power. The exhibit will run from January 31 to March 15. This ReflectSpace exhibition is brought to you by the City of Glendale Library, Arts and Culture Department in partnership with the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women. Learn more <u>here.</u>

Glendale – Los Angeles Garden River Bridge Project



The upcoming project, Glendale-Los Angeles Garden River Bridge Project (The Glendale Narrows Riverwalk Project – Phase III), will improve pedestrian access and mobility between Northeast Los Angeles and the City of Glendale. In 2019, Council approved the appropriation of \$18.75M in Proposition 68 funds for the third phase of the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, a pedestrian and bicyclist bridge which will connect the city to Griffith Park. The Bridge will consist of a two-span curvilinear structure featuring two canopied seating areas with views of the waterway below. The 320-foot bridge will feature lighting for the purposes of wayfinding and marking the structure when viewed from afar. The City will be coordinating with other River stakeholders, including the Army Corp of Engineers, Los Angeles County, and the City of Los Angeles to facilitate plans for the bridge.

Census. Learn more here.

January 31 - ReflectSpace: ACCESS–Women's Suffrage, Opening Reception 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Central Library

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January 31, 2020 - Friday Night Lecture, "Bats in the Belfry", 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Rd.

Join us as we talk about native bats! Did you know that bats are the ONLY mammal capable of true flight? Which bats live in our area? How do they communicate? What do they eat? What's the deal with vampire bats? What's White-Nose syndrome and has it made it to Southern California? How can you encourage bats in your own yard? We'll even see if we can hear them with our special super high tech BAT DETECTOR! Our lecturer for this evening is Dana Stangel, Urban Wildlife Specialist and Executive Director of Teranga Ranch. This event is FREE! Seating is limited. Please RSVP by calling (818) 548-3795. Bats is the Belfry Flyer

Check the <u>City's calendar</u> and <u>City Library calendar</u> for changes in date, time, or location.

Homework Help Now!



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- Online tutoring in English
 and Spanish
- 20-minute sessions, including chemistry,



The City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Department recently installed a brand new Shane's Inspiration All-Inclusive Playground at Maple Park. Join us every third Saturday of the month for Maple Inclusive Play Day (MIP Day). MIP Day is an opportunity for children of all abilities and ages to come and play at the playground while parents supervise them and meet other families. The Department's Therapeutic Recreation Program staff will also be present and help event participants with various arts and crafts projects, face painting and more. Through play, the department would like to increase social inclusion and help create a safe place for all members of our community. Please join us at our next event on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

Free Energy and Water Saving Upgrades for Your Home

calculus, physics, 4thgrade math, and writing.

Learn more here.

Pacific Community Pool is Open Year Round!



Pacific Community Pool is open for year-round aquatic fun! Please visit <u>www.glendaleaquatics.com</u> for program information, or call (818) 937-7433 to speak with pool staff.

Holiday Closures

Glendale city offices will be closed on Presidents Day Monday, January 20, 2020.

Glendale Libraries will also be closed on Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th.

See the Library, Arts & Culture holiday schedule here.

Emergency Preparedness



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Make your home energy and water efficient with GWP's new Smart Home Upgrade program. GWP residents have the opportunity to receive a free inhome survey and report of their energy and water usage, and choose from various energy and water saving device installations for free. GWP's certified contractors Richard Heath & Associates (RHA) will help you find the best ways to save money on energy and water bills.

Apartment buildings also qualify for this program and each unit in the building can receive a usage survey and installation of energy and water saving measures.

Some of the measures that can be implemented include:

- Energy Conservation Measures:
- LED screw-on light bulbs
- LED tubes
- Outdoor LED lights
- Motion sensors
- Appliance timers
- Tier 2 advanced power strips
- · Faucet aerators
- Dual flushometer retrofits
- Shower heads
- Sprinkler head replacements
- Irrigation controller programming

Call RHA for an appointment at (800) 263-9313. Click here for more information.

Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run & Hike



<u>Registration</u> for the 10th Annual Verdugo Mountains 10K opens on Thursday, January 9th, 2020! This event is presented by the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Department to benefit the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation. The 10th Annual Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run & Hike will take place on <u>Sunday, May 3, 2020</u>. The 6.2 miles and 1,735 foot elevation gain will As we embark on this new and exciting year, let's make sure everyone is ready for any situation! Here are 12 steps to take to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency:

- Create a disaster communication plan
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Read more on our website by clicking <u>here</u>.

Other Newsletters

Community Services and Parks

Economic Development

Glendale Water & Power

make for one Sunday morning you will never forget! The race begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. in beautiful Brand Park, located at 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale, CA 91201.

For more information visit <u>www.RunTheVerdugos.com</u> and follow @<u>Verdugo10K</u> for updates.



The Employment Incentive Program serves young adults ages 18-24 by placing them in private businesses to obtain the necessary skills to gain future employment. The grant pays for the initial 200 training hours as an incentive for the employer to hire the participant. Funding for this program is provided by the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Participants interested in the Employment Incentive Program must be:

- Between the ages of 18 and 24
- Not attending school at time of enrollment
- Live in Glendale, Burbank or La Canada Flintridge
- · Be willing to work part-time, full-time and/or on weekends
- Program also has other eligibility requirements.

The main objective of the Employment Incentive Program is to secure long-term unsubsidized employment for the participants after the completion of the 200 hours of on-the-job training.Visit <u>GlendaleYouthAlliance.org</u> for more information.

Holiday Art Installation at Adams Square

Library, Arts & Culture

Previous City Connection <u>Newsletters</u>



The Adams Hill Neighborhood Association, in coordination with the Community Services & Parks Department, is sponsoring a holiday-inspired exhibit at the landmark Richfield Gas Station in Adams Square Mini Park for the fifth year in a row!

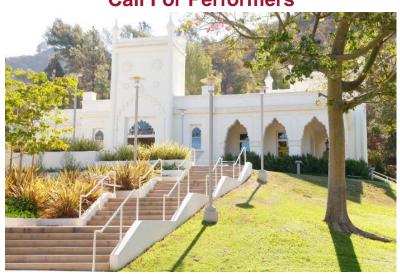
This year the installation is centered on a tree, which goes by various names including "Adams Hill Family Tree," and "The Budding Season." The motivation behind designing this display around a tree is connected to all a tree symbolizes during the holiday season!

The branching represents family, a connection to ancestors, and to each other, and trees embody the putting down and growing of roots. This is the idea that people in Adams Hill can relate to, whether they are older residents or recent arrivals.

Cathy Hrenda assembled the tree and animals around it from discarded boxes, glue, and zip ties. The garland is comprised of water bottles covered in tissue paper, then cut and assembled into star shapes, and the lanterns on the floor were made from coffee cans also covered with tissue paper. Many community members assisted in decorating the tree including students at John Muir elementary school who painted the leaves. The Community was also invited to the mini park to put various types of decorative stickers on the stars, including snowflakes, gems, hearts, and other adornments.

Make sure to check out this magical exhibit before it closes on January 18, 2020.

Call For Performers



The Glendale Arts and Culture Commission invites both new and established artists and performance groups of 3+ performers to apply for a spot in its 2020 performance series. The Commission will host a variety of performance experiences every Friday at 7:00 p.m. from June through August 2020 at the Brand Library & Art Center Outdoor Plaza, and every Saturday in October 2020 at the Artsakh Paseo. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2020. Learn more here.

Bulky Item Pick Up

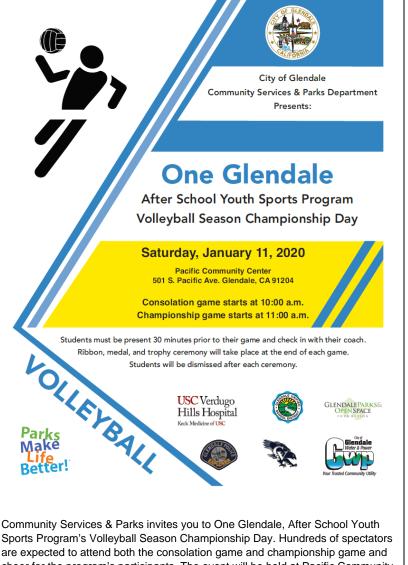


Did you get new furniture for New Year's and need to get rid of the old? Schedule a FREE Bulky and Electronic Item Pickup Service by calling the Integrated Waste Management Division at 818-548-3916 or by <u>clicking here</u> to complete the electronic form*.

<u>Important:</u> The items you're scheduling a pick up for must be included in our "accepted items" <u>list</u>.

***Note**: Electronic forms must be completed <u>3 business days prior</u> to the refuse collection in your area.

One Glendale After School Youth Sports Program Volleyball Championship Day



Sports Program's Volleyball Season Championship Day. Hundreds of spectators are expected to attend both the consolation game and championship game and cheer for the program's participants. The event will be held at Pacific Community Center located at 501 S Pacific Ave.

The One Glendale After School Youth Sports Program is a collaboration between the City of Glendale's Community Services & Parks Department and the Glendale Unified School District, with sponsorship from USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, Glendale Water and Power, and Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation. Additional support is provided by Crescenta Valley High School Choir and the Glendale Police Department's Explorer program. One Glendale is designed to provide after school sports programming to youth in eight South Glendale schools in the fourth and fifth grades and is comprised of four sports over the course of four seasons: flag football, volleyball, basketball, and soccer. Each season lasts 8 weeks with a championship game at the conclusion of each season.

For more information, please call (818) 937-7246.

Composting Workshops of 2020



The Public Works Integrated Waste Management Department will be hosting three composting workshops in 2020. During the workshops you can learn how to reduce organic waste, and create a valuable soil amendment for your garden.

Dates:

February 29, 2020 June 6, 2020 October 3, 2020

Time:

9:30AM - 11:30AM

Location:

548 West Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, CA 91204

Please keep in mind that you must register a week before the day of the workshop.

*Compost and worm bins are available for purchase the day of the workshop while supplies last.

For more information and to register, <u>click here</u> or contact <u>recycle@glendaleca.gov</u>

Catch us on YouTube!



This month's episodes:

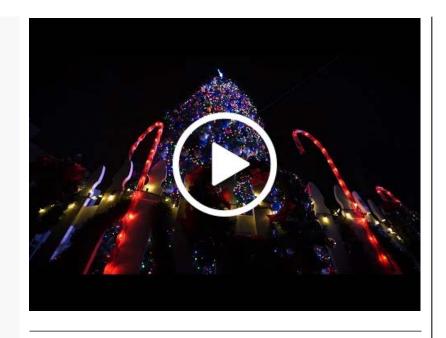
- Spice of Glendale
- Beyond the Box
- 43rd Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade
- Holiday Tree Lighting Highlights

Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's **YouTube** channel for new episodes every month!









Stay Connected!



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