

Air Alert

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Letter from Assistant City Manager

In this issue of Sami's Circular Newsletter, we're diving into topics that directly impact both our health and the health of our city. You'll read about Glendale's gas leaf blower ban, a critical step forward in reducing air pollution and noise. We'll also explore Glendale's alternative transportation options, as well as strategies for staying safe during extreme heat, given the recent uptick in heat waves as of late. Each of these stories connects to the Office of Sustainability's larger mission: building a Glendale where the air is cleaner, transportation is greener, and we can thrive amidst a warming climate.

As we move forward into Fall, the season of transition, impermanence, and plenty, I urge you to remember that a large part of sustainability is about ensuring that future generations get the chance to experience the same natural beauty we enjoy today. Each step we take now, as individuals, as a community, and as a governing body, are necessary to keep Glendale vibrant, healthy, and resilient for years to come.

Thank you for being part of this journey.



JOHN TAKHTALIAN

Assistant City Manager



Glendale's Climate Action & Adaptation Plan

Now more than ever, it is apparent that Glendale must rise to the challenge of adapting to, and doing its part to prevent, the more severe effects of climate change. To this end, the city has developed a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), which includes a framework for protecting public health

through a commitment to improved air quality and extreme heat protection, among other mitigation and adaptation initiatives. Glendale's approach is unique in its commitment to community involvement at every level of planning. Through **over 75 events, surveys, and meetings** with local organizations, **nearly 1,900 Glendale residents** have contributed a diversity of inputs that have directly shaped the CAAP.



We appreciate your participation!

Because of you, we gathered....



ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

40 word cloud responses

498 online survey responses



INTERDEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY ENGAGEMENT

20+ Meetings
69+ attendees



MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

8 Meetings
92 attendees



MINI-GRANTS

\$4,250
Disbursed to
Community
Groups



GENERAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

75 Events
1,873 attendees

- 44 Community Meetings
 - 385 attendees
- 29 Pop-up Events
 - 1,368 attendees
 - 758 pop-up feedback
- 2 Climate Cafes
 - 120 attendees

660 Comment Cards
Received

Residents can view the community's impact on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan by scanning the **QR code** below and viewing the draft CAAP.



You can also click here to view the draft CAAP

The CAAP was recently introduced to the Glendale City Council during the August 22 special meeting, which you can watch here. The CAAP will return for further adaptation in spring 2025.

At Glendale Sustainability, **your voice matters**. We urge you to become a part of the CAAP and help us shape a healthy, thriving, resilient Glendale for everyone.



Feel free to email Glendale Sustainability at sustainability@glendaleca.gov with feedback!
GlendaleCA.gov/CAAP for more information.

Air Quality

If you've been paying attention to the wildfire news lately, you've probably caught wind – no pun intended – of the recent conversations around air quality fluctuations in the greater LA area. Air quality is measured by checking the air for pollutants like ozone or carbon. 'Good' air quality means there are little to no pollutants, while 'bad' air quality means that there are more pollutants in the air than deemed safe.

Factors such as fires, vehicle emissions, industrial activities, and weather conditions increase the number of particles in the air.



Bad air quality poses a **health risk** to everyone, especially young, sick, and elderly people. Air pollutants can damage lungs and put people at risk for heart and lung diseases – including cancer.



Glendale is actively working on multiple initiatives to keep our air clean. Some of those initiatives are the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers – more on that below.



Leaf Blower Ban

As of **this September**, the City of Glendale has enacted a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers, in order to protect the city's air quality and help prevent respiratory illnesses. This initiative is a significant step towards cleaner air and a healthier community.



The initiative will follow a three-pronged approach of outreach, education, and enforcement, in which the Office of Sustainability will focus on spreading knowledge of the ban and advertising **available rebate programs (P. 7)** through South Coast AQMD and GWP.

Gas-powered leaf blowers produce Carbon Dioxide, Methane, and **Benzene, a known carcinogen.**

Enforcement of the ban through the City's Code Enforcement Office will follow a structured system of warnings and fines for non-compliance, starting with a **written warning** and escalating to fines of **\$100, \$200, and \$500 for repeat violations.**



There are **available rebate programs (next page)** to help people switch to electric landscaping equipment. Two programs from South Coast AQMD and one from GWP.

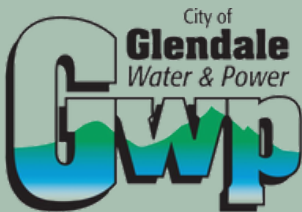


AVAILABLE REBATE PROGRAMS:

Click on the logos to access rebate websites!



The **South Coast AQMD** provides vouchers of **up to \$1400** for landscapers to who exchange gasoline or diesel-powered powered equipment for zero emission, battery electric commercial grad equipment.



Glendale Water and Power (GWP) electricity customers can receive a rebate for purchasing an electric leaf blower on their power bill. **\$50** if purchased **in Glendale**, and **\$40** if purchased **outside of Glendale**.



Alternative Transportation In Glendale



Biking just one day a week can help to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions!



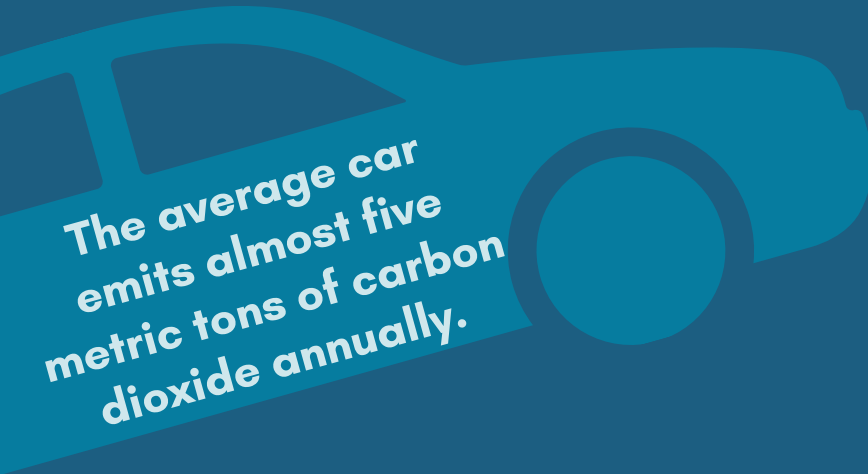
Glendale offers efficient, eco-friendly public transportation through The Beeline, our very own bus system.



According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), choosing to walk, bike, or take public transit can help reduce emissions and better our air quality.



Transportation, cont.



The average car emits almost five metric tons of carbon dioxide annually.

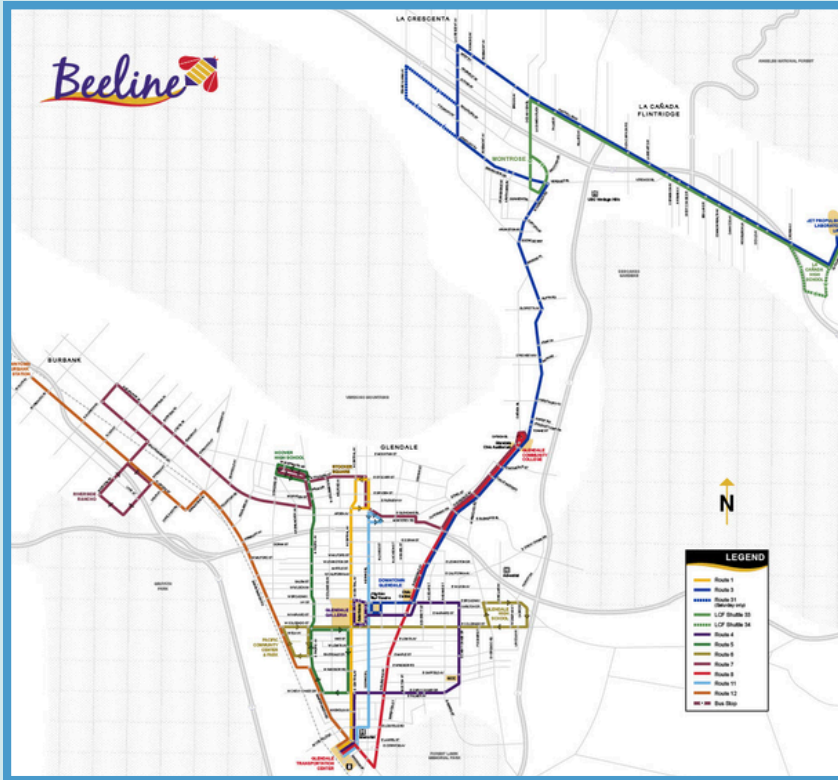
The Beeline operates twelve fixed routes, serving primarily as a community circulator system that complements the Metro regional transit service provided to all LA residents.

Interested in reducing your carbon footprint? Check out the **Climate Mobility App!** Developed by the Glendale Beeline, the app includes a trip planner, emissions tracker, and points system that you can use to earn rewards.



The average public transit trip emits 55% fewer greenhouse gas emissions. It also reduces traffic congestion!





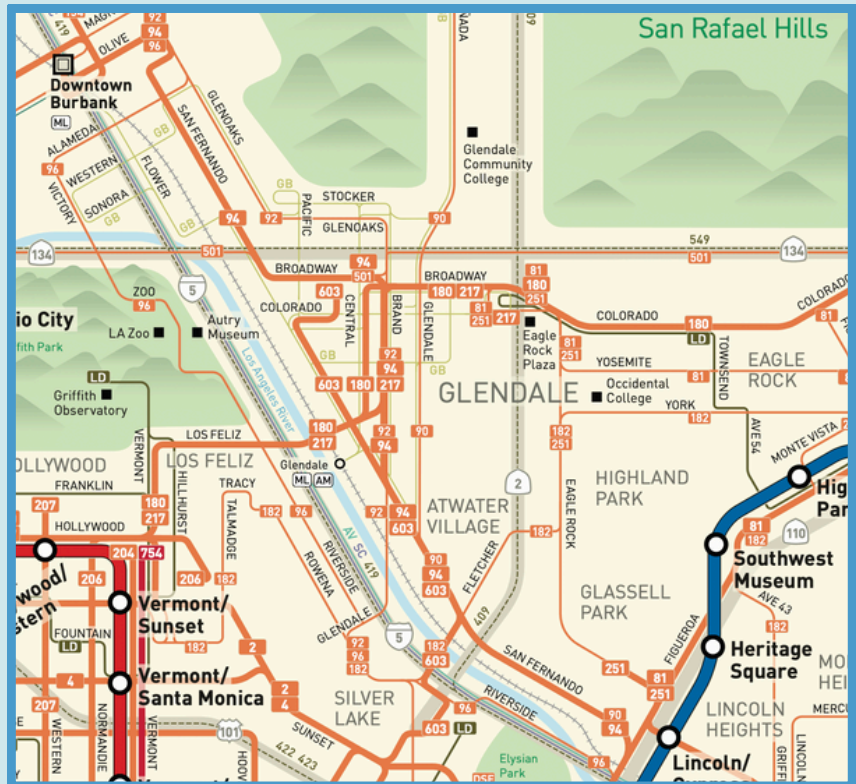
Services:

- Dial-A-Ride
- Beeline's Bus System



Services:

- Metro Local
- Metro Micro
- Metro Rail
- Metro Bikes
- Van Pool



BE THE SOLUTION TO CLEANING OUR AIR!

Download the Glendale Climate Mobility App (CMA) to calculate the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) you reduce by riding the Beeline, biking, or walking. The CMA will also show the combined emissions reduced by all Glendale CMA users. **TOGETHER** we can make a difference.

Earn Hive points and redeem them for CMA pins and other rewards.



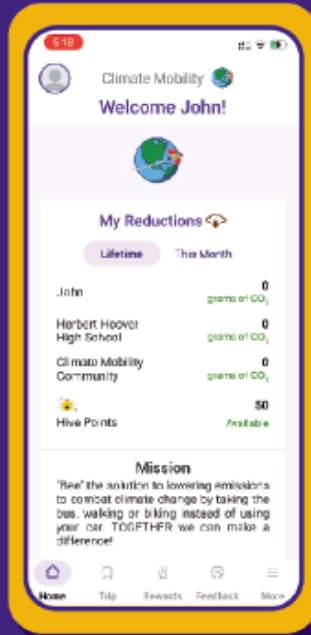
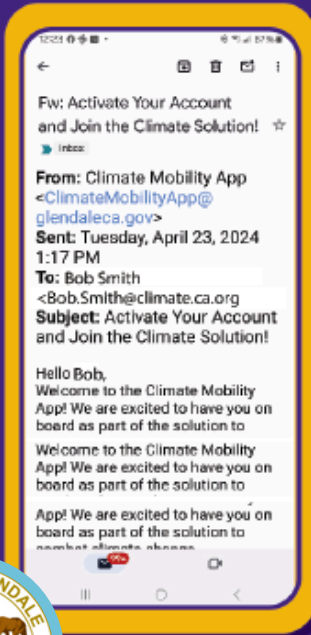
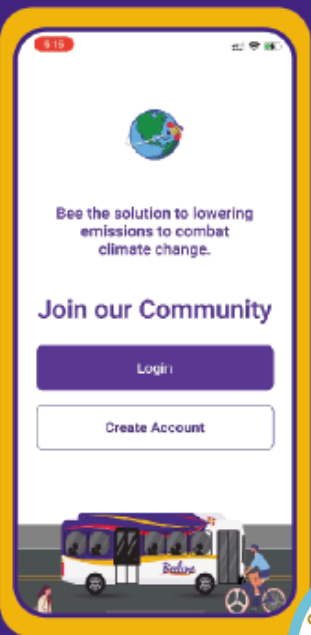
DOWNLOAD THE APP OR SCAN THE QR CODE NOW!

DOWNLOAD THE APP

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

VERIFY BY EMAIL LINK

GET STARTED



Heat Preparedness

This fall has started on a warm note, which may not come as much of a surprise following the heat wave this summer. It is recommended that everyone, especially older adults, children, and chronically ill people, prepare to stay safe during periods of extreme heat.

Safety tips:

Never leave people or pets in a closed car on a warm day.

Find air conditioning*.

Wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.

Avoid physical activities.

Find shade outside, wear a hat to protect your face and/or carry an umbrella.

Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 if you need to be in the sun.

*If air conditioning is unavailable to you, make sure to visit a library or one of the many Glendale cooling centers.

Drink plenty of fluids, even if you are not thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.

Other examples of heat preparedness include keeping homes well-ventilated, staying in the shade, and procuring air conditioning. Another important note for people with respiratory diseases is that air quality significantly worsens in heat waves.

Make sure to visit the multiple cooling centers open in our city! Glendale has several local cooling centers, all which are available to the public.

Adult Recreation Center

201 E. Colorado St.

Glendale, CA 91205

Sparr Heights Community Center

1613 Glencoe Way

Glendale, CA 91208

Maple Park Community Center

820 E. Maple St.

Glendale, CA 91205

Pacific Community Center

501 S. Pacific Ave.

Glendale, CA 91204

For more information on effective heat safety strategies, check out Los Angeles Regional Collaborative's Extreme Heat Safety Resources under the #HeatSafeLA tag on social media or at their website: <https://www.laregionalcollaborative.com/heat-resources>



CLOTHING SWAP

&

REPAIR CAFÉ

SATURDAY - November 16, 2024

GRANDVIEW LIBRARY - 1535 5th St., Glendale, CA 91201

CLOTHING SWAP

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM



Refresh your wardrobe sustainably! Bring **up to 10** clean, gently used clothing items.

Items must be free of stains or tears.

No jewelry, shoes, accessories, swimsuits, or underwear accepted. Items can be dropped off at Grandview Library on Friday, November 15 or **during the swap until 11:00 AM.**

REPAIR CAFÉ

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Give your broken items a second chance! Our skilled volunteers can help repair torn jeans, dull knives, broken clocks, and more. Bring **up to 2 items** in clean condition with all necessary parts. *Repairs are not guaranteed, and replacement parts are not provided.*

For more details, repair item limitations, and to volunteer go to

GlendaleCA.gov/CreativeReuse

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Trails & Open Space Program

WILDERNESS WORKDAY

**Saturdays,
Oct. 19 & Nov. 16, 2024**

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Deukmejian Wilderness Park

3429 Markridge Road, La Crescenta, CA 91214

Help us water our bigcone spruce and coast live oaks, assist with trail repairs, and remove invasive plants from the park. Please wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, and bring water. Families, individuals, clubs, and students needing community service hours are welcome. In case of rain, this event will be cancelled.

Please RSVP at [GlendaleCA.gov/Trails](https://www.GlendaleCA.gov/Trails)

For more information, call (818) 548-3795 or email Trails@GlendaleCA.gov

Para información en español, llame a (818) 548-2000.

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City of Glendale, California



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Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, October 26, 2024

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please join us as we welcome autumn with our annual Fall Festival. The event will feature games, arts & crafts, music, bounce house, pumpkin patch, carnival games, and the Glendale Rocks! Climbing Wall.

Pacific Community Center & Park
501 S. Pacific Ave., Glendale, CA 91204

For more information, please call,
(818) 548-4098

Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request.
Please notify us 72 hours prior to the event.

EATING THIS SEASON



Apples



Grapes



Artichokes



Kiwi



Beets



Watermelon



Cantaloupes



Oranges



Carrots



Peaches



Citrus



Pears



Cucumbers



Peas



Eggplants



Persimmons



Figs



Pomegranates



Green Beans



Pumpkins!