

About the Cover

This year marks the 75th anniversary of City Hall, a gem set on the prongs of the “Jewel City”. Glendale City Hall was designed by Alfred Hansen and built in three stages in 1940 by the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) as part of a national program that produced hundreds of local landmarks nationwide, while stimulating the design and construction industries. The City Hall building is a typical example of the style that evolved from the program, a hybrid of Art Deco design overlaid with Beaux Arts regularity, symmetry, and monumentality. It is a highly recognizable look, which instantly places a building in the decade prior to World War II. Glendale City Hall has served as the seat of City government since its opening in 1942. Despite modernization, the Broadway facade retains its architectural integrity, and continues to function as a symbol of the City and a centerpiece of the civic center.

Glendale City Hall is a source of pride for its residents and is the epicenter of a City in constant change. It provides a tangible connection with the past, while functioning marvelously for today’s municipal needs. In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of City Hall, this year’s budget cover illustrates the vivid events that have taken place on its steps and under its roof - events that have built the character of contemporary Glendale.

