

## City Manager's Weekly Report No. 151 February 23, 2024

### 1. Recap of City Council Meeting in Your Neighborhood

On Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the City Council left Council Chambers for a special Council in your Neighborhood meeting held at Brand Studios. This forum allows the Council to travel to specific neighborhoods to connect more directly with the community. Despite the heavy rains, 20+ community members attended and several of them offered comments. Public Works Department staff presented the following three items of interest to the neighborhood:

- Indigenous Tree Ordinance and Canopy Increase
- North Brand Demonstration Project
- Brand Hiking Trail Upgrades



Councilmembers and community members got a chance to discuss these topics and ask questions, but no formal action was taken. After the meeting was over, several community members got an opportunity to speak with the Mayor, Council and City staff. As participants left the meeting, they received free compost bins, seed samples along with helpful resources, and City program information.

We are pleased with the success of the meeting and are looking forward to hosting the next City Council in your Neighborhood in the coming months.

## 2. Empowering Teens & Parents for Safer Driving

Our Police Department has teamed up with the California Highway Patrol to host a driving education course for teens and their parents scheduled for leap day, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at the Police Community Room. Topics covered will include safe driving practices, rules of the road, and new driver's license requirements. This educational course is an excellent opportunity for residents to attend with their teens to learn how to drive responsibly.

Space is limited to 30 students and their parents. Signups are available at: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/signUps/findSignUp>, and to register, enter: [ATate@GlendaleCA.gov](mailto:ATate@GlendaleCA.gov).

## 3. Kudos for our Professional Civic Auditorium Staff

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:22 PM

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**Subject:** Thank You!

Dear Lara-

Thank you so very much for helping to make our City Council Candidate Forum at the Civic Auditorium a huge success!

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to use the facility which is a perfect fit for our HOA due to its location in Rossmoyne which allowed residents to walk there, its size which allowed people to distance from others if wanted, and the accessible parking for those who needed to drive. We had well over 100 people in attendance and received excellent feedback on all aspects of the event!

Thank you Lara for your time and patience helping us to get all the details figured out! I am so happy to have met you and look forward to working with you again; the city is so lucky to have you as part of the management team. And your staff were fantastic in their professionalism and attention to detail, making sure everything was perfect from start to finish. We greatly appreciated their help throughout.

On behalf of our board of directors, thank you again so very much - we always enjoy partnering with the Community Services and Parks Department. Next up - National Night Out!

With appreciation,

Lorna Vartanian, President  
Rossmoyne/Mountain HOA

#### 4. March 5<sup>th</sup> Election Voting Options

In the lead up to the March 5<sup>th</sup> election day, the City of Glendale will have eight drop-off boxes for mail-in ballots, as well as 11-day and 4-day vote centers, starting February 24 and March 2; respectively. Please see the attached flyers for locations and times. Also, this information can be found at [GlendaleVotes.org](http://GlendaleVotes.org)

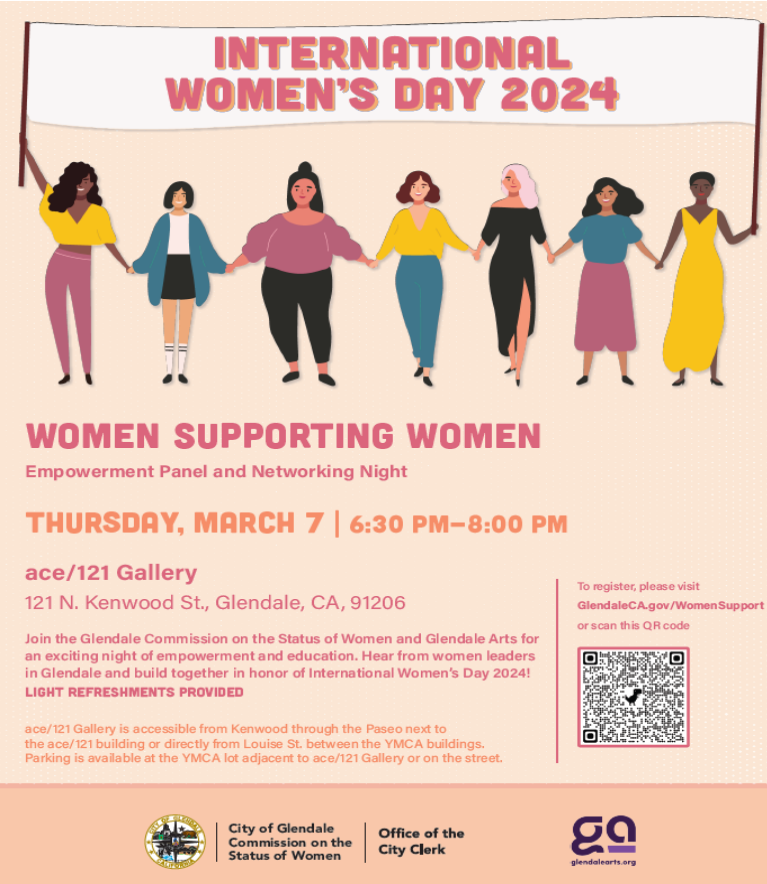
The City Clerk's office in collaboration with the LACRR's office will also be hosting a one day mobile vote center for city employees and the public on February 27, 2024, from 10:00 am to 4:00pm at the Perkins Plaza at City Hall Campus. For more details please see the attached flyers.

#### 5. Empowerment Panel & Networking Night in Honor of International Women's Day

Join the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women and Glendale Arts for an exciting night of empowerment and education. Hear from women leaders in Glendale and build together in honor of International Women's Day 2024!

The event will be held on March 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at ace/121 Gallery, 121 N Kenwood Street. ace/121 Gallery is accessible from Kenwood St. through the paseo next to the ace/121 building or directly from Louise St. between the YMCA buildings. Parking at the YMCA lot adjacent to ace/121 gallery is available and on street.

Light refreshments provided. Register to attend at [GlendaleCA.gov/womensupport](http://GlendaleCA.gov/womensupport)



**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY 2024**

**WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN**  
Empowerment Panel and Networking Night


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or scan this QR code

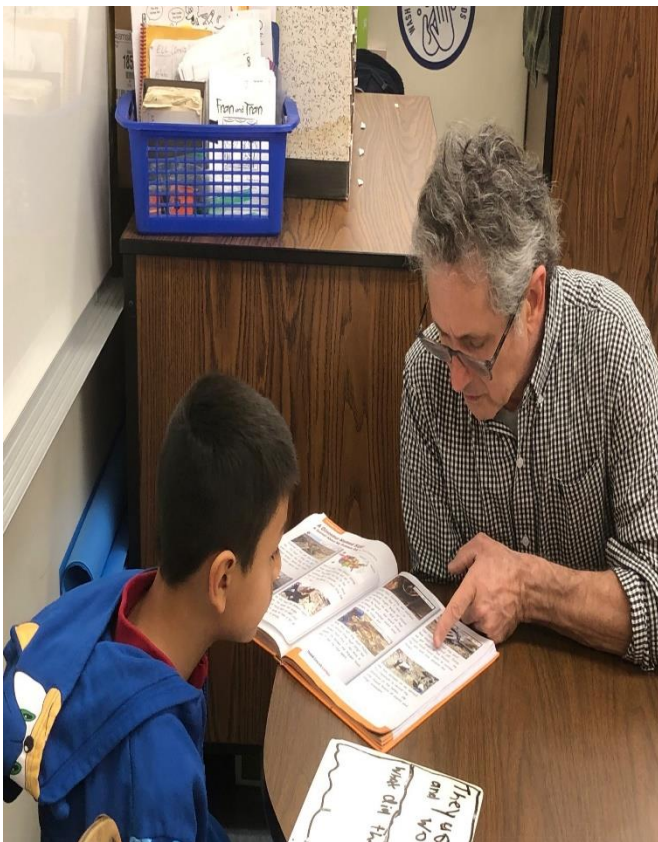


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## 6. Participation in GUSD's Principal-for-a-Day

On Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Brotman, and I had the pleasure of being the 'Principal for a Day' at two of our public schools. I was invited to Glendale High School, where I learned a great deal from the presentation by Alan F. Daily staff on Alternative Education High School to help students graduate. Additionally, I was able to visit the Drama Department and Performing Arts Center, as well as several classrooms teaching Digital Arts/Animation, Cloud Computing, Cinematography, Construction, Algebra, Special Needs, the school's Wellness Center, new Ballfield and Swimming Pool. It was a rewarding opportunity to be the Principal-for-a-Day and learn about challenges they face. I am thankful to Glendale High School for having me.

Mayor Brotman was invited to John Marshall Elementary School and spent the morning visiting classrooms from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, special education classes, and even a music class! He too enjoyed getting to know the students, assisting with lessons, and connecting with the future generation of our city!



## 7. Building Official Named Lifetime Honorary Member of the Code Council Organization

At the 2024 International Code Council Los Angeles Basin Chapter's Annual Business Meeting, City of Glendale Building Official Ara Sargsyan was presented the Lifetime Honorary Member Award. This is the most prestigious award presented by the organization. It is awarded to leaders who have contributed profoundly to the Building Safety profession and Code development, demonstrated exceptional leadership and longstanding dedication to the noble cause of the organization.

Ara has applied this expertise, knowledge, and leadership in making positive changes within the Building & Safety Division, such as express permits, reduced timelines, and a key member of the team leading the process improvement changes. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Sargsyan on his well-deserved award!

## 8. Express Roofing Permit Launched

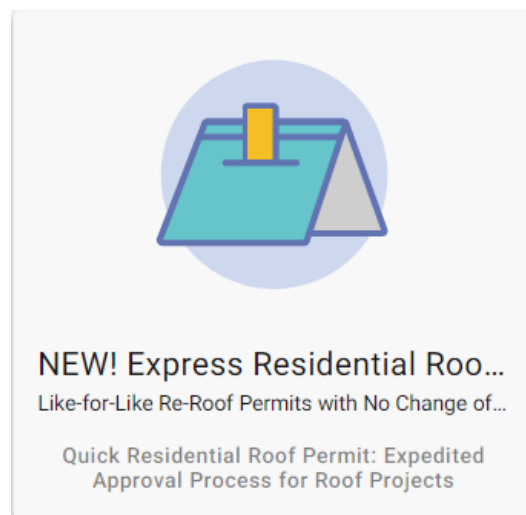
Community Development Department successfully completed the launching of Express Roofing Permit for Single Family Residence on Thursday, February 8, 2024. Information Technology Department is sending an email notifying 801 roofing contractor of the availability of new Express Roofing Permit for Single Family Residences, like for like.

## New Express Roof Permits!

Customers can now apply for an Express Residential Roof Permit and receive it the following day upon payment through the Glendale Permits portal.

**Step 1:** Visit <http://www.GlendalePermits.org>

**Step 2:** Select “Apply” and follow the online steps.



Coming soon are six more express permits for Single Family Residence:

- Kitchen and Bath strictly interior work like for like.
- Seismic Bolt and Brace strictly for the State of California offer for retrofitting.
- Mechanical Permit for change-out of like for like (not on roof top),
- Electrical Permit excluding new or service upgrade, and temporary service,
- Plumbing Permit for Dishwasher and Water Heater,
- Electrical EV for single family residence.

Community Development Department hopes to complete these within a month.

### 9. Another Successful EHRC Event - “Glendale LA Kings Night”

Our Employee Human Relations Committee’s (EHRC) “Glendale LA Kings Night” was another success! The event saw a fantastic turnout, with employees showing up in full force to support the occasion. The highlight of the night was our Interim Public Works Director, Daniel Hernandez’s diligent efforts in "renewing" the ice during the first intermission, adding an extra layer of excitement to the festivities. The engagement from everyone involved made it a memorable evening. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the upcoming Glendale Dodger Night on April 12 against the San Diego Padres. It promises to be another unforgettable event, and we can't wait to see you all there!



## 10. Community Health Improvement Grants Celebration

Today, Mayor Brotman, Councilmember Devine and I attended Dignity Health Memorial Hospital's celebration of grants awarded to the following five agencies in the total amount of \$131,000:

- **Door of Hope** for Mental Health Program for Survivors of Domestic Violence
- **Glendale Youth Alliance** for Homeless Diversion Program
- **Hope Through Housing** for Connections to Care
- **Kids' Community Dental Clinic** for Dental Treatment and Education for Low-Income Children
- **Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County** for Supporting Low-Income Older Adults of Color in Aging in Place

## 11. Future City Council and Housing Authority Agendas (subject to change)

### February 27:

- Update on the Status of Rockhaven Property (afternoon)
- Multifamily and Mixed Use Development and Objective Design Standards
- Proposed Density Bonus Housing Project at 413-417 Irving Drive
- Memorandum of Understanding with Glendale Management Association (GMA)
- California Equal Pay Pledge
- Charter Review Committee Formation

### March 5 (Election Day):

- Consideration of Pre-approved ADU Design Concepts (afternoon)
- Voting Delegate & Alternate for the 2024 SCAG General Assembly

### March 12:

- Amendments to Ordinance Adopting 2023 Electric Rates
- City-Wide Fees Study Adoption – Hearing
- Second Quarter Financial Status Update
- Alley Vacation for the Development at 246 N. Jackson Street
- Update on Scholl Canyon Landfill
- Proposed Revisions to Boards and Commissions Appointments

### March 19:

- No meetings