

City Manager's Weekly Report No. 155

March 29, 2024

1. Recap of City Council Meetings

At their March 26th meeting the City Council took the following actions:

- Approved use of two of annual City Days at the Alex Theatre for the Armenian Genocide Commemoration Event and presentation of Rhythm Is Us.
- Provided feedback on the proposed work to improve entitlement and permitting processes.
- Received a presentation on the Burbank Glendale Pasadena Regional Housing Trust.
- Issued a proclamation designating April 7-13, 2024 as National Library Week.
- Issued a commendation recognizing Tara Peterson, outgoing CEO of the YWCA of Glendale & Pasadena.
- Awarded a professional services agreement to administer Glendale's Green Business Program.
- Introduced amendment to Ordinance establishing the electric rates for GWP for FY 2024-2027 to add standby service rider for medium and large business rates.
- Provided direction to bring back a report on the available options for the Mayoral Selection Process set forth in Glendale Municipal Code.
- Provided direction to bring back a report on amendment to Glendale Municipal Code relating to the Mayoral Selection Process to remove subsection (H) pertaining to the "best interest" exception.
- Ordered the vacation of a portion of the southeast corner of Jackson Street and California Avenue at 245 N. Jackson Street.
- Ordered the vacation of the first alley northeasterly of Victory Blvd. between Allen and Irving Avenues.

2. Senior Management Promotions in Community Services & Parks

Tereza Aleksanian has been promoted to Assistant Director of Community Services & Parks (CSP). She will oversee Recreation and Community Services, Human Services (CDBG and Senior Services Section), CSP Administration and assist with Park Planning. Tereza started her career with the city in 2000 working in Finance Department's payroll section. In 2008, she was promoted to Administrative Analyst for CSP. Since then, she has held various positions such as, Executive Analyst, Community Services Manager and Deputy Director of Community Services & Parks.

Chris Peplow has been promoted to Park Services Administrator. Chris was hired in 2002 as a Park Maintenance Supervisor. In 2005 he was promoted to Park Services Manager and then to Senior Park Services Manager. Since 2014, Chris has been leading the project crew and has worked on various important projects. During the last few months, Chris started an employee training program in horticultural maintenance, irrigation and driver's training which directly benefits our park services staff.

Please join me in congratulating Tereza and Chris on their well-earned promotions.

3. Release of Economic Development's Magazine *Evoke*

Get ready to be inspired by *Evoke*, Economic Development's magazine making its grand debut. *Evoke* promises to ignite your imagination. Each issue will take you on a journey of rediscovery, unveiling the heart and soul of Glendale through its small businesses, artists features on local personalities, and restaurants. Let *Evoke* be your guide to discovering the hidden gems, and stories that make our city truly exceptional. A digital version is available [here](#), and look for printed copies around the City!



4. State Accolades for Economic Development Team

The California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) will be recognizing the City's Economic Development team with two Awards of Merit during its annual conference in Santa Rosa, April 10-12. The first award is in the Partnerships/Collaborations category, and it recognizes the "Let's Grow Glendale Small Business Program", which includes our Small Business Summit, educational business programs and webinars, and NO COST HR hotline for Glendale Employers. The second award is in the Programs/Promotions category, and it recognizes the Choose Glendale campaign, which recently incorporated a tourism component through the Visit Glendale CA app. This is the second year in a row that CALED recognizes our Economic Development team with multiple awards.

5. Positive Acknowledgment of Building & Safety Staff

From: Al Eisaian

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 5:16 PM

To: Golanian, Roubik <RGolanian@Glendaleca.gov>; Takhtalian, John <JTakhtalian@Glendaleca.gov>

Cc: Samvelyan, Ninet <nsamvelyan@Glendaleca.gov>; Sargsyan, Ara <ASargsyan@Glendaleca.gov>

Subject: Positive Acknowledgment of Ara and Ninet on Re: 845 Ridge Drive

Dear Mr. Golanian and Mr. Takhtalian,

I had a productive meeting with Ara and Ninet and I believe with all the clarifications we are all working together to get the approval process in the next couple of weeks. I just wanted to take a moment and acknowledge Mr. Sargsyan and Ms. Samvelyan for their professional and helpful attitude to first clarify the many reasons for the delay that was not apparent to me, and second their genuine effort to help in guiding the process to accelerate the process. And I am thankful for their can-do and kind customer service.

Best Regards,

Al Eisaian

6. Kudos for GWP- Water Staff Member

From: Suro Barchyan

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 10:38 AM

To: Golanian, Roubik <RGolanian@Glendaleca.gov>

Cc: Azoyan, Ani <aazoyan@Glendaleca.gov>

Subject: Ani Azoyan

Hello Rubik,

I would like to drop a word and write about Ani Azoyan. I am the owner of the project at 610 W Broadway. Ani has been an exemplary employee for city of Glendale. Ani's contribution on our project have been invaluable. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that all tasks are completed. She is always available and ready to help. She is an example for other city employees to follow.

Thank you,

Suro Barchyan

7. Picnic Shelter & Wading Pool Online Reservation System

The Community Services and Parks Department launched online reservations for picnic shelters and wading pools on Monday, March 11th. Customers may view availability and pay a \$50 deposit to hold their preferred location and date online. This deposit will be applied towards their finalized reservation. Staff will contact the customer within 3 business days after paying online in order to convert their permit to a firm reservation. This allows staff to work through the unique details of each reservation, including answering questions about bouncers, catering, amplified sound, and other special circumstances that regularly come up. The goal will be to expand this service to community buildings as well, in the future. At this time, facility availability for all community buildings and the Civic Auditorium are also available online, to help customers choose an event or rental date before they call for a reservation. Availability viewing and picnic or wading pool permits may be completed at MyGlendaleParks.com.

8. Home Again LA- Community Resource Fair

Last month Home Again LA organized a Community Resource Fair, serving as a platform for our key partners to present their services to our community members. More than 30 vendors participated, offering a wealth of information on topics ranging from childcare and housing rights to healthcare and home ownership. Space was provided by First Baptist Church in Glendale.



Thank you



9. Successful Auto Tech Career Day

Over 300 high school and college students attended the Auto Tech Career Day event on March 12 organized by the California New Car Dealership Association (CNCDA) and Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealership Association, in partnership with the Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC). The VJC connected the CNCDA with local schools such as Glendale Unified and Glendale Community College to promote the event. Held at the Civic Auditorium, the event aimed to introduce students to automotive technology industry and its myriad career opportunities. The day started with a keynote speaker by an industry expert, highlighting the future of automotive engineering and design.

Following the keynote, students dispersed into breakout sessions led by seasoned professionals and educators who delved into various facets of auto technology where attendees gained invaluable insights into the diverse career pathways within the automotive industry. One of the highlights of the event was the job fair, where leading automotive companies and education institutions set up booths to showcase their offerings. Students had the chance to network with industry representatives and explore potential career prospects firsthand. The VJC team was able to assist students with resume review, interview techniques and job leads on site. Representatives from CNCDA praised the City of Glendale and thanked the City for partnering with them.

10. Complements for the Deukmejian Wilderness Park Spring Camp

From: Jimi Yu Shin
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 9:00 PM
To: Waldman, Jacquelyn <JWaldman@Glendaleca.gov>
Cc: Godoy-Imberton, Nicolas <NGImberton@Glendaleca.gov>
Subject: Re: Spring Camp Information: Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Dear Ms. Jacquie and Mr Nic,

Thank you so much for a wonderful week filled with fun-filled activities and for keeping Maxine safe and eager to learn more about nature, animals, and our planet. It was so great seeing all of the kids really engaged in the activities you had planned for them. I know it takes a lot of effort and planning to put forth a great program and just wanted to thank you once again for your contributions to Maxine's education and well-being. Have a wonderful weekend and see you all soon!

Best regards,
Jimi

11. Gratitude for Timely Assistance from Glendale Fire Department

From: James Kingsley
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:20 PM
To: Utudzhyan, Svetlana <SUtudzhyan@Glendaleca.gov>
Cc: Manjarrez, Luis <LManjarrez@Glendaleca.gov>
Subject: Gratitude for Timely Assistance from Glendale Fire Department

Dear Chief Fish,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to you and the entire Glendale Fire Department for the swift and professional response to a recent incident that occurred on March 26, 2024, between 11 pm and 1 am.

As a new resident of Glendale, California, having moved here just five days prior to the incident, I found myself in a situation where my hand became trapped under a door. It was a distressing moment for me, and I am immensely thankful for the prompt assistance provided by the fire department. The firefighters acted quickly and efficiently to rescue me and my hand, as well as to safeguard my belongings that were caught under the door.

I had the pleasure of meeting Luis J. Manjarrez at a Luncheon hosted by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce earlier today. He was instrumental in guiding me on the appropriate channels through which I could extend my sincere appreciation to your department.

I am particularly grateful for the dedication and professionalism displayed by the crew that responded to my call for help. Their expertise and compassion made a significant difference during a challenging time for me.

Furthermore, I am thrilled to learn about the upcoming Fire Department Day event in May. It presents an excellent opportunity for me to express my gratitude in person and to convey my admiration for the remarkable work carried out by the Glendale Fire Department.

Once again, Chief Fish, please accept my heartfelt thanks to you and your team for your outstanding service to the community. I am deeply appreciative of your commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of Glendale residents.

Warm regards,

James Kingsley

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

April 2:

- Council Priorities for Mixed-use and Multi-family Standards (afternoon)
- Section 8 Housing Annual Plan (afternoon)
- Consideration of Processes to Lease City Owned Properties (afternoon)
- Amendments to Ordinance Adopting 2023 Electric Rates – Adoption
- Fire Department's Facilities Masterplan
- Hearing for Unpermitted Demolition of Historic Resource at 1239 N. Everett St.
- Ordinance Amendments for Design Review, Entitlement Processes, Parking Requirements for Certain Uses, and Miscellaneous Zoning Code Cleanups

April 9:

- No meetings

April 16:

- New Councilmembers Swearing-in
- Purchase of a New Helicopter for Police Joint Air Support Unit
- MOUs with GCEA, GPOA and GMA Police Managers
- Policy on Installation of New Speed Cameras

April 23:

- No meetings

April 30:

- Proposed Bikelane Networks, Implementation Phasing and Cost Estimate
- Potential Revisions to Mayoral Selection Process