

# City Manager's Report No. 163

May 31, 2024

## 1. Senior Street Fest Draws a Big Crowd

Each May, the City of Glendale celebrates Older Americans Month, and this year was extra special because the Community Services and Parks Department created a wonderful set up for this year's Senior Street Fest at Parcher Plaza and under the Municipal Services Building.

Over 300 seniors came out to enjoy a beautiful party with entertainment, dancing, vendor booths, ice cream, lunch, and many give away prizes. City employees came out to watch seniors dance and have a good time celebrating this year's theme of "Powered by Connection".



## 2. A Day of Celebration and Wellness: Employee Appreciation Day Event

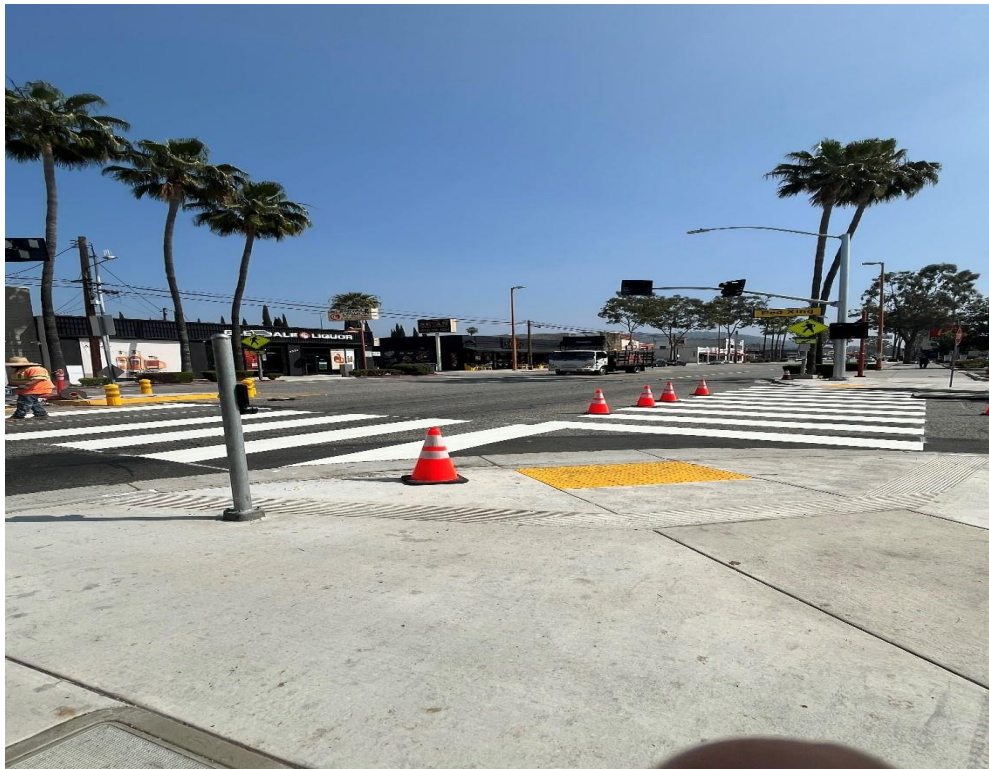
On May 29, the Human Resources Department hosted an exhilarating event that brought our City community together: the second Employee Appreciation Day. With a spotlight on health and wellbeing, this celebration was designed to honor the dedication, hard work, and invaluable contributions of all City employees. Aligning with the HR Department's strategic plan to sustain a supportive employee experience, the day successfully fostered a culture of appreciation and well-being.

The event was a resounding success, attracting a large turnout eager to enjoy a day dedicated to their mental and physical health. Attendees were treated to an array of free services aimed at promoting wellness and relaxation. Among the rejuvenating activities that employees took advantage of were Reiki sessions, breathwork and meditation classes, strength training workshops, and soothing massages. Additionally, we served over 500 healthy free lunch and desserts. The Move2Win Walking Challenge was also launched, featuring enthusiastic participation and free t-shirts for all. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to click on this link to register: <https://cityofglendaleca.thrives.app> .



### 3. Public Works Completes another Pedestrian Safety Project

With the recent completion of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Installation Phase 2 Project, Public Works Engineering added pedestrian safety measures (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons) to three locations on Colorado Street at Jackson Street, Colorado Street at Porter Street, Colorado Street at Lincoln Avenue, and Wilson Avenue at Belmont Street, at a cost of \$1,800,000.



### 4. “Excellent Help” from Planning Staff

Mr. Golanian and Councilman Brotman,

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know about the very good work done by two of the people in your planning department.

When I called about wanting to voice an opinion on a potential CUP in Glendale, I got very good help from Lisa Salomon and also from Alan Lamberg. Both of them exhibited the kind of customer service attitude that really helps someone like me who is interested in achieving a goal in the city.

I truly believe that Glendale is an exceptionally well run city, starting with the council and moving through the ranks of the department heads, and the wonderful city staff. Having worked for 30 years at Glendale college, I really appreciate how well the city is run. Thank you.

Mona Field, professor emerita, Glendale community college

## **5. GWP Promotes a New Assistant General Manager of Support Services**

Effective May 19<sup>th</sup> GWP has promoted Steve Nersesyan to the position of Assistant General Manager/Support Services. Steve has over 30 years of Public Service experience, including over 18 years of progressively responsible and diverse Management level experience. In GWP, Steve has successfully managed and significantly enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of multiple operations including Legislative Affairs, Customer Services, Administrative Services, Human Resources, City-Wide Warehouse Operation, Environmental Services, Safety Services and GWP's Fleet Coordination. Steve has a bachelor's degree in Business & Management, and a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Woodbury University.

Please join me in congratulating Steve in this well-earned promotion.

## **6. GFD Promotes a New Deputy Fire Chief**

Effective June 2<sup>nd</sup>, BC Jeff Brooks has been promoted to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Chief Brooks began his career in construction and then moved into sales management at a Fortune 500 company before transitioning to firefighting. While working full-time, he attended the Glendale Community College Arroyo Seco Fire Academy and was part of the inaugural class of Fire Cadets for the Glendale Fire Department in 2003. In 2005, he was hired as a recruit firefighter by the Glendale Fire Department. Over the years, he advanced to Firefighter Paramedic and HAZMAT Technician/Specialist. Chief Brooks was promoted to Captain in 2016 and Battalion Chief in 2021. He holds an AS degree in Fire Science, a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration, and is currently completing his master's in Fire Executive Leadership/Emergency Services.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Brooks on this well-earned promotion.

## 7. GPD Appoints a New Public Information Officer (PIO)

After 20 years of service to the Glendale community, including serving as the Police Department's Public Information Officer (PIO) for the last four years, Sergeant Victor Jackson is retiring. Victor has been an incredible asset to the City and Police Department for the last two decades, we thank him for his service and wish him well in his well-deserved retirement.

Effective this last week, Chief Cid has appointed Sergeant Vahe Abramyan as the Police Department's new PIO, assigned to the Office of the Chief. Sergeant Vahe Abramyan is a 14-year veteran of the Police Department, having had the opportunity to work a vast array of assignments and gain a deep breath of experience.

Vahe has wasted no time diving into his new role, just in his first two weeks as the Department's PIO he has already conducted several media interviews with both local and national news networks. Most notably, Vahe conducted an interview with ABC Worlds News, as well as Inside Edition, regarding the new crime trend nationally referred to as "burglary tourism" and the several arrest our officers have made of foreign nationals trying to victimize our community.

Please join me in congratulating Vahe on his new role.

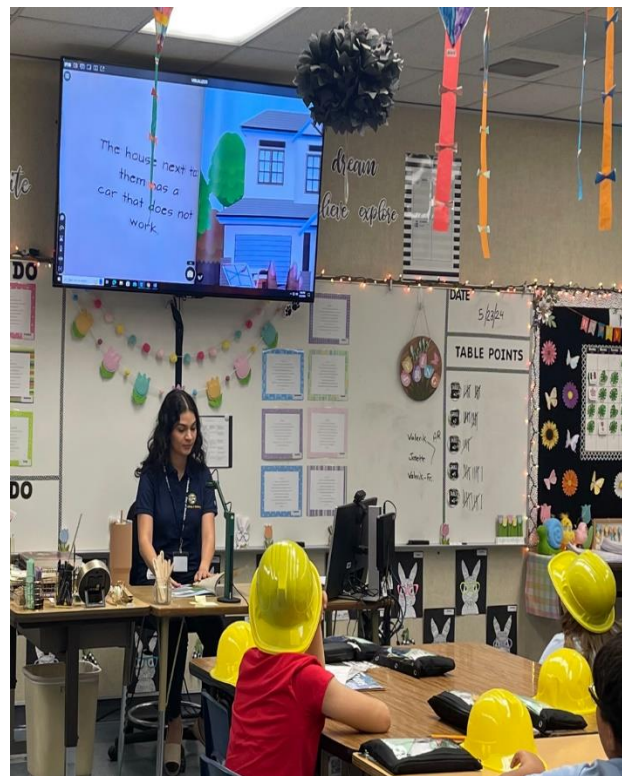


## 8. Building Safety Month Celebration Events

Building Safety Month is an international campaign that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety. This campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly updated building codes, and helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. This year the City's Building & Safety Division celebrated this year's theme of "Mission Possible" by hosting Weekly events.

The festivities were kicked off on May 7<sup>th</sup> with the annual proclamation at City Council to acknowledge the month long-event and also to acknowledge staff's efforts to keep our buildings safe.

Part of the Division's goal is to engage our community and what better way to do so than by appealing to its future. Building & Safety staff visited a local elementary school to provide interactive exercises of reading and coloring. The kids were intrigued and engaged with our educational outreach program; and were already asking about the next visit!!



The main festivity was our community celebration held on May 15. The event was held in Perkins Plaza and comprised of 24 industry vendors, a live DJ and food trucks. The event was a huge success and was attended by architects, designers, engineers and special visit by our Glendale High School Building and Safety program participants who had an opportunity mingle with staff and have some fun:

## **9. Future Tentative City Council and Housing Authority Agendas (subject to change)**

### **June 4:**

- FY 24-25 Annual Action Plan for CDBG, Budget Review for ESG and HOME Investment Partnership Act Programs (afternoon)
- Adoption of FY 24-25 Glendale Housing Authority Budget (afternoon)
- FY 2024-25 Budget Hearing & Adoption
- Adoption of Urban Wildlife Management Plan
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GPOA and Sworn Police Managers
- FY 2023-24 Glendale Water and Power Transfer
- Adoption of the City's FY24-25 Gann Appropriations Limit

### **June 11:**

- Stage 1 Preliminary Design Review for a 40-unit Proposed Residential Development at 126-128 Kenwood Ave. (afternoon)
- Land Use Element Update (afternoon)
- HUD Grant Funds for the 2023 Continuum of Care Program; and filing of 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count (afternoon).
- Engineer's Report for Levy of Assessment to the FY24-25 North San Fernando Road Landscape Maintenance District
- City-wide Low Voltage Cabling Professional Services Agreement Extension
- Standardized IT Solutions and Products from Palo Alto Network, Cisco Systems and Microsoft

### **June 18:**

- No meetings

### **June 25:**

- Revised Boards & Commission Nomination Process (afternoon)
- Second Reading of the Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of Electric Revenue Bonds
- Consideration of Bills Recommended by Commission on the Status of Women
- Public Hearing on the GWP's Wildfire Mitigation Plan
- Consideration of the City's Enhanced Sister City Program
- Consideration of a Demonstration Project on La Crescenta Avenue
- Agreement with LCW for Employee Relations and Negotiation Services
- Professional Services with NeoGov for Expansion of Human Resources Enterprise Software for Attract, Onboard, Learn, and Perform Modules.

### **July 9:**

- Award of contract for Weed Control Services
- Proposed Bikelane Networks, Implementation Phasing and Cost Estimate
- Purchase Order for Software License Subscription of Wonderware Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System

- Hearing Approval of the Final Engineer's Report and Ordering the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the North San Fernando Road Corridor Landscape Maintenance District for FY 24-25