



The Popular Family Bike Ride Rolls through Glendale April 10



Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sun., April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park (59th Ave. & Mountain View). This ride is for all ages and levels from kids to adults. The ride will feature three routes – short, long and extended. The extended route showcases the 63rd Ave. Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge making the ride 6, 15 or 23 miles. Bicyclist will take a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. The first 400 riders that pre-register (online or via mail) and attend will

receive an event t-shirt. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10. On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must be on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at rest stops along the routes. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need.

After the ride, children and families can enjoy inflatables at Sahuaro Ranch Park until 11 a.m. Bring the whole family for great weather and free entertainment. To pre-register and complete a waiver form, or for more information visit glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.

Travel Green in Glendale Bike to Work/School



Calling all residents of Glendale! Simply Travel Green and ride your bicycle to work/school any day during the week of April 17 – 23, post it on Facebook ([facebook.com/GlendaleAZ](https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleAZ)) with a photo

and short story of you riding your bicycle and tag the city of Glendale so we can see you in action! You will be entered into a random drawing for gift cards and freebies! INFO: 623-930-2032 or sadams@glendaleaz.com

Desert Tree Care & Demonstration Class April 16

Glendale Main Library/Xeriscape Garden (5959 W. Brown St.)

Join us on Sat., April 16 from 9:30 a.m. – noon for this two-part class, taught by a certified Arborist. The class will include an indoor presentation and an outdoor demonstration on tree planting, watering and pruning. You will learn how to properly care for trees in our desert climate. Email greenliving@glendaleaz.com or call 623-930-3760 to register.

Free Medication Disposal Day April 30

The Glendale Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration and CVS Pharmacy are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. We encourage you to clean out your medicine cabinets and remove these potentially dangerous drugs from

your home. **Inhalers, intravenous solutions, glass containers, injectables or syringes cannot be accepted due to risk of blood borne pathogens.** Join us in the CVS parking lots at 59th Ave. & Union Hills or 43rd Ave. & Bethany Home Rd. on Sat., April 30 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. INFO: 623-930-4029, 623-930-2554 or glendaleaz.com/police.



A Message from Councilmember Jamie Aldama

Light Rail/Bus Rapid Transit is a highly discussed topic in the City of Glendale right now. Here are a few facts that might interest you.

The five-mile corridor to downtown Glendale is expected to open at the end of 2026. Current capital funds to build a light rail project are programmed below (FY15 estimates). Regional and federal funds are dedicated to the project and can't be used for other City of Glendale transportation projects.

Federal (<i>New starts and CMAQ</i>)	\$337.5
City of Glendale - Glendale On-board (GO) <i>½-cent sales tax</i>	\$106.1
City of Phoenix	\$ 45.5
Regional Funds (Prop. 400) – <i>covers regional facilities such as park-and-ride lots, vehicles and bridge crossings</i>	\$ 63.8
Total Project Costs (FY15)	\$552.9 <i>*all dollars in millions</i>

Proposition 402 (approved by Glendale voters in 2001) was an advisory vote that supported the creation of a ½-cent sales tax for funding transportation projects. Light rail to downtown Glendale was included in the ballot measure. In accordance with the advisory ballot measure, the City adopted an ordinance that established the sales tax and created the GO Transportation Program. The funding can only be used for the transportation purposes set forth in the ordinance. Bringing high-capacity transit to downtown Glendale is 100% funded from the current GO ½-cent sales tax and will have no impact on Glendale's General Fund (GF). The Mayor and Council will consider this project at a future Council meeting.

I'm interested in hearing your thoughts! Email jaldama@glendaleaz.com or call 623-930-2249.

Is Your Property in a Designated Flood Hazard Area?

Did you know some parts of Glendale are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as being in a special flood hazard area (SFHA)? Properties in these areas are required to purchase flood insurance as part of their home mortgage. However, other sections of the city are subject to flooding that are not shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

Glendale's Engineering Department has copies of the updated FIRMs for the entire city and can let you know if your property is in a special flood hazard area and may be able to let you know if flooding has been reported in your area in the past. The city's Engineering Department also has copies of the most recent FEMA elevation certificates for some structures within the city as well as the updated floodplain ordinance on file.

All properties within Glendale can obtain flood insurance whether or not you are in a designated flood area. Remember, most standard homeowners' policies do not cover flood loss. INFO: 623-930-3630

Business Counseling with SCORE Saturdays in April

**Glendale Main Library,
5959 W. Brown St., Creative Space**

Receive free business counseling from SCORE (Counselors for America's Small Business). SCORE can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. Join us April 2, 9, 16, 23 or 30 from noon – 4 p.m. INFO: 602-745-7250

College Admission Essay Writing Workshop April 2

**Foothills Branch Library,
19055 N. 57th Ave., Hummingbird Room**

Join us on Sat., April 2 from 1 – 2 p.m. and learn how to write the perfect essay for your college application. INFO: 623-930-3868

Lego Mania on April 6

**Glendale Main Library,
5959 W. Brown St., Main Storytime Room**

Join us on Wed., April 6 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Come and build Lego masterpieces with us! Kids ages 3 to 12 are invited to explore the world of possibilities with Legos. This casual building environment allows participants to be creative and make new friends! First come, first served. INFO: 623-930-3530

Live @ the Library: Jacome Duo April 28

**Glendale Main Library,
5959 W. Brown St., Auditorium**

Join us Thurs., April 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. when internationally acclaimed flamenco duo, Chris and Lena Jacome, return to the Glendale Public Library to thrill audiences with their stellar flamenco guitar and dance. INFO: 623-930-3573

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