

Earth Day Events in Glendale

Earth Day is April 22, and Glendale is planning several events that will raise environmental awareness in our community. Check out one or all of these free events and find more information online at glendaleaz.com/green.

The Popular Family Bike Ride Rolls through Glendale April 14



Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 14 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and

short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

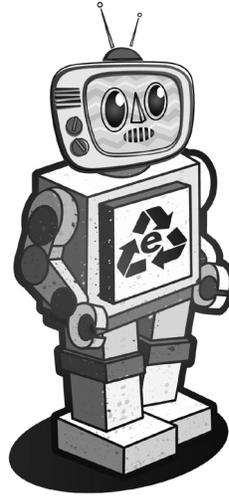
This is a free ride with no registration fees. Pre-registration can be done online at www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride. The first 500 riders that pre-register (online or via mail) will receive a t-shirt. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

On-site registration begins at 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need. INFO: glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.

Hug a Tree: Desert Tree Care April 13

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

Join us on Saturday, April 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This event is just in time for Arbor Day! This interactive workshop will feature planting, pruning, and watering demonstrations at the new Glendale Tree Trail that surrounds the Glendale Main Library. INFO: glendaleaz.com/green



Recycle Electronics for Free at the Glendale Landfill

Did you know Glendale now offers a permanent drop-off location for electronics recycling? The electronics recycling (e-waste) program offers a convenient way to recycle unwanted electronic items safely and responsibly, at no cost to residents, at the Glendale Landfill. Residents can bring both working and non-working electronic items to the landfill anytime during regular operating hours.

While this is a new addition to the city's recycling program, e-waste items should NOT be placed into the residential curbside containers.

The Glendale Landfill is located at 11480 W. Glendale Ave. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday.

For further recycling information or detail on the e-waste program, visit www.glendaleaz.com or contact Deb Coy, recycling coordinator, at 623-930-2709.

Make Fantastic Cupcakes for Mother's Day!

**Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center,
5600 W. Union Hills Dr.**

Mother's Day is quickly approaching, so now's the time to learn to make cupcakes with the most exciting and unusual ways to decorate them with fondant. Combine art and pastry recipes to make delicious and beautiful cupcakes. Impress your family and friends when you take them home. This class will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$31 (non-resident \$37), plus a \$15 supply fee collected at class. Call 623-930-4613 to register.



A Message from Mayor Jerry Weiers

February 6, 2013

I wanted to thank all of the Glendale citizens who participated in this last election, regardless of who you voted for. I want to assure you that

I will strive to serve as your Mayor the best that I possibly can. Please let me share with you three of my top priorities that I am committed to addressing in the coming months.

Arena – Our current challenge is to find an anchor tenant for our city-owned arena; whether it be hockey or a new tenant, I am dedicated to a resolution that provides sustainable viable options without placing the financial burden on the citizens of Glendale.

City Manager Recruitment – I am committed to working with the City Council to hire a city manager as soon as possible. The Council and I have directed management to expedite the recruiting process. It is my

hope to announce in the very near future, Glendale's permanent City Manager.

Restore Public Trust – As your Mayor, it is my goal to reestablish your trust and confidence in this city that we all proudly call home. I am committed to being available and accessible to you as often as possible. I am here to listen to your needs and I value your input.

Although I had limited space in this column, rest assured, I have many more priorities, goals and ideas that I will be sharing with you as we all work together to strengthen this great city.

My door is always open and if I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out and call my office at 623-930-2260 or email me at mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com.

In Your Service,
Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

Sensational Spring Book Sale on April 6

This semi-annual book sale will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the Foothills Library (19055 N. 57th Avenue). Tables will be stacked with thrillers, mysteries, romance, general fiction and non-fiction items, with most priced between 50 cents and \$2.

There will be something for everyone, young and old and in-between. Children's books, bestsellers and DVDs get snapped up quickly, so plan to be early for the best selection of items. There will be an additional sale room hosting a \$1 per bag sale all afternoon! Bags will be supplied by the library, with cash only in the \$1 per bag sale room. INFO: 623-930-3849

Bring the Little Ones to a Free Sportball Day on April 6

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Professionally trained instructors introduce children, ages 16 months to 5 years, to the concepts and skills involved in up to eight ball sports in exciting and dynamic classes on Saturday, April 6. Sportball's skill progression and refinement methodology is at the forefront of developmentally-appropriate sports instruction techniques. This event is free and all equipment is provided.

Ages 16 months to 2 years held from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Ages 2-3 held from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Parent participation required for ages 16 month to 3 years. Pre-register to guarantee a spot by calling 623-930-4613.

Residents' Input Sought on Glendale's Onboard Transportation Program

In 2001, Glendale voters approved Proposition 402, which dedicated a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and created the city's GO Transportation Program. To date, the program has resulted in expanded transit services and enhanced traffic flow, improved safety on Glendale Streets and at intersections and further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the city. Additional improvements are scheduled during the

next several years. Residents are invited to attend the 9th Annual GO Program Open House on Wednesday, April 24 from 4:30 – 7 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions on such projects as the Light Rail, Grand Avenue, the Northern Parkway, Loop 303, and the Grand Canal and New River bicycle paths. INFO: glendaleaz.com/transportation or call 623-930-2940



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For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit glendaleaz.com/calendar.

Please note that due to printing deadlines, we encourage you to check our online version of this newsletter at glendaleaz.com/connection for the most up-to-date event information and details.