

# The *Keeping Glendale Residents Connected* Connection

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## Glendale Presents the 29th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival April 14-15

Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15. Again this year, Glendale's longest-running festival will also feature an eclectic mix of artisans representing several art forms. Two artists will work on-site, giving event attendees an interactive, one-of-a-kind experience to add to the musical performances. The city of Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature craft artisans and delicious food and beverages.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale

is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. Event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, located in the heart of the event site at City Hall, at 59th and Glendale avenues and the Bank of America building at 58th Drive and Glenn Drive. The preferred parking fee is \$10.

The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events. Sponsors for the event include The Arizona Republic, ABC 15, Snapple, the Phoenix Coyotes, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ and the Glendale Arts Commission.

INFO: 623-930-2299 or [glendaleaz.com/events](http://glendaleaz.com/events)



## Take Note of Earth Day Events in Glendale This Month

*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](http://glendaleaz.com/green).*

### Family Bike Ride April 15

The annual Glendale Family Bike Ride is a great event for all ages – from one to 81! Many riders come in groups – extended families, co-workers or friends. Two routes make it flexible for individual skill levels, and riders will enjoy discovering neighborhoods and the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways. Best part? It's absolutely free, and snacks and water are provided at rest stops. Each rider must wear a helmet, which will be available for \$10 on site. Register online at [glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride](http://glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride), or call 623-930-2940. First 500 participants to register will receive a t-shirt.

### New Tree Trail Dedication April 28

Just in time for Arbor Day, Glendale's Conservation & Sustainable Living program will debut its new addition to the Glendale Xeriscape Garden, the Tree Trail on April 28 at 9 a.m. This project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, features a renovated 10,000-square foot area of the garden, with a focus on small- and medium-sized trees better suited for most residential applications, where sites are typically more compact. Residents are encouraged to come and visit this new amenity, and can take part in tree-care demonstrations, as well as take a tree home! Free trees for the first 100 Glendale residents to RSVP at 623-930-3760.

### Arbor Day Celebration in Glendale

Did you know that Glendale is a Tree City USA? In keeping with that designation and contributing back to our environment, Glendale's Parks & Recreation Department coordinates a tree-planting ceremony each year for Arbor Day.

Held at a Glendale park, and in conjunction with a local school, the event not only plants more trees, but also educates students on the importance of taking care of the earth. For more information on Arbor Day, call 623-930-2044.



# A Message from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

## Angel Flight West

I recently had the opportunity to learn about a very important organization that could benefit many people throughout the state

Angel Flight West links both volunteer private flights and commercial airline partners with people in need whose non-emergency health care problems require that they travel to and from medical facilities throughout the western states. The costs of the flights are all donated.

I recently met with several Angel Flight officials and offered to help get the word out about this extraordinary service. You can learn more about Angel Flight West at their website, [angelflightwest.org](http://angelflightwest.org).

I hope you will help share the word about Angel Flight West with individuals who you feel may be able to use their service or those who may be able to donate their skills, time or resources.

of Arizona. I wanted to let all Glendale residents know about the service this organization provides as you may not be aware that it is available.

Angel Flight West is a non-profit organization that arranges free flights for people in need of health care and other compelling needs. Angel Flight West was formed in 1983. Their offices are based out of California, but they serve 13 western states including Alaska and Hawaii. There are other Angel Flight teams that serve the other regions of the United States.

## Transportation Annual Open House on April 25

Just over 10 years ago 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, enhanced traffic flow, improved safety at intersections, and further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the city. Additional improvements are scheduled during the next several years.

The 8th Annual GO Program Open House is April 25 from 4:30 – 7 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. This will be an open house format. 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: 623-930-2940 or [glendaleaz.com/transportation](http://glendaleaz.com/transportation)

## Free Prescription Card Available to Glendale Residents

A new prescription drug discount program, Coast2Coast Rx card, allows Glendale residents, regardless of income, age or health status, to save on the cost of medications. The free Rx card can be used at all pharmacy chains and most independent pharmacies in the city and includes more than 60,000 drugs. It also provides dental, vision,

diabetes and hearing discounts up to 50% for the entire family and 50-80% discounts for lab and imaging tests. The card is available at most participating pharmacies, Glendale offices, libraries and Glendale public facilities or visit [coast2coastrx.com](http://coast2coastrx.com). INFO: [glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships](http://glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships).

## Sensational Spring Book Sale on April 20 & 21

This semi-annual book sale will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 20 and Noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 at the Foothills Library (19055 N. 57th Avenue). Thousands of items will be available, from Aristotle to Dr. Seuss. Novels, nonfiction, movies, music, audiobooks, and more will be priced to sell. There will be something for everyone and the last hour on Saturday will be \$1 per bag! INFO: 623-930-3849

## Lego Mania on April 23

Come and build Lego masterpieces with us on April 23 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library in the Main Storytime Room (5959 W. Brown Street). The theme for April is Robots. First come, first served. INFO: 623-930-3757

## Photographic History of Arizona from Prehistory to the Present April 11

Photographic History in Arizona is part of our "Explore Arizona Lecture Series," and will be held on April 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room of the Foothills Library (19055 N. 57th Avenue). From the geological wonders of Grand Canyon and the Petrified Forest, to cutting-edge biotech industries and Native American art galleries, this whirlwind pictorial tour of Arizona from prehistory to the present will cover it all. In addition to beautiful landscape photography and historic site images, this engaging lecture will address Arizona's cultural diversity, mining, and history of water use. This program is presented by historian Jim Turner and is co-sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council. INFO: 623-930-3831

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