

## Happening Soon

### At your parks

#### Play fore P.A.R. charity golf tournament presented by Shade 'N Net

Play in this charity tournament held April 17 at the Coyote Lakes Golf Club, 18800 N. Coyote Lakes Pkwy, in Surprise. For information, call 623-930-2042 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

#### Sahuaro Ranch chuck wagon family campout

Experience an evening sleeping under the stars at a family campout at Sahuaro Ranch Historic Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Campers will gather at 4 p.m., April 30 and enjoy astronomy, wildlife conservation, map/compassing, kids camp crafts and more! Dinner and breakfast will be served from a real chuck wagon. Loaner tents are available. Children age 15 and under will receive a free sleeping bag and goodie bag presented by the Wonderful Outdoor World educational program. It is \$29 for Glendale residents; \$34 for nonresidents. Age 3 and under are FREE. To sign up, call 623-930-2820 or go to [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation) and use code #442311-11.

### At your libraries

#### Recession Problems?

Glendale Main Library can be your first stop in looking for information to help in dealing with issues caused by our economic downturn. We offer computer classes to help job seekers set up e-mail accounts, create resumes and learn to search for employment online. During May, seminars are being offered in how to deal with money issues and its related stress.

Call 623-930-3531 to sign up for one of the following free computer classes:

- May 5, 6:30 p.m. – Getting an E-mail Account
- May 12, 6:30 p.m. – Writing Your Resume
- May 19, 6:30 p.m. – Job Searching Online

No reservations are necessary to attend the following free lectures at the Main Library:

- May 11, 7 p.m. – Relaxation at Your Desk with Nancy Molever
- May 19, 7 p.m. – Coping with Financial Stress: Learn specific techniques about how to deal with stressful situations
- May 26, 7 p.m. – Credit Reports and Credit Scores: Getting the Most Mileage from Consumer Credit Counseling Services Southwest

#### Teens, Get Involved in Your Community

Opportunities for teen volunteers:

- Teen Volunteer Fair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 15 at the Glendale Main Library. Chat with representatives from local groups about how you might volunteer during the summer. INFO: 623-930-3537.
- Teen summer volunteer informational meeting, 7-8 p.m. on May 24, at Velma Teague Branch. The library is searching for teen volunteers to assist with 2010 summer reading program registration and special events. INFO: 623-930-3431



### In your city



INFO: 623-930-4500 or [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com)

#### New regional travel planner connects visitors

Plan your next stay-cation with the new Regional Travel Planner, a glossy magazine-style guide that covers not only the city of Glendale, but the West Valley region.

The travel planner includes information about key destinations, events, maps and activities. A new feature in the guide incorporates tips from Glendale historian Ruth Byrne. This full-size visitor magazine costs the city nothing to produce and is fully supported by advertisers.

Also new this year is a fully interactive online version of the publication featured on [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com).

INFO: 623-930-4500 or [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com)

#### Glendale's got adventure with new tv show

Residents can discover adventures in Glendale and the West Valley with the Glendale Office of Tourism's new cable show "Glendale's Great Adventures and Beyond" every Sunday, at 7 p.m. on Glendale 11 TV as well as online at [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

Glendale and the West Valley are filled with great places for adventure and entertainment, and "Glendale's Great Adventures and Beyond" travels to a variety of destinations including: Wildlife World Zoo, Cabela's, Camelback Ranch Glendale, University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale's X-Court, Thunderbird Conservation Park, Paseo Racquet Center, Wet 'N' Wild Water Park and Phoenix International Raceway.

For a complete viewer's program guide and live streaming video, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11).



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# The Connection

A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents

## Gearing up for summer fun in Glendale

### Summer reading programs

Summertime is coming so count on Glendale Public Library's summer reading programs to bring fun and prizes to youngsters. "Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark" is offered to all youths, from babies up to age 18, while "Make Waves @ Glendale Public Library" is for teens only, ages 12-18. Both programs run from June 1-July 31.

Youths read (or are read to) for incentive prizes, with the final prize a ticket voucher for a Diamondbacks game. The Ballpark program has a game board, while the teen program is done online, either at home or at the library. In addition to individual incentive prizes, there are drawings for families, including zoo passes. *The Arizona Republic* and the Arizona Diamondbacks are sponsoring the Ballpark program.

At Foothills Branch, children can stop in the library the last week in May to pick up their game boards. Starting June 1, game boards are available at Main Library and Velma Teague Branch.

Beginning May 18, teens can register online for the Make Waves program and win prizes. Readers register then keep track of the number of pages they read online at [www.glendaleaz.com/teenlibrary](http://www.glendaleaz.com/teenlibrary).

The library is always a haven for fun experiences for children and teens during the summer, and this year is no exception. To find out what is offered, check the online calendar at [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library) or stop in your closest Glendale library for the June-August calendar.

For more information, call 623-930-3537 and choose "Main Youth Department."

### Foothills 360 summer program

Looking for a fun, safe program for your child to enjoy this summer? This popular supervised program features recreational, educational and fitness activities for youth ages 5-11, split into age-appropriate groups. Program is available Monday - Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., May 24-August 6 (excluding May 31). Parents can choose between a 3-day or 5-day program. Sign up begins April 2. For rate and registration information, call 623-930-4608.

### Specialty classes for all ages

Youth and adults can participate in a variety of summer classes in the categories of cultural arts, music, languages, personal development, culinary arts, dance, exercise and sports and more. Registration for summer classes begins May 7. Download the current Glendale Parks & Recreation magazine at [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation). The summer issue will be online May 7.

### Summer Band concert series

Thursdays at 8 p.m., June 3-July 22

Looking for a cool way to spend your summer evenings? Look no further. Hosted by the Glendale Office of Special Events, the free concerts are held in downtown Glendale's Murphy Park amphitheatre (5850 W. Glendale Ave.). The performances are also sponsored in part by Glendale Civic Pride. With more than 100 musicians, the band will cool the summer evening with familiar renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes. Guests may bring a lawn chair or blanket for lawn seating, but please leave pets at home. Refreshments will be available for purchase in the park. For more information, call the special events hotline 623-930-2299.



### Burgeoning Civic Pride

The decade of the 1920s became a fertile seedbed for Glendale civic organizations. The first of the major service clubs in Glendale was the Rotary Club, which met in a garage in 1922 with 14 members. The Lions first met in Glendale in 1927. The International Order of Odd Fellows, the



Masonic Lodge and the Woodmen of the World, all of which had existed since about 1900, also became more active during the 20's.

Glendale's Chamber of Commerce had its beginnings in 1919. Glendale girls for many decades owed a debt of gratitude to Cora McRuer, wife of the high school principal, who organized the Order of Rainbow Girls (pictured above) in 1926. Glendale's military veterans banded together in the 1920s in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Excerpt from *Glendale: Our Past, Our Progress, Our People*. Revised and edited by Karen Werner. Books available for purchase at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Dr.).

Photo courtesy of Glendale Historical Society. Visit [www.glendaleaz.com/centennial](http://www.glendaleaz.com/centennial).

### LIBRARY LOCATIONS

**Glendale Main Library**  
5959 West Brown Street • 623-930-3530

**Foothills Branch Library**  
19055 North 57th Avenue • 623-930-3830

**Velma Teague Branch Library**  
7010 North 58th Avenue • 623-930-3430

Glendale park locations are available online at [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation)



## A Message from Councilmember Joyce Clark

### Glendale Maintains Opposition to Proposed Casino

It has been over a year since the Tohono O'odham Nation announced their proposal to build a resort and casino on 134 acres located at the southwest corner of Northern and 91st avenues, within Glendale's boundaries. One of the questions I am asked most frequently is, "What is happening with the casino?"

has asked the federal government to take ownership of the land or hold it in trust, designating it as a reservation.

In the meantime, Glendale has received wide ranging support from various interests. Many of the Indian tribes, including an Apache coalition of tribes and the Gila River Indian Community, have come out in opposition to the Tohono O'odham's plans. In addition Senators John McCain and John Kyle (and other U.S. Senators), Representatives Trent Franks and John Shadegg, Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon as well as several West Valley mayors, have voiced their support for Glendale's position. On January 19, Governor Jan Brewer requested that Tohono O'odham Council consider withdrawing the pending application to take this land into trust status for gaming purposes.

As the councilmember serving the Yucca District, which surrounds the proposed site, I continue to oppose the Nation's plans because NO tax revenue will come directly to the city from the operation of the proposed casino, resort or any other development on the site. It will also be detrimental to surrounding businesses. Arizona law provides for Indian gaming on existing reservations only. If this new gaming site becomes a reality within Glendale it will open the floodgates for similar operations all over this Valley and this state.

On April 7, 2009, the Glendale City Council adopted a resolution opposing the Tribe's Trust Application with the Department of Interior. It is the city's position that the Tribe's application is poor public policy; violates governmental rights, privileges, and authority of the state of Arizona, the county of Maricopa and the city of Glendale; and is contrary to the best interests of the citizens of Arizona, Maricopa County and Glendale. If you would like further information regarding Glendale's position on this issue, please visit [www.glendaleaz.com/indianreservation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/indianreservation).

Presently, there is one court case yet to be resolved. It is the question of the city's jurisdiction over a portion of the Tohono O'odham land based on a 2001 annexation by the city. It is my belief that we will not see final adjudication of this case until the fall of this year. State legislation has been introduced by Rep. Jerry Weiers and Sen. John Nelson of Glendale that would allow cities to annex property without the landowner's consent if the landowner

### Down payment assistance available for first-time home buyers

If you're a first-time homebuyer, who plans to purchase a home in Glendale, you may be eligible for the American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) program.

Glendale's Community Revitalization Division is sponsoring the program, which offers an interest-free loan of up to \$10,000 for eligible home buyers who have a total household income that is 80 percent below median, as determined by federal income standards. This translates to \$52,700 for a household size of four.

For more information, call the Community Revitalization Division at 623-930-3670 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/recovery](http://www.glendaleaz.com/recovery) to download a brochure about the ADDI program.

**Glendale wants you to remember to watch all children around water!**

## Messages from Public Safety



### Working Together for Victims' Rights

National Crime Victims' Rights

Week (NCVRW), April 18-24, casts an annual spotlight on victims' rights.

The 2010 NCVRW theme "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect." evokes powerful memories of a time when victim compensation and support services were not available to those harmed by crime. Victims and advocates demanded fairness, dignity and respect. The time has come to acknowledge the progress made toward realizing these ideals.

The West Valley Advocacy Center was designed as a one-stop facility for victims of crime. The Center staff can provide resources and referrals for individuals and families to help cope with the series of events and feelings connected with victimization. All services are provided at no cost, in a confidential setting.

If you would like to help a person in need, the West Valley Advocacy Center is seeking volunteers. Our volunteers take on the important role of providing aid for crisis support, informing victims of their rights, accompaniment to court, and much more.

If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please call 623-930-3030.

If you are a victim of crime and need help, please call 623-930-3720.



### Glendale firefighters urge you to be water wise!

As we head into summer, Glendale Fire Department wants to remind you to play it safe around water! Nearly 20 children die from water-related incidents in Maricopa County each year. Many of these tragedies can be avoided by taking precautions. Drowning incidents affect the entire community.

Here are some safety tips:

- Adults and children should learn how to swim
- Learn CPR (Glendale Fire Department offers free classes)
- Never swim alone
- Install barriers
- Empty water buckets after use
- ALWAYS, ALWAYS WATCH YOUR CHILDREN AROUND WATER!

More safety tips can be found on the Glendale Fire Department web site, [www.glendaleaz.com/fire](http://www.glendaleaz.com/fire).

## Glendale reaches a new audience through social networking



### Glendale on YouTube

The award-winning shows from Glendale 11 have gone viral. Viewers

can now find and share their favorite Glendale 11 shows and videos on the cable channel's new official YouTube channel.

An ever-updating library of videos will be available on a regular basis, and fan favorites will continue to show up in the rotation. The channel allows worldwide users of this widely popular Internet tool to connect with Glendale as well as see firsthand all we have to offer.

Visit [www.youtube.com/myglendale11](http://www.youtube.com/myglendale11).



### Latest Glendale Info on Twitter

Twitter is a free, online social media outlet that allows people to register to get instant updates from a variety of sources.

Users can receive updates by following the quick-and-easy steps to create a Twitter account and then select "follow" GlendaleAZ.

Users will get short one- or two-sentence updates sent out by the city on a variety of topics, ranging from exciting sports dates to important service announcements and city programs. The updates are sent to users through short email messages to your personal Twitter account.

Visit [www.twitter.com/GlendaleAZ](http://www.twitter.com/GlendaleAZ).



### Glendale launches on Facebook

Facebook allows users to learn and connect with Glendale in an interactive environment. The popular social media tool has also allowed the city to reach

out to millions of Facebook users and post informative content, as well as photos of the city, popular events, and videos from Glendale 11.

Glendale is one of a handful of Valley cities using these free, online social networking tools to reach out to residents and one of the first in the West Valley to have a presence on both Twitter and Facebook.

Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Glendale, AZ.

## Renewable Energy Plant generating power for hundreds of homes

Did you ever wonder what happens to your trash when you throw it away? Traditionally, in Glendale, trash goes into the city's landfill and immediately begins to decompose.

As the trash decomposes, it turns into methane gas. Using landfill gas as a renewable energy source has many benefits. Landfill gas is less expensive than other renewable resources, yet is just as reliable.

Furthermore, converting landfill gas to energy helps the environment and community. By using landfill gas, Glendale will be helping to improve local air quality and reduce the risk of global climate change.

This renewable energy project, a public-private partnership, is now generating power for approximately 750 homes in the West Valley.

This project began back in 2003, when the city's gas rights were sold to an engineering firm. Eventually it evolved to include Sexton Energy and APS, a partnership which paired the right combination of technical expertise and the capabilities to incorporate it into a public power grid. Construction of the landfill-gas-to-energy facility was completed in December.

"It is great to be the leader in providing green energy from a municipal landfill, as we are the only city in the Valley offering this type of energy project," said Stuart Kent, Glendale's field operations director. "We have been operating this landfill since 1973, and anticipate continuing for another 40 years. As a result, this renewable energy opportunity will reach thousands of homes throughout the years."



Landfill gas-to-energy facility ground breaking. Left to right: Councilmember Phil Lieberman; Benjamin Grumbles, director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality; Councilmember Steve Frate; Vice Mayor Manny Martinez; Councilmember Joyce Clark; Michael Carolan, Sexton Energy; Kristen Mayes, chairperson of the Arizona Corporation Commission; Brad Albert, APS; Councilmember David Goulet; Bryan Stirrat, Brian A. Stirrat and Associates.

## Calendar

### April

- 3 Eggventure, 9:30 a.m.\*
- 6 Glendale City Council budget workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*
- 13 Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.\*
- 16 Friday Nite Lights, 5 p.m.\*
- 17-18 Glendale's 27th Annual Gibson Jazz and Blues Festival\*
- 20 Glendale City Council budget workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*
- 27 Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.\*

### May

- 4 Glendale City Council budget workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*
- 8 Mother's Day Celebration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.\*
- 18 Glendale City Council budget workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*
- 21 Friday Nite Lights, 5 p.m.\*
- 25 Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.\*

### June

- 1 Glendale City Council budget workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*
- 3 Summer Band concert, 8 p.m.\*
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- 10 Summer Band concert, 8 p.m.\*
- 15 Glendale City Council budget workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*
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- 24 Summer Band concert, 8 p.m.\*

For more information about events, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

\*Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale. Council meetings are aired live on Glendale 11 and online at [www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11).