

Happening Soon

At your parks

NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition

This is a national skills competition, which is FREE for boys and girls ages 8-15. This year two local competitions will be held. The first competition will be Thursday, Sept. 10 at Foothills Sport Complex, 57th Ave., just north of Union Hills on field #1. The second competition will be held Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Glendale Youth Sports Complex, 91st Ave and Bethany Home Road (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium). Onsite registration begins at 5 p.m. and the competitions are held 6 – 8 p.m.

Winners from each local competition will advance to the sectional competition to be held on Sunday, Oct. 18. Only the top four boys and girls that place first in each age bracket from the pool of sectional competition champions will advance to the team championships at the University of Phoenix Stadium to be held during a regular season home game. For more information, call 930-2841.

Fall Youth Sports Registration through Sept. 4

Summer is almost over, and that means fall sports are just around the corner! Registration for fall youth sports continues through **Sept. 4**.

Correction Notice: Previously it was reported that Fall Youth Sports registration ran through Sept 24. The correct date is Sept. 4. We apologize for any confusion.

Points-Based Poker League

Monday nights, beginning Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m. Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center

If you are an avid fan of poker and can't find a place to play or a beginner looking for a relaxed environment to learn the game of Texas Hold 'Em, join us for a recreational 9-week league that includes 8-regular season games and an end-of-the-year tournament. This league is for individuals 18 and older. \$15 Resident, \$19 Non-Resident. (Fee covers cards, chips and miscellaneous supplies.) For more information, contact Manny at 623-930-4609.

At your libraries

Middle School Homework Club at the Main Library

A cooperative effort between Sahuaro Ranch Elementary School and the Main Library will result in 6th, 7th and 8th grade students getting free help in a variety of subjects after school on Mondays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 14. The Homework Club will set up shop in the large meeting room, with computers and teachers ready to help tutor in math, reading and writing. Two teachers from Sahuaro Ranch will be tutoring, as well as a retired English teacher and senior intern students from the International Baccalaureate program at Ironwood High School. Interested students just stop by; no reservations are necessary. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Every Child Ready to Read Starts from Birth

Parents, don't wait until kindergarten to get your child ready for academic success. Current research on early literacy and brain development indicates that it is never too early to prepare children for success as readers; it can begin at birth. Learn easy ways to incorporate early literacy into daily life by attending "Every Child Ready to Read" at the library.

Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., will offer three sessions on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the small meeting room. Each class will deal with different ages:

Sept. 15: Parents of children from birth to two years

Sept. 22: Parents of children ages 2-3

Sept. 29: Parents of children ages 4-5

Sept. 21: Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., is combining the different ages into one "Every Child Ready to Read" workshop from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

To sign up or for more information, call the Main Library at 623-930-3537 or Foothills Branch at 623-930-3837.

Jungle Jamboree Sept. 22

Velma Teague Library is having a Jungle Jamboree for preschool-aged kids on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m. There will be jungle-themed rhymes, activities, crafts and animal crackers and apple juice! Call 623-930-3437 for more information.



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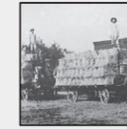
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A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents

Back to School Info and Events



Teachers' Fair

The city of Glendale is hosting a free Back to School Teachers' Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 4 - 7 p.m. The fair will take place at the Glendale Adult Center at 5970 W. Brown Street. Teachers can enter a raffle, enjoy refreshments, and collect free materials for their classrooms.

The event will connect teachers with city of Glendale departments and local agencies that provide high-quality classroom resources, which are aligned to the Arizona Academic Standards. Teachers will receive lesson plans and information about field trips, guest speaker presentations, and activities for their classrooms.

Glendale is partnering with several agencies and businesses to provide this unique opportunity for Glendale teachers. Please call 623-930-3539 or e-mail cgrote@glendaleaz.com for registration or more information.

Back to School Safety

As the kids head back to school, families are busy buying the right supplies and packing lunch boxes. However, it is important to remember that now is the time to do your homework on how to keep your child safe.



To help parents, the Glendale police department is offering these tips:

- Children walking or biking to and from school should use the buddy system.
- Choose the safest route and talk with children about avoiding alleys, vacant fields and busy streets. Many schools have already identified the safest way for children to get to school. Contact your school for recommended routes.
- Slow down in school zones, and do not block streets and driveways when picking up or dropping off children.
- If children are alone at home after school, make sure they know not to let strangers in the home, for any reason.
- Teach your child to use the telephone properly in case of emergencies.
- Have your child memorize their name, address, home phone number and your work phone number.

If you would like written materials on keeping kids safe, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Carol Bolick at 623-930-2571.

Ballet Under the Stars

Spend a relaxing evening under the gorgeous Arizona sky as Ballet Arizona continues its annual season opening tradition with "Ballet Under the Stars." Bring the entire family and enjoy a combination of classical and contemporary works in a casual setting for FREE.

In the past ten years, "Ballet Under the Stars" has been enjoyed by more than 60,000 Valley residents. Performances will feature the debut performance of a work created as part of the Class Act program at Don Mensendick Elementary School in Glendale.

**Sunday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.*
Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area**

*Scheduling subject to change.



LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Main Library

5959 West Brown Street
623-930-3530

Foothills Library

19055 North 57th Avenue
623-930-3830

Velma Teague Library

7010 North 58th Avenue
623-930-3430

A Message from Councilmember David Goulet

The “Greening” of Glendale

Seeing “green” and creating a sustainable future is here. The city has launched a Web site that lists many services and educational programs that are available through the city as well as other sources such as APS, SRP, the state of Arizona and the federal government. This site offers tips such as how to apply for a rebate of up to \$750 from the city for removing turf and replacing it with low water use landscape. The site also lists information and incentives for both residents and businesses. Visit www.glendaleaz.com and under the Resident section, click on “How to be Green in Glendale.”

The city is continually working to use resources wisely:

- Employees are encouraged to use alternate modes of transportation and allowed to work compressed schedules whenever feasible.
- The city’s Park & Ride Lot at 99th and Glendale avenues was constructed with pervious concrete which allows water runoff to drain into the soil and reduces the urban heat island effect.
- The West Area Water Reclamation Facility was constructed with reclaimed materials, renewable resources and solar power.
- The new city courthouse is pursuing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Future capital improvement projects will use many of these concepts in their designs.
- Curbside recycling began in 2001, and last year collected about 14,000 tons of materials of which 10,000 tons were saleable. Household Hazardous Waste collection events are conducted twice a year.
- Our annual pavement overlay program uses rubberized asphalt to rid the landfill of tires while reducing noise levels on city streets.
- Ground was recently broken on an energy plant at the city landfill that will convert methane gas at the site into usable energy. This is a private-public project that, when finished at the end of this year, should deliver energy to many homes in the West Valley.
- The city fleet of vehicles has been reduced by 30, and 3 hybrid vehicles are being used in appropriate applications.
- Solar power is being used by our traffic department for signs, flashers, message signs and bus shelters.
- The parks and recreation department will include green design options such as solar lighting, computerized irrigation and xeriscaping as part of park redevelopment projects.

Recently I proposed the addition of a Council Sustainability (Green) Sub-Committee that was endorsed by the full council. The committee will review, prioritize and encourage the implementation of technologies that may be adopted and will be supportive of programs that reduce our environmental impact. It’s my hope that during this process we will involve active neighborhood participation. We will need to hear what citizens want to help us make decisions.

Remember, things we do today, impact tomorrow. Visit www.glendalaz.com/green for more information.

Calendar

September

- 5 Teddy Bear Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*
- 7 Labor Day (city offices closed)
- 8 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Friday Nite Lights, 5-9 p.m.*
- 22 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 Ballet Under the Stars, , 7 p.m.
Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area

October

- 3 GAIN Night 7 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 12 Columbus Day (city offices closed)
- 16 Friday Nite Lights, 5-9 p.m.*
- 17 Front Porch Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*
- 13 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 27 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

For more information on events, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.
*Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale.

AVP Crocs Tour Sanderson Ford Glendale Best of The Beach

The AVP rolls into Glendale again for an exciting round of the best in beach volleyball with the season-ending Best of the Beach matchups Sept. 25-27. The event features the top 12 individual men and the top 12 individual women on the tour at Westgate City Center, Arizona’s premiere sports and entertainment complex. Visit www.westgatecitycenter.com for more information.



Fall household hazardous waste pick-up

Glendale is providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste. Residents can have their waste items picked up from their home, by making an appointment between Sept. 28 - Oct. 23. The actual collections will be handled Oct. 19-Nov. 6.

To make your appointment call the sanitation division at 623-930-2660. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items for collection, visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

News & Updates

Glendale Fire Department Participates in National Seizure Study

The Glendale fire department will soon begin a 5-year national seizure study that will aim toward improving pre-hospital care among seizure patients in Glendale and throughout the nation.

The Glendale Fire Department is one of 17 agencies across the country, and the only department in the state to conduct the study called RAMPART (Rapid Anticonvulsant Medication Prior to Arrival Trial). The department is teaming up with the University of Arizona to study which medicines and method of delivering them are most effective in patients who have prolonged seizures.

Currently, when firefighters arrive to treat a patient suffering from a prolonged seizure in a pre-hospital setting, that patient receives medicine either intravenously (in the vein) or intramuscular (in the muscle). Unfortunately, it is unknown which method works best.

Under the RAMPART study, Glendale firefighters will administer the medication if the patient is still in a seizure when they arrive. Each patient will receive two types of medicine: one will be administered intravenously and one will be administered intramuscular. In each case, one method will deliver an active medication and one method will deliver a placebo.

“We see this as an excellent opportunity to deliver the best care possible to seizure patients in our community,” said Mark Burdick, Glendale Fire Chief.

Residents seeking more information, or who may wish to opt out of the study should call 602-827-2140.

Making a Difference: From the Heart Glendale distributes \$224,500 to social services

Nineteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to Glendale’s most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents received \$224,500 in grants on June 24, 2009 from money donated through Glendale’s From The Heart program.

The money will be used to feed Glendale’s hungry and provide home medical equipment for the frail and elderly and emergency programs for victims of violence and abuse.

All the money was raised through Glendale’s From The Heart program, which enables residents and businesses to add \$1 to their city utility bills each month. Also, as a result of a new initiative with The Ellman Companies, all money collected from Westgate City Center’s waterdance fountain is donated to From The Heart. In addition, the BHHS Legacy Foundation provides a 50-cent match for every dollar donated to From The Heart.

“We know all too well that the need for these types of services increases significantly during times of a recession and, unfortunately, our residents have not been immune to the financial conditions facing our economy,” said Mayor Scruggs, who helped raise more than \$10,000 for From The Heart through the Allen Palmer Memorial Fund she established after her father passed away last year. “I’m sure most of us know a relative, friend or neighbor who has lost their job or had to cut back on their daily living expenses over the past year.”

One dollar goes a long way in this program, and I want to thank city utility customers for pulling together during these difficult times to help our fellow residents in need. These social services help people get back on their feet when facing life-changing events.”

Since From The Heart began in 1997, more than \$1.7 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents. For more information or to donate, visit www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart.



Glendale: Our Past, Our Progress, Our People

Revised and edited by Karen Werner

Excerpt from Chapter 2: A Cultural Crossroads

With an influx of immigrants in the mid-1890s and a lack of readily available materials with which to develop the townsite, there was a desperate need for a railroad in Glendale. William J. Murphy came to the rescue.

Murphy negotiated with the Santa Fe Railroad, giving it right-of-way along Grand Avenue in exchange for constructing a rail line from Prescott to Phoenix. The completion of the line gave Phoenix its first direct rail service to the northern part of the state, with its dense forests waiting to be harvested.

The railroad’s completion in 1895 boosted Glendale’s development and economy in three ways. First, it brought new residents to the community. Second, it allowed for the convenient transportation of building materials and supplies. And third, it allowed the farming community to ship agricultural products out of the Valley. Thus buoyed, Glendale’s population hit 300.



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