

Happening Soon

At your parks

20th Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show

Make plans to attend the 10th anniversary of the popular Touch-A-Truck event on Feb. 27 at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. It's fun for the entire family and educational too! Come out, look at, sit in and Touch-A-Truck of all sizes and shapes. Test your skills in the Sand Play Area, The Big Dig and Tiny Tot Drivers. Bring your camera to capture those special shots in a fire truck or big rig. Souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call 623-930-2044.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival - March 20 & 21

FREE ADMISSION! Come out and enjoy more than 150 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Other highlights include historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area and workshops by accomplished entertainers. It all happens March 20-21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Admission and most activities are free. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

Need A Practice Field?

The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department has fields you can rent for adult and youth practices. Field reservations are available in two hour minimum blocks of time and are available to individual teams. For information about field availability and prices call 623-930-2820.

Lifeguard and instructor training

The Glendale Aquatics Division is offering annual Lifeguard training & water safety instructor classes in February, March, and April. Call 623-930-2838 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation for more information.

Recession response classes

FREE 2010 Minding Your Money Classes

Teen money management classes will be held from 6:30-8:45 p.m. on March 1 and March 8 at Velma Teague Branch Library. Basic adult money management classes will be held on six consecutive Mondays, March 15-April 19, also at the downtown library.

"Beat the Street," a simulated investing game for people who already have some knowledge of investing concepts, will be held Thursdays, March 18-May 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library. Participants who have laptops should bring them.

Other classes taking place in upcoming months include: Retirement Planning, Investing Boot Camp, Basic Money Management in English and Spanish, and Teen Money Management. For more information or to register, call Diane at 623-930-3554.

At your libraries

Upcoming Authors @ The Teague:

Beth Solheim, author of *At Witt's End* will appear at 2 p.m., March 3. This title is the first in a mystery series about Sadie Witt, a resort owner who solves mysteries as she shepherds dead clients to the hereafter.

Look for Cara Black, whose newest novel is *Murder in the Palais Royal*, at 1:30 p.m., March 11. *The Los Angeles Times* calls Black's lead sleuth Aimee Leduc the new Parisienne Kinsey Milhone (Sue Grafton's fictional private investigator).

Around the World in 80 Days, Foothills Style!

All ages can travel the globe without ever hopping on an airplane. Visit Foothills Branch Library during March and April to experience a literary journey full of music and dance performances and artistry workshops.

Here is a sampling of "Around the World in 80 Days" programming:

- March 2, 6:30 p.m. – Bedouin Jangling Necklaces. Teens and adults can create a musical necklace with bells, glass and metal beads.
- March 17, 4 p.m. – Trekking by Train. Youngsters 4-11 who love trains will have a great time!
- March 23, 7 p.m. – Opera 101 with OperaTunity. Talented singers will lead the audience through the terminology and traditions of opera with an emphasis on fun. It is sure to change attitudes about opera.
- March 30, 7 p.m. – Egyptian Canopic Jar and Symbolic Bracelet. Canopic jars were used by ancient Egyptians in the mummification process. They used symbolic miniature heads of Egyptian gods on top of the jars to protect the contents. Teens and adults can make their own version of a Canopic jar and a power bracelet.

For more information and to register for the youth and teen classes, call the Youth Dept. at 623-930-3837 and press 6. To sign up for adult classes, call 623-930-3844.



Mayor
Elaine M. Scruggs
(623) 930-2260

Vice Mayor
Manuel D. Martinez
Cholla District
(623) 561-8263

Councilmember
Joyce V. Clark
Yucca District
(623) 772-9795

Councilmember
Steven E. Frate
Sahuaro District
(602) 439-8151

Councilmember
David M. Goulet
Ocotillo District
(623) 937-2524

Councilmember
Yvonne J. Knaack
Barrel District
(623) 930-2249

Councilmember
H. Philip Lieberman
Cactus District
(623) 934-1648

City Manager
Ed Beasley
(623) 930-2870

City Switchboard
(623) 930-2000

The Connection

Vol.24, Issue 2

Published by the
City of Glendale, Arizona
Marketing/
Communications
Department

Editors
Tressa Whalen
623-930-3023
Kim Larson
623-930-2989

www.glendaleaz.com
www.visitglendale.com
www.glendalegotgame.com

10-009

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		

• Inside •
Feb.-March 2010



WWE
WrestleMania XXVI
is here



FREE
Safety fair



Best of the
West Valley
car show

The Connection

A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents

Glendale's Green Festival Partners with the Glendale Family Bike Ride



Glendale's Green Festival is teaming up with the Glendale Family Bike Ride on March 27 and both events are bigger than ever! This free, something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to get a little exercise and learn about water and energy efficiency, alternative transportation, going solar and many other green-living practices.

The annual Glendale Family Bike Ride will kick off the green-themed event at Sahuaro Ranch Park at 8 a.m. The bike ride is suitable for cyclists of all levels and ages. Both long and short routes are available. Free snacks and water are provided at two rest stops along the route. All participants must wear a bike helmet. For those who do not have one, helmets can be purchased at the event for \$10.

Cyclists and non-cyclists are encouraged to head over to the Glendale Green Festival from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library. The event will feature informative booths, green-product vendors, free giveaways, green-living and desert gardening classes for homeowners. The family zone powered by Radio Disney's Friends for Change will feature fun activities for all. Be sure to explore the SRP Water Conservation Expo for the latest in water-efficient devices. For a complete list of activities and classes, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green or call 623-930-2035 for the Glendale Family Bike Ride or 623-930-3535 for the Green Festival.

Registration for the Bike Ride

Register now for family fun!
Time: 7-9 a.m. (ride starts at 8 a.m.)
Location: Sahuaro Ranch Park soccer field
Online registration: www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride

Glendale Family Bike Ride

Come along on a ride for all levels and all ages of riders.
Time: Ride starts at 8 a.m. (registration is from 7-9 a.m.)
Location: Sahuaro Ranch Park

Landscape Classes

The first 100 attendees will receive free plants at the Glendale Main Library north entrance at 9 a.m.
Time: various, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; visit www.glendaleaz.com/green for complete schedule
Location: Sahuaro Ranch Park Fruit Packing Shed;

SRP Water Conservation Expo Tent

See the latest in water-efficient devices.
Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: Glendale Main Library north entrance

Green-Living Classes

A one-stop-shop for green-living information.
Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; visit www.glendaleaz.com/green for complete schedule
Location: Glendale Main Library large meeting room

Family Zone

Visit Radio Disney's Friends for Change activity booth.
Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: Glendale Main Library South Entrance



Modern Communication comes to Glendale

Thanks to the Arizona Canal telephone system at Lateral 16, William Bartlett, owner of Sahuaro Ranch, was able to send the following message to his brother Samuel in 1898: "Am connected by telephone . . . to ranch, telegraph as well."

However, the phone system made a more official debut in 1909, when the People's Independent Telephone Co. sold 22 Glendale residents on the advantages of installing a phone. When the Mountain States Telephone Co. took over that primitive system in 1912, there were 250 customers.

Madge Ulrich was a 15-year-old orphan when she talked her way into an operator's job in Mesa in 1927. After two months, she was transferred to the Glendale telephone office, where she stayed for 49 years. Ulrich, or "Mrs. Telephone" as she was known in the community, became the company's first female manager and one of the first in America.



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.



A Message from Vice Mayor Martinez

Census 2010 - It's in your hands!

As mandated by the United States Constitution, a census is conducted every 10 years to count everyone living in the United States. In

partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, Glendale will be assisting to ensure that a thorough count of residents in our community is completed by April 1, 2010.

In addition to determining the number of congressional seats on a statewide basis, the census count is also used to distribute federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year. Census revenue goes toward paying for essential city services, such as police and fire protection, parks and libraries, and streets and roads. The higher the response rate on the 2010 census for Glendale, the more revenue the city receives to provide for these services. Schools and hospitals also receive funding based on the census count. If everyone is not counted, Glendale suffers by not getting the appropriate federal dollars we need to provide the services for all of our residents.

All U.S. residents must be counted – regardless of citizenship. Residents will receive a census questionnaire in March 2010 by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Every household is required to complete and mail back their questionnaire. There are only 10 questions on the form – it's easy, and it's guaranteed to be completely

confidential. Getting an accurate count of people is so important that those who don't return the questionnaire will be contacted by a Census representative by phone or in person.

What does the U.S. census mean to the city of Glendale?

- More than half of the city's operating budget is determined by Census data!
- The census ensures we are fairly represented at the state and federal level.
- Provides funding for police and fire protection.
- Funds our parks and libraries.
- Funds improvements to our streets and roads.
- Funds school lunch programs and senior centers.
- The higher the response rate on the 2010 U.S. Census for Glendale, the more revenue the city receives to provide essential city services.

More than \$400 billion in federal money is distributed each year, based on census population figures. Please fill out your 2010 census questionnaire and return it – this is vitally important Glendale – and it's in your hands.

For further information, visit www.census2010.gov.

Paris in the Spring French Market and Sidewalk Café

Place: Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court
Date: March 6
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Activities include:

- Music
- Art Show
- Shopping
- Dining

For more information, call 623-847-5262 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com

The Best of the West Valley Car Show

Place: Glendale Civic Center
Date: March 27
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

More than 3,500 visitors are expected to attend this event at the Glendale Civic Center. A variety of 300 classic, antique and custom cars will be on display in the east and west Civic Center parking lots, the lot east of the Civic Center parking area and the Civic Center Commons and Bead Museum Plaza. Admission is free.

More information, visit www.cruisingarizona.com

Messages from Public Safety



In partnership with the Glendale Police, Fire, and Transportation departments, the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni of Glendale (CPAAG) is planning its 2nd Annual

Summer Safety Fair, sponsored by Target. The event will be held March 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Target shopping center, 10404 N. 43rd Ave.

At the 2nd Annual Summer Safety Fair, kids and their parents can learn about everything from fire, home, and personal safety to water and bicycle safety. Our safety fair, while providing safety-related information for people of all ages, is focused on youth safety.

Later, as we gear up for the heat of summer and the end of the school year, it's critical that we educate our children about potential risks and provide them with information to help prevent serious injuries. This event is free and open to the public.

The event will feature a bike rodeo, the Glendale Fire Department Family Safety Trailer, a variety of safety-related information booths with informative handouts and safety product giveaways. The event will also include fun and interactive activities including an inflatable bouncer, clowns and face painters, fire trucks and ambulances on display, free water and popcorn, and other fun and educational activities.

During the event, donations of new children's clothing and new small toys will be accepted to benefit the West Valley Advocacy Center (WVAC). The WVAC is a comprehensive, victim-focused facility designed to empower crime victims of the West Valley by using a multidisciplinary approach for the investigation of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

For more information about the 2nd annual Summer Safety Fair, call 623-670-5710 or e-mail info@cpaag.org.

Glendale firefighters continue food and necessities drive

Glendale Firefighters of Arizona, Glendale Chapter of Local 493 (GFFAZ) began a food and necessities drive, which was successful during the holiday season. The GFFAZ food and necessities drive will continue indefinitely. The efforts will continue to benefit local non-profit organizations dedicated to helping less fortunate Glendale residents.

"When there is a need in the community, Glendale firefighters take it personally, said John Holland, Glendale fire captain and Local 493 Glendale Chapter Vice President. "There are so many people in our city and throughout the Valley with little or no resources for basic necessities, such as warm nutritious meals, toiletries and clothing. This is a great way for firefighters to team up with those who would like to help someone in need and make a difference."

Donations can be dropped off at any Glendale Fire Station. Visit www.glendaleaz.com/fire for locations.

Glendale's Community Mediation Program

It's been nearly 10 years since Glendale started a Community Mediation program, in the Neighborhood Partnership Office, using volunteers who are residents of the city. The group of eight, trained mediators has remained active with the program since it started. The service for Glendale residents has assisted well over 1,100 residents and businesses in resolving disputes.

"Glendale's program has given community members another method for resolving disputes without costly legal fees," said Anna Lopez, Mediation Program Coordinator. "The program has served numerous Glendale residents and business owners, and the results have been extremely positive."

Lopez says much of the success of the program can be attributed to the dedicated service of the volunteer mediators, who were initially trained in 2001.

"The volunteer mediators are the backbone of Glendale's program. They have special skills and

perform their job extremely well. Their time is given on a volunteer basis, which shows how much they care about our community," said Lopez.

Glendale's Community Mediation Program is designed to mediate concerns related to interpersonal disputes, animals, unregulated property maintenance, homeowner's association and neighborhood board conflicts, noise and other general nuisance complaints. The service is provided at no cost to Glendale residents, although professional mediators can be expensive. It is not intended for problems requiring ongoing legal action or domestic/violence.

For more information about using the Community Mediation Program or to become a volunteer mediator, please contact the program's coordinator, Anna Lopez, at the mediation hotline number, 623-930-4410 or e-mail Mediation@glendaleaz.com.



Photo caption: (Left to right) Anna Lopez, Mediation Program Coordinator; Glendale Volunteer Mediators: Julie Scott, Brian Bates, Christine Lash, Anna Marie Heywood, Janice Snell. Not Available for photo: Robin Cook, Becky Jordan, Debra Momon.

Can you smell what Glendale is cookin'? WrestleMania® XXVI is here.



The city of Glendale, Global Spectrum and World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) will host WrestleMania XXVI on March 28 at University of Phoenix Stadium. Join The Undertaker, John Cena, Triple H, Randy Orton, Batista, Shawn Michaels, Rey Mysterio, Big Show, CM Punk and the WWE superstars and divas for the grandest spectacle in sports entertainment.

The extravaganza featuring the WWE superstars from RAW, SmackDown, and ECW, joined by athletes, entertainers and tens of thousands of fans from around the world. It is expected that fans will converge on the Valley from all 50 states and more than 21 different countries when Arizona hosts WrestleMania for the first time ever! In addition, the pay-per-view event will be televised to more than 100 countries.

Among the activities will be WrestleMania Axxess, WWE Hall of Fame, WrestleManiArt™ exhibition, Monday Night Raw®, and WrestleMania "Rocks the Block" street party. The University of Phoenix stadium was chosen after a year-long bid process.

For more information about Wrestlemania, event locations, tickets and more visit www.wwe.com.

WrestleMania week

WrestlemaniArt - March 24, 5 p.m.
Check www.wwe.com for details.

WrestleMania Axxess - March 25-28
WWE's Biggest Interactive Fan Event of the year!
This is one event WWE fans of all ages will want to be a part of!
Thursday, March 25, 6 - 10 p.m.
Friday, March 26, 6 - 10 p.m.
Saturday, March 27, 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 28, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WWE Hall of Fame - March 27, 4 p.m.
Make your plans to join the WWE superstars, divas and legends for one of the most memorable evenings in WWE history as the Class of 2010 is enshrined into the WWE Hall of Fame.

WrestleMania® XXVI - March 28, 5-10 p.m.
Showing live on Pay-Per-View at 4 p.m. PT

Monday Night RAW - March 29, 5:30 p.m.
See your favorite WWE RAW superstars, including Triple H, John Cena, Shawn Michaels, Randy Orton and many more!

Calendar

March

2	Glendale City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.*
9	Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.*
19	Friday Nite Lights, 5 p.m.*
20-21	Folk & Heritage Festival, Sahuaro Ranch Park
23	Glendale City Council budget workshop, 1:30 p.m.*
27	Glendale Green Festival and Family Bike Ride, Main Library, Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9 a.m.
28	WrestleMania XXVI

April

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.*

Editor's Note: In the last issue of The Connection, the Touch-a-Truck event date was not listed; it will be held Feb. 27. We apologize for the confusion.

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.