

**At your parks**



**Arizona Cardinals/NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition**

Winners in the 2008 competition, displaying their certificates after the Punt, Pass & Kick event at a Cardinals game.

The Arizona Cardinals sponsor the local level of this national skills competition, which is open to girls and boys ages 8 – 15, who will compete in four separate age divisions. The skill tests in the competition are punting, passing and placekicking. All scores are based on distance and accuracy. This year, Glendale will host two local competitions to be held in September. For more information, contact Mike D. at 623-930-2841 or check the Web site in mid-August for the dates and locations for this free competition.

**Fall Youth Sports Registration through Sept. 24**

Yes, time flies when you're having fun. Summer is almost over, and that means that fall sports are just around the corner! Registration for fall youth sports begins Aug. 10, and through Aug. 21 you can receive the early bird discount; Aug 24. – Sept. 4 registration continues, but an additional \$10 fee is added to your registration cost.

Fall sports include soccer, coach-pitch baseball, T-ball, and kickball. For more information, contact Mike Grono at 623-930-2834 or via e-mail at mgrono@glendaleaz.com.

**At your libraries**

**August events for all ages...**

Here is just a sampling of the many amazing events taking place at your three Glendale libraries. For the complete calendar of events, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

**Backyard Stargazing for Everyone**

Date: Aug. 3, 7-9 p.m. • All ages  
Details: Free and fun for the entire family! After dark, telescopes will be in place in front of the library for viewing the night sky. Location: Main Library, Auditorium  
Info: Anne, 623-979-1393

**Game on! @ the Teague**

Date: Aug. 11, 3:30-5 p.m. • Ages 12-18  
Details: Challenge your friends and other teens to a variety of Wii and PS2 game favorites. Tournaments with prizes will be offered. Feel free to bring your own games (rated E or T only please). No registration required. Location: Velma Teague Branch Library  
Info: 623-930-3431

**Waterplay Day for tots!**

Date: Aug. 24, 9:30-10:30 a.m. • 2- and 3-year-olds  
Details: Join us for bouncy bubbles, sudsy doll washing, a kiddie car wash, a rubber ducky tub, a fishing game and sidewalk "painting." We'll have a cool snack, too. Dress to get wet; wear shoes and sunscreen. Toddlers must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required, by phone or online. Location: Foothills Branch Library, youth patio. Info: 623-930-3830

**Introduction to new social networking media**

Date: Aug. 27, 6-7:30 p.m. • Adults  
Details: LinkedIn, Facebook, YouTube, MySpace. Everyone is "a-Twitter" with the latest in "social networking" using the Internet. Can the new social networking media click for you? Whether you are looking for a job, promoting a business, want to connect with others, monitor your children or grandchildren, or just understand the emerging technologies so that you are not left behind, you can no longer afford to ignore the new media. Find out who each of these tools is designed for, what they are designed to do, and how they can be used professionally and personally. Location: Foothills Branch Library, Roadrunner Room. Info: 623-930-3844.



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# The Connection

A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents

## Centennial Countdown! June 2010 marks Glendale's 100th year

Did you know that Glendale is turning 100?! The city of Glendale will celebrate its official anniversary as an incorporated city on June 18, 2010. Last month kicked off the countdown with an old-fashioned carnival in conjunction with Glendale's Summer Band Concert. If you missed it, don't worry! Throughout the year, the city will honor its centennial at various events and activities.

Not only that, but learn a little bit about Glendale's historic 100 years through features in your Connection newsletter each month. (See right) For future event dates, contact our Visitor Center at 623-930-4500, as well as information on Glendale's cultural attractions, such as Sahuaro Ranch, Manistee Ranch, the Bead Museum and public art pieces, which document segments of Glendale's history. In addition, head to our Web site for a special page dedicated to the city's centennial at [www.glendaleaz.com/centennial](http://www.glendaleaz.com/centennial).

## Glendale History Goes Online

It is easy to view some of Glendale's history – just go to [www.glendaleazhistory.com](http://www.glendaleazhistory.com) and see the past from the comfort of your home. Glendale History Online is an official Centennial Legacy Project.

Glendale Public Library, Glendale Historical Society, Glendale Community College, Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area and Thunderbird School of Global Management banded together last year to make the past of some of Glendale's unique institutions available for residents and researchers alike.

You can check out the Web sites for these five organizations in the database of the Arizona Memory Project. After viewing the photographs and reading their descriptions, take the online Glendale history test. Later you can take a look at other iconic Arizona institutions. In fact, minutes from the 1910-1914 Glendale City Council meetings are a part of the Memory Project under "City of Glendale."

The Main Library has an exhibit with copies of historic Glendale photographs on display through the end of August.

Luke Air Force Base is joining year two of the project this summer, so look for historic photos of the air base later in 2009. The second year will showcase oral histories, which will also be available online.

Glendale History Online was funded by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records through the Library Services and Technology Act, under the auspices of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, call 623-930-3554.



"Glendale: Our Past, Our Progress, Our People"  
from the book, revised and edited by  
Karen Werner

**Excerpt from Chapter 1:  
Glendale Begins**

"The initial commercial development of Glendale consisted of a small group of buildings located on the west side of 59th Avenue, along what is now Glenn Dr.

The first two businesses in the area were both begun in 1892. Nathan T. Franklin opened his two-story Oasis Hotel as a rest stop and restaurant for travelers on the Phoenix-to-Prescott stage route. At about the same time, Samuel B. Stoner built a one-story brick structure just east of the hotel, which became Glendale's first merchandise store. Stoner was appointed the community's first postmaster and opened the Glendale Post Office in his store in June 1892."

Looking for more? Glendale's history book, updated in its third printing, is available for purchase at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., suite 140 in downtown Glendale.

**LIBRARY LOCATIONS**

Main Library	Foothills Library	Velma Teague Library
5959 West Brown Street 623-930-3530	19055 North 57th Avenue 623-930-3830	7010 North 58th Avenue 623-930-3430



## A Message from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

### Peace Officer Memorial Day

Each spring we acknowledge law enforcement at a national, state and local level, especially those officers who have fallen in the line of duty. President John F. Kennedy signed a law in 1962 that declared May 15 to be National Peace Officer Memorial Day with the surrounding week recognized as Police Week.

There are over 400 sworn Glendale Police Officers who patrol our streets, control crime by responding efficiently and effectively when a call comes in and interact with the community to help people identify and resolve problems in their neighborhoods. Those who choose a life in law enforcement sacrifice their own safety each and every day to selflessly protect our lives, our property and our freedoms. Each and every day they earn our unqualified appreciation and respect.

Police Officers in Glendale and throughout the nation have, at times, made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives to protect us. In May of 2007, the Councilmembers and I asked that a Public Safety Memorial be considered for those officers and firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. A Public Safety Memorial Committee was then formed consisting of representatives from families of two fallen public safety personnel, the Glendale Arts Commission, the Police and Fire Unions, interested citizens and city staff members.

The committee carefully researched existing memorials, reviewed and toured potential locations and provided input for the Request for Qualifications, which resulted in more than 60 proposals from artists throughout the country. The committee then reviewed the proposals and selected those artists who they wished to interview. After extensive consideration, the committee recommended artist Haiying Wu for the project to be built on the Civic Center Plaza.

On June 2, 2009 the City Council and I gave direction to move forward with the Public Safety Memorial Project as recommended by the committee. As the plan for the Memorial is finalized and construction begins, I encourage all of you to reflect on those who sacrificed their lives in order to protect and serve all of us.

### New utility billing system increases convenience for customers

In the coming months, the city of Glendale will be implementing a new utility billing system. City staff has nearly completed installation of the new billing system that will feature upgraded enhancements to customers. Customers will also have the ability to do more online. While online, they will be able to view their utility usage history graphically or in text form. Citizens will still have the ability to make payments online, through the automated voice payment system or by contacting a representative directly. Customers can also expect to see the option of paper-saving, convenient ways to pay their water bills. Those looking to reduce waste may choose a paperless billing option.

Customers should expect the change in their July and August billing periods. Although the bills will look similar, one change will be a new account number. There will now be a two digit occupant code that will identify the property address and occupant related to that account. It will be important that the new account number is used when making payments through any types of automated or electronic means, including payments made using online banking.

The city of Glendale is looking forward to providing our customers with enhanced services, and providing the convenience of online payments, and more. For more information, contact Customer Service at 623-930-3190.

## Ask

a Firefighter  
Daniel Valenzuela



**Why do firefighters on fire engines respond to medical calls?**

**Answer:** The Glendale Fire Department, home to some of the Valley's first firefighter paramedics, staffs each fire engine with two trained firefighter emergency medical technicians and two firefighter paramedics. The training of each crew member creates not only a sufficient firefighting team but a well-balanced medical unit trained to provide basic and advanced life-support.

The department also has ladder trucks and units with specialized equipment used to assist fire engine crews at a fire scene or a car crash. Ladder trucks are staffed with four EMT-firefighters, which allow them to also respond to medical emergencies.

Because fire engines are more prevalent than ambulances and because fire stations are strategically located throughout the community, this allows for a very quick response time, usually within four minutes. In emergencies, time is of the essence. Survivability decreases with every minute that passes when a person is suffering a stroke, cardiac arrest or serious injury.

In Glendale, Southwest Ambulance vehicles are dispatched along with fire units. Together, these crews transport customers with basic and advanced life-support care to hospitals, where patient care will continue.

*Firefighter Daniel T. Valenzuela is the public information officer for the Glendale Fire Department. E-mail your questions to him at [askafirefighter@glendaleaz.com](mailto:askafirefighter@glendaleaz.com)*

## News & Updates

### YourWayHomeAZ.com helps Arizonans purchase foreclosed homes

The state's Department of Housing recently debuted [www.YourWayHomeAZ.com](http://www.YourWayHomeAZ.com), a one-stop Web site with the latest information on Arizona's Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP), including assistance for purchasing foreclosed homes.

Funding was made available through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The state of Arizona and nine other counties and communities received more than \$121 million to help stabilize the state's hardest-hit neighborhoods through a variety of efforts.



[yourwayhomeaz](http://yourwayhomeaz.com)

The state of Arizona will use up to \$20 million of its \$38 million allocation to assist homeowners in purchasing foreclosed homes through a down payment assistance program. Individuals and families who have a gross income of 120 percent or less of the average median income (AMI) may be eligible for the assistance. AMI is determined by the federal government for each county in Arizona.

Those interested in purchasing foreclosed homes in select areas throughout the state will be able to determine if they might be eligible for the Your Way Home AZ programs and which program meets their needs. For more information about the Arizona Department of Housing, please visit [www.azhousing.gov](http://www.azhousing.gov).

## Calendar

### August

- 11 Concert at Camelback Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 Friday Nite Lights, 5-9 p.m.\*
- 25 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### 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, Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area

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

\*Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale.

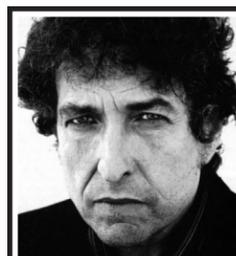
## A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety

While online computer exploration opens a world of possibilities for children, expanding their horizons and exposing them to different cultures and ways of life, they can be exposed to dangers as they hit the road exploring the information highway. Here are a few steps to safeguard your children on the Internet:

- Does your child spend a large amount of time on-line, especially at night? Most children that fall victim to computer offenders spend a serious amount of time in chat rooms or on social networking sites. You should consider monitoring the amount of time spent online. Incorporate time limits and set restrictions.
- It is important for you to talk openly with children about internet stalking, computer offenders and relative dangers.
- A child's computer should be reviewed regularly. If you don't know how, ask a friend, co-worker, relative, or other knowledgeable person.
- Monitor your child's access to all types of live electronic communications (i.e., chat rooms, instant messages, MySpace, Facebook, etc.), and monitor your child's e-mail.

- Instruct children to never give out identifying information such as their name, address, school name, or telephone number.
- Remind your child that whatever they are being told online may or may not be true.
- Tell your child never to arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they met online.
- Should you encounter anything inappropriate or concerning from your child's computer, do not delete it. Preserve such things that may be used as evidence for law enforcement use later. Contact the police immediately.
- Be proactive. Don't wait for something bad to happen.

If you would like more information on this issue or any other crime prevention issues, contact your Community Action Team at 623-930-3380.



### Bob Dylan, John Mellencamp and Willie Nelson First Concert at Camelback Ranch-Glendale

Camelback Ranch-Glendale, the spring home of the Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers, stages its first concert on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 5:30 p.m. when The Bob Dylan Show, featuring Dylan, John Mellencamp and Willie Nelson, appears at the Cactus League's largest stadium. Tickets are \$67.50. For information, visit [www.camelbackranchbaseball.com](http://www.camelbackranchbaseball.com).