

## At your parks...

### Summer Band Concerts

Thursdays June 4 - July 23

Enjoy renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes at 8 p.m. every Thursday evening, between June 4 and July 23. It's FREE and the entire family is welcome! The concerts take place in historic downtown Glendale at the City Hall Amphitheater, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. A special patriotic theme will be featured July 2. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, but please leave pets at home. For more information, call 623-930-2042.

### 3rd Annual World Records Day

Saturday, July 25

Do you have what it takes to break a Guinness World Record? If so, give it your best shot at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center's 3rd Annual World Records Day at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 25. This event will showcase a variety of established world records that are just waiting to be broken! It takes place in the Coyote Room at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. For more information, contact Darren at 623-930-4610. Free admission!

## Happenings

### July

- 2..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.\*
- 3..... Independence Day (city offices closed)
- 9 ..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.\*
- 16..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.\*
- 17..... Friday Nite Lights, 5-9 p.m.\*
- 18..... Christmas in July, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.\*
- 23..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.\*

### August

- 21..... Friday Nite Lights, 5-9 p.m.\*

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

\*Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale.

## At your libraries...

### Change in branch library hours beginning July 1

Beginning July 1, Glendale's two branch libraries, Foothills Branch Library at 19055 N. 57th Ave., and Velma Teague Branch Library at 7010 N. 58th Ave., will be closed on Sundays. The Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., will remain open on Sundays, from 1-5 p.m.

### Celebration of the Arts! Poetry and Art Contest

Teens, let your creative side shine in Foothills Branch Library's Summer Art and Poetry Contest. The deadline for submissions is 6 p.m. on Friday, July 17. Winners will be announced and unveiled on Saturday, August 8, from 1-4 p.m., at the end-of-summer Celebration of the Arts! First and second place prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m. View the artwork and read the poetry of the contestants.

Pick up a copy of the entry guidelines at the Foothills Branch or download them from the library's Web site, [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library). Poems must be inspired by one of four art prints from the branch's Mobile Masterpieces collection, on display in the Foothills' teen area. For more information, call Karen at 623-930-3853.



### Online reading group for men

Guys, how would you like to take part in reading discussion group on your terms – reading and discussing short stories when it is convenient for you? The "Eight in Eight" Online Reading Group for Men is a summertime activity that runs through July 24. Discussion takes place in a blog set up especially for the group.

The stories are accessed through LitFinder, one of the library's online resources. Storylines involve NFL Sundays at the bar, bear-killing, crazy fathers, demanding wives, extramarital temptation and more. Call Mike at 623-930-3868 for more information.



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# Glendale Connection

A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents / June-July 2009

## Make a splash this summer – SAFELY

### Register your child for swimming lessons



If you haven't done so already, make sure you and/or your children learn to swim this summer and register for swim lessons. Glendale offers lessons for all ages and levels at all city pools and aquatics centers.

Lessons typically meet nine times over a two-week period (usually Mon.–Fri./ Mon.–Thur.) for 30 minutes. Youth and adult lesson fees are \$10 for Glendale residents and \$15 for non-residents.

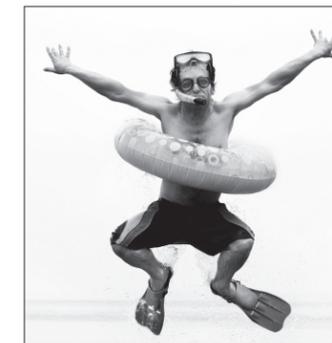
In addition, Glendale has partnered with Southwest Ambulance to offer a limited number of swim lesson scholarships available at Rose Lane Aquatics Center, Ironwood, Cactus and O'Neil Pools. Lessons available are Levels B, 1, 2 and 3. Scholarship registration begins May 30 at each of these pools. Other Parks & Recreation scholarship opportunities may be available. If interested, please call 623-930-2820.

A new feature for Aquatics this year is the availability of Private/ Semi-Private Swim Lessons! If interested, call the Private Lesson Coordinator, beginning June 1, at 623-695-3772 for information on lessons for all ages – preschool to adult.

For more information on any Parks & Recreation program, contact the office at 623-930-2820 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

### Keep pools clean for healthy fun!

We all love to enjoy the water during our hot summer months, but safeguarding health at our pools is important and everyone's responsibility; the Glendale Aquatics Division would like to remind Glendale residents to follow some simple rules for water safety and healthy swimming. These rules should apply to your backyard pool and any pool you may visit during the summer.



### Follow the "PLEAs" of Healthy Swimming :

- Please do not swim when you or any member of your family is ill. This is especially important for kids in diapers. You can spread germs and make other people sick.
- Please do not swallow pool water. Avoid getting any water in your mouth.
- Please practice good hygiene. All Glendale pools require participants to take a shower before swimming. Please wash your hands after using the restroom or changing diapers. Germs on your body may end up in the water.
- Please take your kids for bathroom breaks or check diapers often.
- Please change diapers and swim suits in the bathroom or changing area and not poolside. Germs can spread to surfaces and objects in and around the pool and spread illness.

For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation) or call the Aquatics Hotline at 623-930-2840. (Source: Center for Disease Control)

### 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

## Glendale's 4th of July Celebration cancelled

The city of Glendale is being responsible during difficult financial times and making hard decisions regarding the city's funds; this means that some non-essential programs or events have had to be cut. Glendale's 4th of July Celebration at Glendale Community College is one of those things that, unfortunately, has been cancelled.

If you are looking for alternate events to enjoy fireworks and festivities, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 and we can help direct you to other events in the area.



## A message from Councilmember Steve Frate

### Always watch those little ones around water

It may seem redundant, but it is worth repeating because there are some residents who are new to Arizona, may have a new swimming pool, or some who may be new parents. We often think “it would never

happen in my family” – but it can. It only takes a moment. Water safety is important at any age, but is especially crucial if you have children in your home. Drowning can happen quickly and in less than 1 inch of water, so filled bathtubs, swimming pools, hot tubs, and even buckets of water can be dangerous. Please take the necessary measures to keep children safe. We really need to think about water safety all year round. So remember to “always watch those little ones around water.”

With this in mind, here are some water safety tips:

- The adult who is watching should do just that – WATCH.
- Have a phone in the pool area for emergency calls.
- Do not talk on the phone or read a book while watching children around the pool.
- Do not depend on toy flotation devices for life saving.
- Make sure the gate that leads to the pool is always locked, is self-closing, and has self-latching gates.
- CPR – take a class and learn how to save a life.
- The best drowning prevention tip is to always know where your children are, especially when around water.

Make your home a safe place as well. Below are some tips to help maintain a safe, child-friendly environment.

Child-proof your home:

- Get on your hands and knees and see what is accessible from a child’s point of view.
- Put covers on electrical outlets.
- Put safety latches on cabinet doors.
- Keep toilet lids closed.
- Set thermostat on hot water heater to 120 degrees or lower.
- Always turn pot handles toward back of stove.

Develop a home escape plan:

- Plan with your family two ways out of every room – especially bedrooms.
- Identify a meeting place.
- Check your smoke detectors monthly. Replace batteries annually.

In case of fire:

- Check doors for heat and smoke - feel the door with the back of your hand – if it is hot, go to the second way out.
- Crawl low under smoke.
- Get out fast – and stay out! Go to the meeting place. Do not go back in for any reason, and call 9-1-1 from a neighbor’s house.

**Arizona Red Cross and American Heart Association offer CPR classes.**

**Red Cross:** [www.arizonaredcross.org](http://www.arizonaredcross.org) ~ 602-336-6490

**The American Heart Association:** [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org) ~ 877-242-4277

### Catlin Court brightens up shopping for Friday Nite Lights

#### Historic Downtown Glendale – Catlin Court; Third Fridays beginning in June, 5-9 p.m.

Looking for a girls night out? You can enjoy late night shopping and dining and a hometown atmosphere for Friday Nite Lights in Catlin Court every third Friday. Stroll along brick-lined sidewalks and enjoy charming bungalows-turned-shops, where you’ll find many treasures you won’t be able to leave behind! The Catlin Court Shopping District is located at 58th Avenue and Palmdale. For more information call 623-930-4500 or visit [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com).

#### Attention businesses: Be a part of Shop Glendale this year

Are you looking for an easy and inexpensive way to boost your business? The Shop Glendale program is even bigger and better this year. Be a part of a program that encourages residents and visitors to choose Glendale as the location to spend their shopping, dining and activity dollars in an effort to bolster the economy. The program also promotes spending in Glendale so that tax dollars used to support city services continue to grow. It’s a win-win situation for all of us!

There is no fee to join the program, but participating businesses must donate a gift certificate or applicable merchandise valued at \$25; the gift certificates must be valid through December 2010.

Shop Glendale is an ideal opportunity for owners to showcase their business and encourage consumers to enter their doors. Businesses interested in joining this highly successful promotion can sign up and learn about the details at [www.visitglendale.com/shop](http://www.visitglendale.com/shop), or contact Lorraine Pino at 623-930-4500.



### Your vacation shouldn’t mean open season for thieves

It’s that time of year that we start planning our vacation to escape the Arizona heat. The Glendale Police Department strongly encourages you to also plan on safely securing your home while you’re gone. Thieves tend to wait for vacationers to leave because they know they have your house and your possessions all to themselves. By practicing and implementing the following tips, you provide additional layers of protection against a residential burglary.

- Make sure all your exterior doors have good locks – at least dead-bolt locks with a minimum one-inch throw.
- Use the locks you have. Always lock your doors when you leave, even if only for a few minutes.
- Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks or bars, or put a wooden dowel or broom handle in the door track.
- Make sure windows have good locks and use them. Additional window locks can be purchased for only a few dollars and are easy to install.
- Make sure all porches, entrances, and outside areas are well lighted.
- Trim any bushes or trees that hide doors or windows. Maintain your yard and keep ladders and tools inside so the thief doesn’t use them.
- Never hide your keys under a doormat or in a flowerpot. Keep spare keys with trusted neighbors or family.
- Consider installing an alarm system for summoning emergency help.
- Mark your valuable property like televisions, computers, cameras and stereos with your driver’s license number using the Operation Identification program.
- Don’t speak openly about leaving town, whether to neighbors, on an answering machine or on the internet.
- Utilize your Community Action team to conduct a Home Security Survey.

For more information, or to schedule a home security survey, contact the Community Action Team at 623-930-3380.

### Understanding your monthly sewer charges

Each year during the month of May, your sewer charge is recalculated based on your actual water usage billed during the prior winter months of January, February and March. All customers have a water meter to determine water consumption, however there is no way to measure how many gallons each customer sends into the sewer system.

It is estimated that 90 percent of all water used in a single-family home during the three month winter averaging period goes into the sewer system and that the remaining 10 percent is used for drinking, cooking, landscaping, and other outside uses. In dwellings other than single-family homes, it is estimated that 95% of the water goes into the sewer system. Wastewater collection and treatment services cost millions of dollars annually. Changes on your sewer bill can be attributed to the difference between your 2008 and 2009 winter water use average. An appeal can be made on the basis that a higher than normal amount of water was used due to outdoor watering and/or a leak during the average period.

Appeal requests are accepted within 60 days of the May billing. Sewer appeals will not be accepted after July 31, 2009. Those who submitted an appeal for 2007 and 2008, which were approved for multiple years, need not file a new appeal for 2009. New accounts established during the average period will not have a full three-month winter average; therefore sewer charges for those accounts will be based on a typical average for similar property types.

Sewer appeal forms are available on our Web site, [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com). The form is located under the Finance Department’s forms link. Sewer appeal forms can also be requested by contacting the Customer Service Office at 623-930-3190.



### Cirque Du Soleil Presents Saltimbanco At Jobing.Com Arena July 29 To August 2

Cirque du Soleil will perform Saltimbanco for a limited engagement in Glendale at Jobing.com Arena from July 29 to August 2.



Saltimbanco is a signature Cirque du Soleil show with a style that borrows from theatre, dance and music and where spectacular costumes, lighting and make-up take pride of place. The cast of 50 high-caliber artists hail from 20 countries and will amaze audiences with their astonishing acrobatics presented in the unique Cirque style. Full of color, amusement and amazement, Saltimbanco is a fun show for the whole family to enjoy a high intensity acrobatic spectacle.

Since its world premiere in 1992, Saltimbanco has toured the world and thrilled more than 10 million people on five continents. For 14 years, the show performed in the trademark Cirque du Soleil big top. In 2007, Saltimbanco embarked on a new arena tour across North America.

Ticket prices range from \$40 - \$95 for adults, and \$32- \$76 for children. To purchase tickets, visit [www.jobingarena.com](http://www.jobingarena.com).