

At your parks...

3rd Annual Youth Football Festival

April 30

The event will include skills clinics for youth of all ages, experience, skill levels, and positions. Sessions will also be available for parents and coaches to help support our youth. Local youth tackle and flag football leagues will provide information about their programs to kick off registration. Vendors will be on site with equipment and information. The free festival will run from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Youth Sports Complex, next to the University of Phoenix Stadium, on 91st Avenue and Bethany Home Road.

Summer coed teen softball for ages 13-17

Early bird registration will take place April 13-May 8 and games begin June 1. Late registration (\$10 added fee) is taken May 11-22. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$36 for non-residents.

Interested in sponsorship?

Sponsors are needed for our skills clinics and festivals. Take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your products and services at a booth during one of these events. For more information, contact Jeff Crane at jcrane@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2043.

At your libraries...

Canyon Country Community Lecture Series at Foothills Branch Library

- Secrets of Grand Canyon's Historic Colorado River Boats, April 16
- Ancient Landscapes of the Colorado Plateau, May 21
- The 1956 Grand Canyon Air Disaster: The Legends, Legacies and Mysteries of TWA Flight 2 and United Flight 718, June 18
- Canyon Experiences in Photographs: From Sublime to Silly, July 16

All lectures start at 7 p.m. at Foothills Branch Library, Roadrunner Room. For more information, please call 623-930-3844. This series is co-sponsored by Glendale Public Library and the Grand Canyon Association (GCA).

What E.L.S.E. is happening?

Parents, expand the minds and imaginations of your children with What E.L.S.E. (Enhancing Life Skills/ Experiences) programs at all Glendale Public Library locations. These free programs take place during the evening and encourage family attendance. A few upcoming programs include:

- April 14, 7:15-8:45 p.m. – Art of Silkscreen Printing, for kids ages 6-11, Foothills Branch Library, Roadrunner Room, Call 623-930-3837 to sign up.
- April 20, 7 p.m. – Tales of Adventure! Glendale Main Library auditorium. Contact 623-930-3537 for more information.
- April 27, 7 p.m. – Eileen Morgan: Taiko Drumming, Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. No reservations are necessary. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.
- May 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Japanese Koi Fish Windssocks, Foothills Branch Library, Roadrunner Room, Call 623-930-3837 to sign up.
- May 18, 7 p.m. – Flamenco del Sol, Velma Teague Branch Library. This event is for kids, ages 6-11, and no reservations are necessary. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.
- May 27, 7 p.m. – Grupo Axé Capoeira Arizona, Glendale Main Library auditorium. Call 623-930-3537 for more information.

Go!
Glendale onboard!

Glendale Onboard (GO) program open house April 29

Learn how we are working to improve transportation in your city. Visit the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 West Glenn Drive, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. For more information call 623-930-2940.

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Jimmy Thackery



Charlie Musselwhite

Glendale's 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival | April 4-5

The city of Glendale's 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 4-5. This year's national acts will include Saturday's headliner Jimmy Thackery, critically-acclaimed guitar virtuoso formerly of The Nighthawks,

a band with more than 30 years of blues and roots rock performances. Headlining on Sunday night will be blues harp player Charlie Musselwhite, a six-time Grammy Award nominee.

Again this year, Glendale's longest-running festival will also feature an eclectic mix of artisans representing

a myriad of art forms. Four artists will work on site, giving event attendees an interactive, one-of-a-kind experience to add to the musical performances. But it is not just about music; the event will also feature craft artisans, and delicious food and beverages, including wine tasting by Kokopelli Winery.

The festival will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 5. Admission and parking are free. Parking is located throughout the downtown area, including handicapped parking. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. Sponsors for the event include Gibson Guitar, APS, Shell Vacations, KTVK Channel 3, Arizona Republic, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Kokopelli Winery and Budweiser. For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit glendaleaz.com/events.

Gear up to 'go green' in April! Glendale family bike ride

Sunday, April 19 | Sahuaro Ranch Park | Registration begins at 7 a.m.
Ride starts at 8 a.m. | 12-mile route or 6-mile route

Riding a bike is a great way to 'go green' and get some exercise too! Join cyclists of all ages for a fantastic 'go green' experience. Bike helmets are required. To register, call 623-930-2940 or visit glendaleaz.com/transportation.



Happenings

April

- 4-5..... Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival*
- 7..... City Council Workshop, 8:00 a.m.
- 7..... City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 14..... City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 14..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16..... That Thursday Thing*
- 21..... City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30 p.m.**
- 28..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

May

- 5..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 12..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 19..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 21..... That Thursday Thing*
- 25..... Memorial Day (city offices closed)
- 26..... 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.

**If needed, otherwise regular workshop.

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 Mayor Elaine Scruggs

The Road Ahead

Over the years, we have all worked very hard to make the city of Glendale the best it can be. Our accomplishments have surpassed even our most ambitious expectations. Now it is important that we also acknowledge the issues we face ahead.

We are well aware of the downturns in our national, state and local economies. We are in the middle of the most unstable period in many years and there is no way for any of us to know

when it will turn around. However, an optimist might say that positive changes can result from difficult times. During this turbulent period, all forms of government and business are forced to find ways to cut expenses and do more with fewer resources. Ideally, the solutions we reach will result in leaders, at all levels, being more prepared for future situations.

Our past initiatives and actions, which thankfully have had your support, have allowed the city of Glendale to avoid the massive cuts and layoffs that other cities are experiencing. Our economic development efforts have created new ways for our city to earn the revenues needed to provide the types and quality of services that you want, need and deserve. But Glendale, like all other cities, is still feeling a pinch. We have made significant reductions to our general fund operating budget and a hiring freeze has been implemented for vacant positions.

We strive to make cuts in areas that are going to have the least possible impact on services to you, the Glendale citizens. I encourage you to involve yourself in important decisions at all levels of government that are going to directly affect your everyday lives. At the local level, we will begin our budget workshops in March and I ask that you all stay involved during this very crucial time.

Check out more information on Glendaleaz.com for Mayor Scruggs' upcoming Spring Community Conversation meetings. These meetings will be held to discuss broad policy issues shaping Glendale's present and future.

We will do everything we can to continue providing you with the best possible service using the fewest possible resources.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week - April 26–May 2



National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is an annual observance to bring the victims' assistance community together raising public awareness about victims' rights, protection, and services. This year's theme is "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives - Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act." NCVRW offers a chance to look beyond the headlines.

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) was passed by congress in 1984 to assist crime victims in a variety of ways.

Perhaps the most visible outcome of VOCA was the creation of a crime victims fund, supported entirely by monies from surcharges on federal criminal fines, forfeited bonds, and penalties. No VOCA funding comes from the general fund or public taxes. These federal funds support victim compensation and service programs provided through local and state entities.

Since its inception 24 years ago, VOCA has provided the city of Glendale approximately \$2 million in funding that has been used for emergency services, including food and clothing, assistance with medical needs and prescriptions, scene clean-up and emergency staff support for victims of crime.

Ask a Firefighter

Daniel Valenzuela



In this installment of 'Ask a Firefighter,' this Glendale firefighter would like to ask you some questions.

Is your child safety seat properly installed in your vehicle?

Is the seat appropriate for your child's age, weight and height?

Is it adjusted properly?

You may not realize, but 80-90% of all child safety seats installed in vehicles are misused. No matter how far you are driving, children 12 and under should be properly buckled in the backseat and children over 40 pounds and under 4-feet-9-inches should be restrained in a booster seat.

The Glendale Fire Department is committed to educating the community on the importance of proper child seat safety installation. Firefighters serving as certified car seat technicians will inspect child safety seats by appointment. If you are a Glendale resident facing financial difficulties, the department may be able to assist you in obtaining a child safety seat. For more information or to schedule an inspection, call 623-930-SEAT (7328) or e-mail askafirefighter@glendaleaz.com.

Remember to buckle up every time you get in the vehicle! We care about your safety!

Questions about abandoned or foreclosed property?

If you are concerned about an abandoned home in your neighborhood or HOA, then visit the Community Partnership's link at glendaleaz.com. There you will find helpful contact information for issues regarding vacant homes, code violations or graffiti within your neighborhood. The site also provides helpful links to online forms for reporting these problems. For more information, contact the Code Compliance Department at 623-930-3610.

Are you facing foreclosure? Our Web site also lists contact information for free foreclosure counseling and social services to help you with financial difficulties. Contact the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868 for more information.

It's time for OneBookAZ!

This year's OneBookAZ! selection is "Capirotada: A Nogales Memoir" by Alberto Ríos. The chosen memoir is a rich mélange, stirring together Ríos' memories of family, neighbors, friends, and secrets while growing up in the two cities of Nogales, in both Arizona and through the open gate into Mexico. Ríos will be appearing at the Foothills Branch Library April 30 at 7 p.m. to discuss and sign copies of his books. You can join the OneBookAZ! discussions of this memoir at any of these book group gatherings:

- April 1, 10 a.m., Gentle Reads Book Club in the Foothills Branch Library. Contact Ivy, 623-930-3846.
- April 20, 10 a.m., The 58th Avenue Book Club in the Velma Teague Branch Library. Contact Bette, 623-930-3431.
- May 20, 7 p.m., A Novel Approach Book Club in the Foothills Branch Library. Contact Sarah, 623-930-3844.

Arizona kids have chosen "Hip, Hip, Hooray, It's Monsoon Day!" by Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford as this year's featured children's book. Some of nature's most spectacular phenomena are brought to life in this delightful story. Activities for kids, ages 6-11, include Rainy Day Painting at Foothills Branch Library on April 3 at 4 p.m. Registration begins March 20. Check out Wacky Wednesday at the Main Library and explore Arizona's unique weather phenomena, on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. No registration is required. All materials will be provided.

Take control of your personal finances

People of all ages, economic circumstances and backgrounds can learn how to make good financial decisions with a series of unbiased, money-management, investing and retirement classes being held at Glendale's three libraries, Community Center, and for military personnel, Luke Air Force Base.

Glendale Public Library has received a grant for over \$80,000 to offer financial literacy classes in 2009 and 2010. The American Library Association has partnered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation (FINRA) to provide funds for local programming. Glendale is one of 12 libraries in the country this year to receive the "Smart Investing at your Library" funding.

Using the theme "Minding Your Money," four multi-part series will be offered:

- **Start Smart - Teen Money Management (a three-part series):** topics include spending wisely, needs versus wants, saving for college, the power of savings, balancing the checkbook, borrowing money, using credit cards and the cost of owning a card.
- **Financial Fitness 101 – You and Your Money:** The Basics (a six-part series): topics include goal setting, checking and savings accounts, cash flow management, owning a home, preparing to invest and basic estate planning.
- **Financial Fitness 201 – Ready to Invest:** Investing Boot Camp (an eight-part series): topics include key investment concepts, U.S. Treasury Securities, common types of investments, print and online tools for researching investments, managing investment risk, choosing investment professionals and safeguarding investments.
- **Financial Fitness 301 – Retirement Considerations (a two-part series)** topics include retirement savings vehicles, deciding on the right time to retire, and how to make your money last.

Classes begin in April. Project partners include Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix, Luke Air Force Base, Glendale's Community Partnerships and Parks and Recreation departments, and Consumer Credit Counseling Services Southwest. Glendale Public Library thanks the Glendale Community College Business Department for its involvement. For a listing of class times and locations, call Diane at 623-930-3554.



Thinking of adopting a pet?

Glendale's television station, Glendale 11, can help. Tune into Glendale 11 for "Pet Showcase" featuring pets for adoption from the Sun Valley Animal Shelter located in Glendale. This 30-minute show features cats and dogs of all ages in need of a new, loving home. Pet Showcase airs every Saturday at noon. To view the show at other times, just click on the Glendale 11 TV guide at glendaleaz.com/glendale11. The Sun Valley Animal Shelter is located near 110th and Glendale avenues.