

A Message from Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs



New Laws You've Been Asking About

Every year, legislation is enacted in the state of Arizona that affects cities, businesses, neighborhoods and individuals. City officials are studying two new laws that will directly impact all of us.

HB2246 allowed the legal sale of fireworks in Arizona beginning December 1, 2010. As permitted under this new law, cities and towns may regulate the "use" of consumer fireworks but not the sale. Many Arizona cities have passed ordinances to restrict the use of fireworks within their jurisdiction. Glendale continues to consider the proper ordinance that will be most effective in regulating this activity.

In November, Arizona voters approved Proposition 203 which legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes. The new law gives the State Department of Health Services licensing authority and allows for up to 124 dispensaries statewide. It also allows cities and towns to adopt "reasonable regulations" for these operations. These dispensaries are legitimate operations under state law; therefore, Glendale's ability to regulate them locally must be consistent with the state's land use statutes. The administrative process regulating these establishments will include permitting them only in specific zoning districts, limiting the size of buildings, and requiring minimum distances from residential areas, schools, and between dispensaries.

The city of Glendale will continue to work on these and other changes to state law to ensure that we are in compliance and acting in the best interest of our residents.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival March 19 & 20

If you haven't been to the Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival, make plans to attend this year on March 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join us at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area 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, a children's stage and activity area, along with workshops led by accomplished entertainers. Admission and most activities are free and refreshments will be available for purchase. INFO: 623-930-4200

Glendale Green Festival March 26

Don't miss the 4th Annual Glendale Green Festival on Saturday, March 26 from noon to 4 p.m. The event takes place at the Glendale Main Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, located at 5959 W. Brown Street. The city of Glendale, Salt River Project and Radio Disney will team up to present a day of free green activities.

Glendale students and homeowners are invited to enter the "My Green Glendale" art and photo contest to have their green ideas displayed during the festival and voted upon by festival attendees.

The festival includes a family zone with interactive activities for children and a green zone with displays, giveaways, and free information on local programs and products. INFO: glendaleaz.com/green or 623-930-3535

Permits Now Required for Security Alarms

The Glendale Police Department wants residents and business owners to know it is time to register and obtain a free alarm permit to make sure your home or business is in compliance with Glendale's new alarm ordinance.

The ordinance was designed to decrease false alarms. In 2009, statistics show 98 percent of the alarm calls officers responded to were false alarms. Failure to register and obtain the free permit is a violation and may result in a fee.

Enforcement will begin March 9th, but since this is a brand new program, there will be a 30-day grace period before fines are issued. After that, a single false alarm will result in a warning. However, a second false alarm will result in a fee.

For more information, contact the Glendale Police Alarm Ordinance Hotline at 623-930-2466 or e-mail AlarmCoordinator@glendaleaz.com. A fact sheet is available at www.glendaleaz.com/police

There are two ways to register:

- Fill out an application online at www.glendaleaz.com/police
- Pick up a printed application at one of the city's police stations:
- Main Headquarters – 6835 N. 57th Drive
- Gateway Substation- 6261 N. 83rd Ave.
- Foothills Substation – 6255 W. Union Hills Ave.



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For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit glendaleaz.com/calendar.

Please note that due to printing deadlines, we encourage you to check our online version of this newsletter at glendaleaz.com/connection for the most up-to-date event information and details.