

Happening Soon

At your parks

Adaptive Recreation Fall Bowling Bonanza

This program is on Saturdays through Oct. 31, 9-11 a.m. for ages eight and older. This bowling program is specially designed activities for individuals with physical, mental, emotional or social disabilities. Make new friends, improve your game and enjoy the cheering and support of other participants! Parents, guardians and care givers are asked to assist those with special needs to make this a rewarding experience. Bowling ramps are available to registered bowlers. Instruction is not provided. For more information, call 623-930-4333.

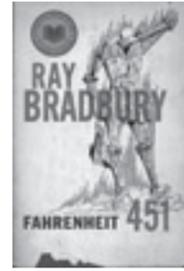
Points-Based Poker League

If you are an avid fan of poker and can't find a place to play or a beginner looking for a relaxed environment to learn the game of Texas Hold 'Em, join us for a recreational 9-week league that includes eight regular-season games and an end-of-the-year tournament. This league is for individuals 18 and older, on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Cost is \$15 for residents, \$19 for non-resident. (Fee covers cards, chips and miscellaneous supplies.) For more information, contact Manny at 623-930-4609.

At your libraries

Help for the Recession Crunch

Glendale Public Library wants to help you survive the recession, whether you're job seekers, laid-off employees, facing foreclosure or bankruptcy, or simply dealing with the stress that comes along with tough economic times. The Main Library will be holding computer classes to help prospective employees build skills for job searching, resume writing, and related tasks. Classes will be held to teach how to write a resume that gets noticed, how to interview for a successful outcome, how to repair your credit, how to search for jobs online, money management issues and more. The free programs will be offered through July 2010. For a schedule of classes pick up a library calendar of events, check online at www.glendaleaz.com/whatshappening, or call 623-930-3531.



The Big Read

When did science fiction first cross over from genre writing to the mainstream of American literature? Almost certainly it happened on Oct. 19, 1953, when a young Californian named Ray Bradbury published a novel with the odd title of "Fahrenheit 451." In a gripping story at once disturbing and poetic, Bradbury

takes the materials of pulp fiction and transforms them into a visionary parable of a society gone awry, in which firemen burn books and the state suppresses learning. Meanwhile, the citizenry sits by in a drug-induced and media-saturated indifference. More relevant than ever a half-century later, "Fahrenheit 451" has achieved the rare distinction of being both a literary classic and a perennial bestseller.

This year's Big Read highlights "Fahrenheit 451," with five groups discussing this classic novel:

For Teens, ages 12-18

Wednesday, Oct. 7 – "Fahrenheit 451" Book Discussion and Activity at 7 p.m. in the Storytime Room at the Foothills Branch. Call 623-930-3837 to get a copy of the book prior to the program.

Monday, Oct. 26 – Kearnsten's Book Club: "Fahrenheit 451." Discussion is 7 p.m. in the Main Library Storytime Room. Call 623-930-3568 to get a copy of the book. Snacks and drinks are provided, too!

For Adults

Thursday, Oct. 15 – Afternoon Book Discussion: "Fahrenheit 451." Join the group at 2 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Main Library for a lively discussion of this classic book on censorship. Call 623-930-3549 to register and get a copy of the book.

Monday, Oct. 19 – 58th Ave. Book Club: "Fahrenheit 451." The gathering begins at 10 a.m. with a good discussion among friends at the Velma Teague Branch Library. Call 623-930-3431 to RSVP and get a copy of the book.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 – A Novel Approach – A General Fiction Book Discussion: "Fahrenheit 451." Discussion begins at 7 p.m. in the Hummingbird Room at the Foothills Branch Library. Call 623-930-3844 to pick up a copy to read beforehand.



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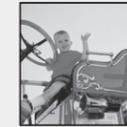
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A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents

GlendOberfest at the Ranch on October 31

It's Free! Games, contests and candy await you at the annual

GlendOberfest on October 31. Held at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 59th Ave. and Mountain View Rd., 5-10 p.m., this fun event features carnival-style games, on-site trick or treating, "Hallowympics" parade, EggHaunt and the "Sinister Sinema" haunted barnyard presented by Arizona State University. Everyone is encouraged to dress up. Bring your pre-carved or decorated jack-o'-lantern for the pumpkin contest. This event is a great alternative to traditional door-to-door trick or treating, so bring the kids and have some fun! For more information, contact Jen at jgodbehere@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2042.

Lend a Helping Hand... at GlendOberfest

We rely on volunteers and sponsors to help us implement our quality programs. We could use your help—volunteer groups, clubs and individuals all are welcome. For more information, contact Krystal at klolson@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2038.

Front Porch Festival

A beautiful fall day in a charming historic setting, lots of activities and fabulous shopping – what could be better? You'll find it right here in downtown Glendale on Saturday, Oct. 17. Catlin Court & Downtown Glendale host the 15th Annual Front Porch Festival, an event that has become a "must do" for many Valley residents. More than 80 shops and eateries will have lots of special activities planned for the day, including demonstrations, make-and-take crafts, special treats, and so much more. The shops in Catlin Court showcase their specialties on their lawns and porches, while the shops downtown always have something wonderful going on inside. The event hours are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., so plan to spend your day in the area. Call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com for more information.



Centennial 1910-2010

Glendale: Our Past, Our Progress, Our People

Revised and edited by Karen Werner

Excerpt from Chapter 1: Glendale Begins

Under the Desert Land Act of 1877, people could purchase 640 acres of land for \$1.25 an acre, provided they irrigate the land within three years. One of the first and most magnificent homesteads in the area was William H. Bartlett's 640-acre fruit farm, settled in 1886, though William never called the property home. With its main house and 13 other buildings, it became known as Sahuaro Ranch - a model fruit farm with orchards, vineyards, grain and alfalfa. Noted for its distinctive architecture and diverse landscaping, Sahuaro Ranch gained a reputation as the "Showplace of the Valley."



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

Our city could be changed forever by decisions made in Washington, D.C. The impact of these decisions is not being fully explained. Instead, our city's future is repeatedly marginalized to a question of whether people would like a casino in Glendale.

Federal law allows gaming on Indian reservations and the Tohono O'odham Nation wants to create a reservation to build a casino on 134 acres they purchased in Glendale. That Tribe, however, has no aboriginal lands near Glendale; its governmental seat is 180 miles away. Yet federal action could establish the Nation as a sovereign entity within the city's boundaries.

Glendale citizens should know that Indian reservations enjoy legal exemptions not available to off-reservation individuals and businesses. Although the issues created by these exemptions are many, space limitations allow only a couple to be addressed here: exemption from taxes and zoning laws. No city revenue will be generated by the casino, resort, and other development on the Nation's land. Unlike private development, which produces sales tax revenue to pay for city services, development on this reservation would contribute nothing. In fact, exemption from taxes gives the Nation a competitive advantage over other businesses in the area that pay taxes to support municipal services.

Zoning restrictions do not apply to Indian lands. Businesses on reservations compete with other nearby businesses but are free from land use, health and safety, and other important regulations. Zoning laws guide development so that citizens get what they want and expect – and prevent what they don't. Zoning laws have addressed citizen concerns about adult uses, payday loans, pawnshops, etc. But, Glendale's zoning laws would not apply to reservation land. So, those business and even apartments for workers could be built on the reservation without regard to height, density, landscaping and other Glendale regulations.

The Nation's disregard of the benefits of zoning was demonstrated last May when the Nation announced its plans to build a federal maximum-security prison within 500 feet of homes in the town of Sahuarita. "Outsiders have no control over what happens on sovereign Indian land," stated one tribal official, as he defended the prison as providing jobs and revenue. The Nation has said the city's concerns can be addressed later, after their reservation is established. But "later" will be too late. As mentioned above, space limitations disallow discussion of the many other issues—impact on the Northern Parkway, Glendale Airport and Luke Air Force Base flight patterns; formal opposition from other tribes, the renewal of racetrack gaming, which Arizona voters rejected in 2002, because gaming is coming into Glendale's neighborhoods. More information about the impact of the Nation's proposal is available at www.glendaleaz.com/indianreservation.

What do you think? Please e-mail me and your councilmembers with your thoughts. Above all, please do not be lulled into thinking this is only about whether there should be a resort/casino at 91st and Northern avenues.

Calendar

October

- 3 GAIN Night 7 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 3 Fire Prevention Day and Parade, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.*
- 12 Columbus Day (city offices closed)
- 16 Friday Nite Lights, 5-9 p.m.*
- 17 Front Porch Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*
- 13 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 27 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

November

- 3 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 7 Veterans Day Event, Westgate, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day (city offices closed)
- 14 Holiday Open House, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 17 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 24 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 Front Porch Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*
- 13 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 27 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27/8 Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend, 5-10 p.m.*

For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500. *Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale.



Shred It & Forget It

Shredding old and unwanted documents has become a vital part of protecting yourself from data and identity theft. Gone are the days -- if we ever truly had them -- when you could just hurl letters and old records in the trash, confident no one would ever look at them again. Today, anything that gives personal information about you and your finances can become the basic raw material for crime. Hunting through garbage is part of the job for scammers and identity thieves. Total destruction is your main defense, and shredding is your key weapon! But what do you do when you have decades worth of documents, so many in fact that they seem ready to take over the house? Where and how do you start?

The Glendale Community Action Teams are making it easy and safe for you. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Target parking lot, at 10404 N 43rd Avenue. Each household can bring up to three boxes of personal documents and have them shredded on site.

This is a free service and is open to the community. Don't miss out! Our shred truck will be there from 9 a.m. until noon or we run out of room! For more information, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Carol Bolick at 623-930-2571.

News & Updates

New Dust Control Requirements Effective October 1, 2009

Beginning in October, property owners are prohibited from allowing parking, maneuvering, or use of an entry/exit area that are greater than or equal to 3,000 sq. ft. in size unless the surface is permanently maintained with a dustproof method. The requirement is effective Oct. 1, 2009 for all residential buildings. For commercial, industrial, and residential buildings with more than four residential units, the requirement was effective Oct. 1, 2008. For more information on the city ordinance, view the Web site at www.glendaleaz.com/CodeCompliance/DustOrdinance.cfm or call the Glendale Code Compliance Department at 623-930-3610. For more information about air quality, call Glendale Environmental Resources at 623-930-2580.

Glendale Fire Prevention Day & Parade October 3



The Glendale Fire Department will host the 27th Annual Fire Prevention Parade in Downtown Glendale on Oct. 3. The ever-popular parade will begin at 9 a.m., traveling west on Glendale Avenue from 52nd to 58th avenues. It will feature fire vehicles, clowns, scouts and much more! The parade will end at Murphy Park, where families will find a fun safety fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., which will include food vendors, arts and crafts, safety information booths, live music, attractions for the kids and a static display of fire apparatus from around the state. For more information, visit www.Glendaleaz.com.

Register now for the fall session of HOA Academy



Managing your HOA in these tough economic times can be difficult, but Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office is offering a free resource to all homeowners and HOA board members. Each class highlights a different topic, providing essential information on how to financially structure, legally manage and lead a homeowners association. Registration is now open for the fall series at the Glendale Adult Center:

- **Tuesday evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27**
- **Saturday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31**

To register, visit www.glendaleaz.com/education and click on "Glendale University" or "HOA Training" or call 623-930-2868 to receive an application by mail or fax.

New program for eligible Glendale homebuyers to purchase foreclosed property

Owning a home can be an important part of the American dream for many people. Glendale recently received federal dollars through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), which is stimulus money provided to communities hardest hit by residential foreclosures and mortgage delinquencies. If you are interested in purchasing a foreclosed home in a targeted neighborhood, this program may be for you! For more information on the eligibility requirements of the program, call the Community Revitalization Division at 623-930-3719.

Free homebuyers fair coming to Glendale October 17

Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or hoping to invest in foreclosures, the 2009 Home Buyer's Fair, sponsored by the Arizona Mortgage Lenders Association, has information for you. Admission is free to the public on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Glendale Renaissance Hotel, 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd. For more information, visit www.azmortgagelenders.com.

FREE landscape classes this fall

How to Set Your Water Timer – Watering efficiently is the easiest way to reduce your water bill. This class provides hands-on instruction on how long and how often to run your water system as well as practice setting timers using actual timers. *Sept. 29 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Proper Care of Desert Lawns – Includes the installation and care of winter lawns and takes the mystery out of winter grass over-seeding by providing maintenance, watering, and troubleshooting tips. *Oct. 5 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Desert Vegetable Gardening Made Easy – Learn how to grow vegetables in your backyard from garden author, Mary Irish. *Oct. 19 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Pruning of Trees and Shrubs – Learn proper timing and techniques for pruning your trees and shrubs. *Oct. 27 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Earth-Friendly Backyard – Find out how plants can reduce your energy and water bill, get rid of unwanted grass, direct 7,000 gallons of rain water to your plants each year, and turn your kitchen waste into healthy soil. *Nov. 4 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Garden Walk and Talk – Take a casual stroll through the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden with Water Conservation staff and learn about the unique adaptations that allow water-efficient plants to survive and thrive in the low desert. Close-toed shoes, hat, and water are recommended. *Nov. 7 • 9-11 a.m.*

All classes to be held at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium (5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale). To register, call 623-930-3760.