

# Sahuaro Weekly Update

*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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## Glitter & Glow Block Party

Saturday, Jan. 17

Murphy Park  
(57<sup>th</sup> & Glendale Avenues)  
4-10 p.m.

Free Admission and Free Parking

If you plan to attend, wear **RED** to support your **Arizona Cardinals!**

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**Big Red Spirit!** The excitement is mounting in Glendale, as the Arizona Cardinals prepare to take on the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFC Championship on Sunday, Jan. 18. In anticipation of the big game, the city of Glendale is rolling out the red spirit throughout the city for both businesses and residents alike.

The city of Glendale has printed "Go Cardinals! Glendale's Got Game" signs to proudly display our Cardinals fever all over the city.

There are still free "Go Cardinals!" signs available for residents who stop in the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140. The signs are being given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Click here](#) for info on NFL playoff football action including **traffic and parking maps**.



**Boards and Commissions.** The Glendale City Council recently appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions.

Congratulations and many thanks to the following Sahuaro District residents who have volunteered to serve: Jack Anhalt – Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission and Gary Sherwood (vice chair) – Personnel Board.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group or for more information, call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249 or [click here](#). Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.



**Councilmember Frate** invites you to attend his annual Sahuaro District "Spring Fling" on Saturday, February 21, 2009. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Paseo Ball Fields (63rd Ave., north of Thunderbird Rd.)

The Spring Fling is a family-friendly, outdoor event with lots of fun for everyone! Activities include a vehicle display where families can see, touch and learn about police, fire, public works and transportation vehicles. Southwest Ambulance will have their "Kids Ambulance" available for kids of all ages to explore.

Staff from city departments will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on programs and services. Community partners, including the Glendale/Peoria YMCA, the NHL Coyotes and Southwest Ambulance, will also participate.

Children's activities include inflatable jumpers, clowns, face painting and more. **Everything is FREE including hot dogs and drinks!** For information, call (623) 930-2016.



**Glendale University Graduate Classes.** Registration is available for two free, continuing education opportunities for Glendale residents who have previously graduated from the 101 class of Glendale University.

**Tour of Jobing.com Arena on Jan. 29.** GU Graduates will be taken on a two-hour tour of this great facility. The tour will include the athlete facilities, administration and arena floor. Registration for this graduate class is due no later than January 23. This course is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29. Students will meet at 9400 W. Maryland Ave. Class size is limited to 30 people and students will be required to complete a waiver form before entering the arena.

**Learn about Economic Development on Feb. 19.** It's undeniable—the image of Glendale has changed dramatically in the last five years. No longer known as just a bedroom or residential community, the city is now a destination spot for tourists, sports fans and shoppers.

Now, Glendale residents, who are also Glendale University graduates, can learn how a city creates and executes a successful economic development plan to attract corporate headquarters, quality office facilities and upscale retailers through an education class on Thursday, Feb. 19, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. in room 102.

In this session, attendees will hear how Glendale attracts businesses to the city, as well as retains those already here, in order to provide quality employment and increased tax revenues to pay for vital city services. Registration for this class is due on Feb. 13.

To register, visit: [www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships](http://www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships) and click on Glendale University graduate classes to print out an application or call (623) 930-2868 to receive an application by mail or fax.

## Around Town

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**Live at the Library.** Glendale Main Library's Live at the Library takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the library's auditorium at 5959 W. Brown St. On January 22, join Mei-Kuei Chan Cruise and learn about the customs and music of China.

**Martin Luther King Day.** City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. For information on holiday changes in Sanitation services [click here](#).

**“Women's Health: Osteoporosis and You.”** Midwestern University's free health lecture series is offering “Women's Health: Osteoporosis and You” at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 20 at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Associate Erin Raney, Pharm.D., will share important information on osteoporosis, including prevention strategies, risk assessment and diagnosis and treatment options. The lecture will be held in the Roadrunner Room. Reservations are not necessary. Call (623) 930-3846 for more information.

**Glendale Chocolate Affaire February 6-8.** Historic Downtown Glendale will be a chocolate lover's paradise Feb. 6-8, as the 14th annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire celebrates with music, romance and an abundance of that sinfully delicious confection, as well as free admission and free parking!

Chocoholics will delight in the three dozen chocolate purveyors, discovering everything from chocolate-covered potato chips to chocolate chile pecans to goat milk fudge.

More activities include tours of Cerreta's Candy Company, the largest gathering of national romance novelists in the Southwest, myriad children's activities, including hands-on arts and crafts, face-painting and a rock-climbing wall and Horse-drawn carriage rides.

Event hours are Friday 5 - 10 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The event will be held in Historic Downtown Glendale's Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

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