

Sahuaro

Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Dear Sahuaro District Residents,

Recently, I read a Special Edition newsletter from the Gila River Indian Community. It was a great newsletter that summarized a lot of the issues involved with the proposal from the Tohono O'odham Nation for Reservation Land and a Casino on the border of Glendale.

I wanted to share this with you. Please click [here](#), then scroll down to "May-Special Edition_Final".

— Vice Mayor Steve Frate



"First Saturdays" Debuts @ Glendale Chocolate Affaire.

Join us at "First Saturdays," a free monthly artist event on the first Saturday of each month in the recently renovated walkway off of 58th Avenue.

Glendale Chocolate Affaire. If you haven't made a date to attend the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, mark your calendar today for Feb. 4-6, as downtown Glendale becomes a chocoholic's paradise!

Not only will there be thirty chocolate purveyors, including local, regional and national chocolatiers, but this award-winning event includes wine-tasting, horse-drawn carriage rides, author workshops and meet-and-greets with the romance novelists, plus fabulous entertainment.

Highlights include bands such as Valley-favorite Marmalade Skies, a seven-piece Beatles tribute band performing Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and cooking demonstrations by Arizona Catering's renowned chefs inside the Fountain Terrace of the Glendale Civic Center, on Saturday afternoon.

Visitors are invited to participate as judges in the storefront decorating contest! Simply stop by the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking map with the participating businesses listed, along with the official contest ballot. Return the completed ballot to the Glendale Visitor Center by February 14 at 5 p.m. indicating your top choice for the "People's Choice Award." Completed ballots will be entered into a drawing to win a Cerreta's Candy gift basket.

So much more awaits chocolate lovers at the Chocolate Affaire, including tours of Glendale's hometown chocolatiers, Cerreta's. Shuttles will run during event hours from Murphy Park to the chocolate factory, where attendees will get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at how the confections are made from scratch.

Families with children will enjoy myriad activities, including hands-on arts and crafts, face-painting and a rock-climbing wall. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be available throughout the weekend to take couples or families on a scenic, charming ride through Historic Catlin Court.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Cerreta's Candy Company, Monster Loca Moca, ABC 15, The Arizona Republic, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Nissan Commercial, Sedona Pines, Pacific Monarch, APS, Glendale Community College and the Phoenix Coyotes.

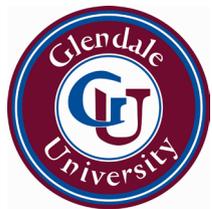
For more information on the festival, including the full entertainment line-up, and the cooking demo, author workshop and author signing schedule, [click here](#) or call the Special Events Hotline at 623-930-2299.

City of Glendale Launching Alarm Ordinance. The city of Glendale has now implemented an alarm ordinance similar to those in dozens of cities throughout the state. As of February 1st, FREE permit applications are available to register your security alarm with the Glendale Police Department.

Glendale's Alarm Ordinance was created with the intent to reduce the number of false alarms throughout the city. Generating a false alarm is a violation of Glendale Ordinance Chapter 3, Alarm Ordinance. However, February 1st through March 2nd has been designated as a "grace period" to allow residents and business owners an opportunity to become familiar with the ordinance and correct any problems that may be causing false alarms.

Effective March 3, 2011 the Glendale Police Department will begin to enforce the new ordinance. A warning letter will be sent to alarm system owners after the first false alarm. Subsequent false alarms within a 365 day period will result in the assessment of fees which increase with each additional false alarm.

For questions, comments or more information on the fee structure or the ordinance, please call the Glendale Police Alarm Ordinance Hotline (623) 930-2466 or e-mail AlarmCoordinator@glendaleaz.com. In addition, there is a fact sheet available on the police department website at www.glendaleaz.com/police.



Glendale University Graduate Class: Tour Oasis Water Treatment Plant. Did you ever want to see a water treatment plant in action? Then an upcoming tour of this Glendale facility is for you. Join us for a first-hand look at this state-of-the-art surface water treatment plant. The tour will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Students will learn:

- all the steps of the water treatment process;
- chemistry and physics of water treatment;
- lab work, quality assurance and quality controls for water quality

Registration for this graduate class is due no later than Feb. 18 and is limited to residents who have previously graduated from the 101 class of Glendale University. Registration for this class is mandatory and will be limited to the first 25 Glendale University 101 graduate students who apply.

If the GU graduate classes advertised in this newsletter sound interesting, but you are not a graduate student, sign up now for the Glendale University 101 spring semester! This free, 10-week educational program, offered in partnership with Cox Communications, is for Glendale residents and business owners who want to learn more about the city of Glendale and how it operates. Classes begin on Monday, March 7 when participants will meet Glendale's Mayor and City Council.

Please [click here](#) to download an application or call (623) 930-2868 for more information on GU 101 or the Tour of Oasis Water Treatment Plant.

2011 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award Nominations. The city of Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 16th Annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award.

The prestigious Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award was developed by the Historic Preservation Commission to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals and organizations to historic preservation initiatives in the city of Glendale. The award is named after Ruth Byrne, who has made significant contributions to historic preservation in the city of Glendale. Ruth served on the Historic Preservation Commission and is past president of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society. For more details, including submittal information and to download a nomination form, [click here](#). Nomination forms are due by March 1, 2011.

A Message from our APS Area Manager:

As part of its continued effort to ensure reliable electric service, APS construction crews will begin rebuilding the existing overhead electric lines along 75th Avenue from Union Hills to Bell Road and along Union Hills from 75th Avenue west to Loop 101.

The work will include replacing the existing wood poles with gray, galvanized steel – matching many of the existing poles in the area. Our design calls for the poles to be replaced “pole for pole”; however in some cases, we are moving the pole a few feet to better accommodate driveways. Where appropriate, we are also removing “guy wires” (those wires that extend in a triangular manner from the midpoint of the pole to the ground.)

There will be minimal survey and “blue stake” work in the area starting the week of January 31, with most of the construction starting the week of February 7, 2011. We expect to be finished with this project by March 31, 2011. Our goal is to complete the work as quickly and safely as possible.

APS personnel will work diligently to minimize interruptions and travel restrictions to residents during construction. However, if you are in the area of our work or equipment please proceed with caution and help us maintain a safe environment. We will make every effort to restore the area - street, driveway, sidewalks and landscaping – to as close to original condition as is reasonably possible.

We do not anticipate any power outages as a result of construction.

We are committed to providing reliable electricity and exceptional customer service. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact (602) 371-7872 or kendra.cea@aps.com. www.aps.com.

Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

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