



Sahuaro Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Dear Sahuaro District Neighbors,

Please join me TOMORROW for the **Sahuaro District Spring Fling!** Residents living in the Sahuaro District are invited to attend the annual *Sahuaro District Spring Fling* event from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

The family-friendly outdoor event will be held at the Paseo Park ballfields, 63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road. A free hot dog lunch and refreshments will be served.

This is my fifth year hosting the event to help inform and educate residents on the variety of city services and other community programs that are available to them.

Representatives from city departments will be on hand to answer questions and provide residents with information on Glendale services. City vehicles and equipment will be on display from the Public Works, Transportation, Police and Fire departments.

In addition to learning about local programs and services, families will enjoy free activities, including inflatable jumpers provided by the Glendale/Peoria YMCA, clowns and face painting. Arizona Prestige Gymnastics and USA Martial Arts will entertain attendees with demonstrations.

[Read more.](#) For additional information, call 623-930-2016.

I hope to see you there!
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Public Budget Meetings. The city of Glendale has created several opportunities for residents to give comments on the proposed budget for next fiscal year. The feedback will be given to the City Council as they make decisions on the 2010-2011 budget and proposed adjustments.

Residents are invited to attend a public meeting to comment or ask questions while also learning about the budget process and innovative ideas that have been implemented. The public budget meetings are scheduled for:

Glendale Proposed Budget. The city of Glendale proposed budget will be posted online along with budget background information and frequently asked questions. After public comments have been received and documented, Glendale's City Council will formally begin the budget process during a public meeting on Tuesday, March 23, at 1:30 p.m. A second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, go to www.glendaleaz.com.

- **March 3rd:** Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center - 5600 W. Union Hills Drive (Coyote Room), 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **March 4th:** Desert Mirage Elementary School – 8605 W. Maryland (cafeteria), 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **March 8th:** Glendale City Council Chambers – 5850 W. Glendale Ave., 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In addition to the public meetings, a special Web site and hotline have been created offering residents an alternative to voice their opinion. Online comments can be submitted at www.glendaleaz.com. Citizens can also call a special public hotline and leave a message with feedback on the proposed budget. The hotline is (623) 930-2444. The hotline and online comment cards will be available until 5 p.m. on March 11.

Bridge Demolition Now Complete at Union Hills Drive Interchange

During the past two weekends, construction crews removed the outer portion of the Union Hills Drive interchange bridge to prepare the bridge to be widened by an additional lane in each direction. That work went very smoothly and is now complete. Construction to build the new outer portions of the bridge can now proceed.

Beardsley Road between 81st and 83rd avenues.

Beginning Feb. 17, portions of the sidewalk on Beardsley Road between 81st and 83rd avenues will be CLOSED until mid-March for utility work and sidewalk removal. Pedestrians will be guided around the work area, and the sidewalk on the opposite side of Beardsley Road will remain open for pedestrians.

Union Hills Drive at Loop 101.

Left turns from eastbound Union Hills Drive to northbound Loop 101 will be restricted to one turn lane through late 2010 for interchange improvements.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Did you know that common household hazardous waste can be dangerous when mixed with other garbage material? Residents can get rid of their household hazardous waste through the Glendale's Household Hazardous Waste pick-up event.

The Glendale Sanitation Division offers residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste with its home collection service. Registration for an appointment will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Residents can schedule appointments February 22 through March 19. Collections will take place March 15 through April 2.

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

There is a 20 gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5 gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents.

To arrange a pickup of hazardous waste materials, residents can call the Sanitation Division at (623) 930-2660. For more information on household hazardous materials [click here](#).

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Acoustic Jam Sessions. Musicians can bring their acoustic instruments and play round-robin style, while the audience just needs to show up! The Acoustic Jam Session is at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information call (623) 930-3573.

Live at the Library. On Thursday, February 25 'Two for the Show' performs at Live at the Library. Dewey Harnagel and Kimball Win will play songs that are loved by all – country, folk, old-time rock 'n' roll, pop standards and more. Join these seasoned performers at 7 p.m., in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information about Live at the Library, call (623) 930-3573.

Touch-A-Truck. Help us celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the ever popular Touch-A-Truck event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, February 27 at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave. It's fun for the entire family and educational too! Come out, look at, sit in and Touch-A-Truck of all sizes. Souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2044.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Over 150 performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling will entertain at Glendale Parks and Recreation's two-day Folk & Heritage Festival.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Attendees are welcome to enjoy the entertainment on six stages and participate in free workshops, on topics such as ukulele techniques, mountain dulcimer beginning autoharp and banjo led by accomplished entertainers.

This unique festival includes family entertainment, historic Sahuaro Ranch site tours, blacksmith demonstrations and children's stage and activity area. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission and most activities are free. To volunteer or for more information, call (623) 930-4200.

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