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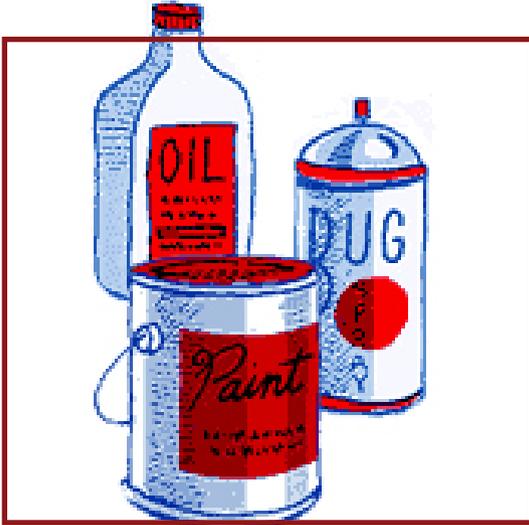
## Weekly Update

*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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**Spring Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up.** The city of Glendale is providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste. Residents can have their waste items picked up from their home, by making an appointment between March 3 and 28. The actual collections will be handled March 24 through April 11.

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and wood stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, motor oil and filters, car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes. There are some limits and all items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents.

To make your appointment call the Sanitation Division at (623) 930-2660 beginning March 3. [Read more.](#)

**Glendale Civic Center.** The Glendale Civic Center is "the place to book" according to meeting planners, executives and the voting public who selected the facility as the No. 2 meeting/convention location for facilities 49,999 square feet or less in Ranking Arizona's "The Best of Arizona Business 2008."

Last year, the Glendale Civic Center was ranked as no. 9 in a top-10 list of meeting/convention facilities.

The Civic Center features 33,800 square feet of rental space, including the 13,000-square-foot Crowne Ballroom, which can be divided into six rooms, an executive boardroom and two spacious courtyard areas. In addition to the main facility, there is a smaller building called the Annex, which offers 3,800 square feet of additional breakout space.

The Glendale Civic Center is located at 5750 W. Glenn Dr. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-4300.

**Commission on Persons with Disabilities Grants.** The city is offering grant awards of up to \$500 to eligible 501(c)(3) non-profit groups that are located in Glendale, or whose target clientele include Glendale residents with disabilities.

To be eligible for a grant award, the funding must be used for group activities and programs that provide social, enriching, cultural or learning opportunities for Glendale residents with disabilities. Funding could also be used to purchase equipment and supplies, or to improve buildings or rooms to enhance accessibility for persons with disabilities.

[Click here](#) for more information or to download an application. Applications are due no later than March 31.



**Downtown Parking Structure.** Downtown Glendale shoppers and diners will now be able to park in style. Beginning Monday, March 3, drivers will be pulling into the new downtown 600-space Glendale parking structure, which boasts 11,000 square feet of retail and office space with five parking levels and beautiful brick façade reminiscent of Glendale's roots. Restaurants and other tenants will be opening in the next several months. [Read more.](#)

# Around Town

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**VIN Etching.** Bring your vehicle to the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown Street, on Saturday, March 1 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for free VIN Etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching the vehicle's 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number on each window on the vehicle and serves as a visual deterrent against auto theft. As owner of the vehicle, you must show proof of ownership, current registration and complete a consent form. Call the Glendale Police Department at (623) 930-4030 for more information. [Read more.](#)

**2008 Purchasing Fair.** Attend the state's biggest free procurement fair to meet buyers, visit with more than 90 governmental agency booths, make important contacts and learn more about how to get your foot in the front door. The event begins at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008, at ASU West Campus, 4701 W. Thunderbird Road. [Read more.](#)

**Live at the Library.** Join us for Glendale's Live at the Library, a free performing arts series, at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On March 6, join us for Shay Veno, traditional Irish music and the not-so-traditional! [Read more.](#)

**Mega Book Sale.** Book-lovers: mark your calendars! Glendale Main Library is holding its annual Mega Book Sale on Saturday, March 8, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be thousands of books, including hardback, paperback, fiction and nonfiction. But it's not just books! Videocassettes, DVDs, CDs and audio books will be offered, as well. The Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call (623) 930-3530.

**That Thursday Thing!** Shine your favorite boots and pull out your favorite cowboy hat as Historic Downtown Glendale turns Western themed for Spurs and Spendin' on March 20 from 5-8 p.m. Visitors will begin their Western experience at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. [Read more.](#)

**Glendale Family Bike Ride 2008.** Ready, set, ride! That's right, it's time for the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride, and 2008's event promises plenty of family fun and exercise. This year's ride is set for Sunday, April 13, 2008. Register early! [Read more.](#)

**Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival.** The city of Glendale's Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will celebrate its 25th year with a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 12-13. The event will run 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free. [Read more.](#)

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

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