



Sahuaro Weekly Update



“Where neighbors help neighbors build community.”

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Glendale Family Bike Ride this Sunday. Join hundreds of riders this Sunday for great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the ride begins at 9 a.m. This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale’s neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

Riders who arrive early can take advantage of a Health & Wellness Fair with multiple vendors on site, offering free services such as blood pressure checks, nutrition information, helmet safety checks and much more.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

The event is sponsored in part by REI, Valley Metro and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call the Glendale Transportation Department at 623-930-2940.



28th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival, April 9-10. The city of Glendale’s 28th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 9-10.

The jazz headliners, Randy Brecker and John Abercrombie, are both renowned artists that will amaze audiences. Headlining the Blues stage are Curtis Salgado and Shemekia Copeland.

While the music takes center stage during Glendale’s longest-running music festival, there is much more to see and do, as the event will also feature craft artisans and delicious food and beverages, including wine tasting by Kokopelli Winery. In addition, two artists will work on-site, giving event attendees an interactive, one-of-a-kind experience to add to the musical performances.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 10. Admission is free. The preferred parking fee is \$10. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

Sponsors for the event include APS, *The Arizona Republic*, ABC15, Kokopelli Winery, the Phoenix Coyotes, Pacific Monarch, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Sedona Pines, Residence Inn/Springhill Suites and Adina Holistics. [Read More.](#)

Residents’ Input Sought on GO Transportation Program. Residents are invited to attend an open house to get an update on transportation projects included in the Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Program. The GO Program Open House will be held from 4:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.

This opportunity will give residents a chance to speak with Glendale transportation representatives and engineering consultants, learn more about current and upcoming transportation projects, and provide input on the program. Light refreshments will be served.

In 2001, Glendale voters approved Proposition 402, which dedicated a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and created the city’s GO Transportation Program. To date, GO program efforts have resulted in expanded transit services, and enhanced traffic flow and safety on Glendale streets and at intersections. There has also been further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the city. Many additional improvements are scheduled for construction during the next several years. These projects will be featured at the open house and in the GO Program Annual Report.

[Click here](#) to view the Annual Report. For more information on Glendale’s transportation program, call 623-930-2940.

Glendale's YouTube Channel Tops 100,000 Views! In the world of social media, the city of Glendale has reached a milestone with 100,000 videos being viewed in less than two years. The popular site, www.youtube.com/myglendale11, includes more than 200 videos featuring city programs, events, services and marketing promotions. Since June 2009, Glendale's online viewers have watched more than 4,500 videos a month.

Besides YouTube, the city has two other video resources: An online video library accessible 24/7 with archive availability and the city's award-winning cable television station, Glendale 11 TV, on Cox Channel 11 and live streaming online at www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

Live at the Library. Join us for one of the West Valley's most popular monthly musical series – Live at the Library. The series is held on the fourth Thursday of the month and begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On April 28, Young Sounds of Arizona, composed entirely of middle school and high school age students, presents “The Magic of Jazz, the Freshness of Youth” for an unforgettable evening of jazz music. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Shred It & Forget It. Glendale's Community Action Teams are proud to partner with the Target Corporation and Cintas Document Management Company to offer free document shredding to the community to help combat identity theft. Credit card offers, tax returns, medical bills and old bank statements should be shredded rather than simply thrown in the trash. The “Shred It & Forget It” events offered throughout the year offer a fast, convenient, drive-thru service where you can bring up to three standard-size file boxes of documents for secure shredding. The next event is Saturday, April 30th at the Target located at 10404 North 43rd Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until the shred trucks are full. For more information on identity theft and “Shred It & Forget It,” call (623) 930-2571. [Read more.](#)

National Take Back Day. The Glendale Police Department is coordinating a one-day collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation's homes. The “National Take Back Initiative Day” will be on Saturday, April 30th at **two** Glendale locations! We will be at the Target parking lot at 10404 North 43rd Ave. (Peoria & 43rd) and in the parking lot at Cabela's at 9830 West Glendale Ave. Glendale's collection sites will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is the opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2571.

Glendale Summer Band. A Glendale institution celebrates a milestone this year, as the Glendale Summer Band kicks off its 45th season June 2 in downtown Glendale.

Sponsored by Glendale's Office of Special Events, the eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. during June and July, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

The Glendale Summer Band, conducted by John Faris, is the longest- running community band in Arizona. The ages of the volunteer band members span several generations. The band was formed in 1966, originally playing at O'Neil Park, and moving to Murphy Park when the amphitheater was built.

This free concert is the perfect night out for the entire family, or bring your friends, neighbors, the whole gang! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts, which will go on through July 21. The series will feature a special Patriotic performance on June 30 in celebration of Independence Day.

For more information, call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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