

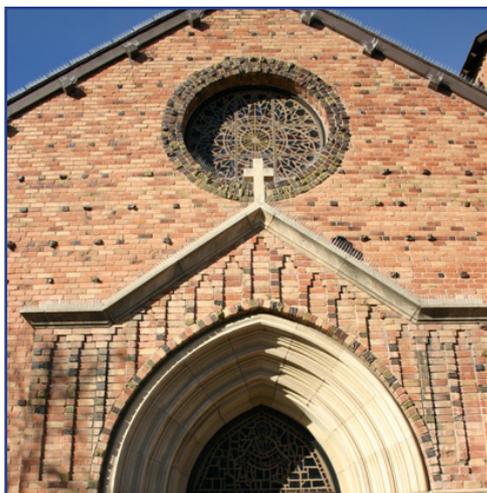
Sahuaro Weekly Update



“Where neighbors help neighbors build community.”

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Boards and Commissions News. Thanks to all who attended the Boards & Commissions Recruitment Fair last week. The event was a huge success with more than 100 attendees. If you didn't get a chance to attend, but would like to learn more about serving on a Glendale Board or Commission, it's never too late.

Glendale's 18 Boards and Commissions provide valuable feedback to the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community in many ways. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss issues, then forward their recommendations to the Council.

If you are interested in serving, [click here](#) for an online application and a description of the Boards & Commissions, or call (623) 930-2814 to receive the information by mail. [Read more.](#)

“Glendale's Historic Hidden Treasures.” If you are a history buff, settle in for an entertaining night of television as Glendale 11 debuts “Glendale's Historic Hidden Treasures,” a brand new 30-minute program that weaves a fascinating tapestry of Glendale's historic buildings and arts and culture.

The historic properties featured include: First National Bank (now known as the Coffinger Law office); First United Methodist Church; the Glendale Woman's Club; Virginia's House; the Glendale Grammar School; the Beet Sugar Factory; the Humphrey and Davidson buildings; the Glendale High School Auditorium; the Flora Croft neighborhood; and the Morcomb entryway.

“Glendale's Historic Hidden Treasures” will debut Sunday, May 11 at 7 p.m., and will be seen regularly on Glendale Channel 11. [Read more.](#)



From The Heart. You are invited to attend a special kickoff event in support of Glendale's From The Heart Program. “Your Change Can Help Change Lives” will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13 at Westgate City Center Waterdance Plaza. All coins collected from the fountain will now be donated to the “From The Heart” program which provides essential social services to Glendale's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents.

The event will conclude with the first-ever “tossing of the coins.” So please, don't forget your change! [Click here](#) to view the invitation.

Glendale Parks & Recreation Quarterly Magazine. The Quarterly Parks & Recreation Magazine is here! To download the issue, or sign up to have it mailed to your home [click here](#). And now, registration for any of the hundreds of Parks & Recreation classes, including dance, art and music classes; yoga, golf and aerobics classes; dog training and Spanish classes; and youth baseball and softball, is available 24/7. The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce online registration. [Click here](#) to try it out!

GLENDALE PARKS & RECREATION QUARTERLY

Summer Fun!



Around Town

Star Watch Saturday. Explore the universe from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at Thunderbird Park, 59th Avenue north of Deer Valley Road. [The Saguaro Astronomy Club](#) will have some amazing telescopes available for free public viewing and will be answering questions. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, flash light and walking shoes. Please park in designated areas only. For more information call (623) 930-4701.

Community Conversations with Mayor Elaine Scruggs. Please join Mayor Scruggs for a Community Conversation in your neighborhood. Mayor Scruggs created Community Conversations to provide an opportunity to discuss broad policy issues that shape Glendale's present and future with Glendale residents. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15 at the Church at Arrowhead, 7902 W. Union Hills Dr. For more information or to RSVP online, [click here.](#)

That Thursday Thing! The Cat's Pajamas. Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers and put on your most comfy pajamas as Downtown Glendale celebrates with a Pajama Party on Thursday, May 15 from 5-8 p.m. The May event marks the final That Thursday Thing of the season, so don't miss out! For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500, come by in person to 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140, or [click here.](#)

Spark Award Nominations. The Glendale Neighborhood Commission encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the community or improved our neighborhoods for a 2008 Neighborhood Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to May 15, 2008.

[Click here](#) for more information including a list of nomination categories and a downloadable nomination form.

Toddler Water Day. Grab those flip flops and beach towels, it's time to head to the 'beach!' Join us 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 16 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave., for a morning of fun water activities and crafts. There will be a variety of fun water games that will definitely leave your little one soaked, so bring them dressed to get wet, and with shoes. Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. The event is free, souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. And don't forget the sunscreen! For more information call (623) 930-2038.

Memorial Day. City of Glendale offices and all three Glendale libraries will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. For information on holiday schedule changes in Sanitation services [click here.](#)

Summer Reading Programs Return May 27. Glendale Public Library is offering a reading program for every member of the family, from babes in arms to seniors. To find out the dates and times for all the free programs, pick up the summer reading program schedules at any Glendale library. [Read more.](#)

Film/Discussion Series Highlights Oscar-winning Movies. Film scholar Jeannie Berg, an instructor at both Glendale and Scottsdale Community Colleges, is back for a third year to lead free viewings and discussions about award-winning films from the 1930s to the present at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The cinema screenings are at 1 p.m., starting June 7 and continuing on consecutive Saturdays through July 26. The first film in the series, on June 7, will be "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939). [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

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

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