

# Sahuaro Weekly Update

*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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## Water Safety Tips and Resources

As the temperatures continue to climb, more of us are turning to swimming and water recreation to help cool things down. [Click here](#) for the Glendale Fire Department's important safety tips and resources to keep everyone safe around water.



## Glendale Generates \$1.3 Million in Successful Sales Tax Amnesty Program

The city of Glendale's first-ever city sales tax amnesty program generated \$1.3 million in 38 days. Business owners and landlords were able to pay delinquent sales tax and license fees and have all penalties, prior delinquent license fees, interest and related building permit penalties waived.

A total of 618 businesses and landlords took advantage of the program.

For more information on Glendale's Tax and License Division, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-3190.

**Parks & Recreation Master Plan Online Survey.** Residents are encouraged to provide feedback on future parks and recreation facilities and services by participating in an online survey as part of an update to Glendale's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Input from residents, local interest groups, community organizations, businesses and public officials will be critical in helping to establish priorities for current and future parks and recreation services, programs and facilities offered within the city of Glendale. Many changes have occurred since the 2002 Glendale Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted. The online survey is part of an update and a 10-month process that will result in a detailed "road map" to identify community priorities and outline a plan of action.

The survey is provided for residents to express their opinions on the department, and on whether they think the facilities and current programs are meeting their needs.

Glendale residents are encouraged to take the brief online survey at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/> and keep informed on the status of the master plan update process.

The deadline to complete the online survey is May 31. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (623) 930-2820.

**Special Permit "101" Training for Residents.** Spring remodeling is in the air, especially for Glendale residents. The Building Safety Department is noticing a remodeling permit boom, which has resulted in a 45 percent increase in residential permits and 154 percent increase in solar permits.

To help raise awareness on the permit process and also celebrate Building Safety Month, Glendale's Building Safety Department is offering a special permit "101" class to teach residents how to get a permit for their construction project; an explanation of why permits are necessary; how to fill out the required paperwork; and what the possible costs are associated with these projects.

The class is Wednesday, May 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Glendale City Hall, second floor, room 2C, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. There is no cost and parking is available in the adjacent garage. To reserve a spot in the class, call (623) 930-2800.

Instructors Adam Venetis and Randy Huggins with Building Safety will educate homeowners about when a permit is necessary.

For more information on the free permit class or general information on how to obtain a building permit, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2800.

**Sewer Appeal Process and Rate Schedules.** Each year in May, your sewer charge is adjusted based on your actual water usage billed for the winter months of January, February and March. Although each customer has a water meter to determine water consumption, there is no meter to measure how many gallons each customer sends into the sewer system. [Click here](#) for more information on the city's sewer appeal process and rate schedules.

**2010 Spark Award Nominations.** Do you know a resident or group that has made a commitment to the Glendale community or helped improve our neighborhoods for the better? The city of Glendale invites residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, non-profit or faith-based organization for a 2010 Neighborhood Spark Award. **Nominees should fall into one the following six categories:**

- Young Leaders on the Move
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Traditional Neighborhood Leadership
- HOA Leadership
- Business Support & Neighborhood Involvement
- Community Partner

[Click here](#) for a brochure with more information or to download a nomination form. Submit your nomination(s) to the Neighborhood Partnership Office, 6829 N. 58th Drive, Suite 100, Glendale, AZ 85301, or via e-mail at: [leadership@glendaleaz.com](mailto:leadership@glendaleaz.com). For other questions, call the office at (623) 930-2868. The deadline to submit nominations is Tuesday, June 1.

## Construction Information

### 81st Avenue at Beardsley Road

The intersection of Beardsley Road and 81st Avenue will be CLOSED for approximately six weeks to construct a new traffic roundabout.

**Detour:** traffic may use 81st Avenue north to Lone Cactus Drive or south to Oraibi Drive for access to 83rd Avenue.

- **Monday, May 24 – Friday, July 2**

### Beardsley Road between 81st and 83rd avenues

Westbound Beardsley Road will be restricted to provide construction access. Westbound traffic will be shifted into the double left turn lane during the restriction.

- **Through Friday, May 28**

### 83rd Avenue at Beardsley Road

The northbound right turn lane on 83rd Avenue at Beardsley Road will be CLOSED for work on the Beardsley Connector project.

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[Read more.](#)

## Around Town

**Summer Band Concerts.** A long-held city tradition continues as the Glendale Summer Band kicks off its 44th season June 3 in downtown Glendale.

Presented by Glendale's Office of Special Events, the concerts take place each Thursday at 8 p.m., in the Murphy Park amphitheater, located at 59th and Glendale avenues. 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, friends and neighbors! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts, which will run through July 22.

The series will feature two special performances: a special Centennial-themed concert on June 17 to celebrate the city's 100th anniversary, and a patriotic program on July 1 in celebration of Independence Day.

For more information, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Special Events hotline at (623) 930-2299.

**VIN Etching.** Bring your vehicle and proof of ownership to Costco at 17550 N. 79th Ave. on Saturday, May 22 for free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching a vehicle's 17-digit vehicle ID number on each piece of window glass on your vehicle to deter auto theft. The process takes about 10 minutes; event hours are from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to learn more about auto theft prevention and VIN etching.

**Teen Summer Volunteer Information Meeting.** Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., is searching for teen volunteers to assist with 2010 summer reading program registration and special events. Interested teens, ages 12-18, should attend this meeting on Monday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about the volunteer options available. Register online at [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library) or call (623) 930-3431, then press "7" at the prompt and choose Velma Teague Library.

**Live at the Library.** On Thursday, May 27, Live at the Library welcomes The Arizona Broadway Theatre. The troupe will entertain with a medley from its musical plays. The free Arizona Broadway Theatre appearance is sponsored by the Glendale Arts Commission. Join us 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.

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