



Sahuaro Weekly Update



“Where neighbors help neighbors build community.”

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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FAQs

- **When does the temporary sales tax increase go into effect and for how long?** Since the new rate is temporary, it is only effective for five years. The temporary increase begins August 1, 2012 and automatically ends August 1, 2017.
- **When is the last time the city increased the general sales tax rate?** The last time Glendale increased the general sales tax rate was 20 years ago in 1993. Glendale voters approved increases for police, fire and transportation initiatives in 1994, 2001 and 2007 dedicated only to those services.

Glendale's YouTube Channel
Trending Videos - [Facts About the Temporary Sales Tax Increase](#)

Glendale Rejects Coyotes Arena Management Referendum. On Monday, the Glendale City Clerk's Office rejected the referendum petitions that sought to address a portion of the Coyotes agreements. The city's rejection is based on the untimely submission of the petitions. State law provides a 30-day period from enactment of a legislative act before it becomes effective. In this instance, the city's legislative act was taken on June 8, 2012 and was effective on July 9, 2012.

Equally important is the failure of the committee seeking the referral to file the statutorily-required information in order to secure valid petition signatures. Furthermore, the committee submitted petitions with an insufficient number of signatures. For these reasons, the petitions that have been submitted will be rejected.

Waste-to-Energy Facility. The city of Glendale and Vieste Energy, LLC are working together on a waste-to-energy facility which will be located at the Glendale Landfill.

This new facility will:

- Create clean, renewable energy
- Generate additional on-going revenue for the city
- Create 30-35 new jobs
- Extend the life of the current landfill

The purpose of the facility is to enhance the solid waste program already in place by using a portion of the waste to create a synthetic gas which will be used to produce clean energy. The goal is to manage the city's increasing amount of solid waste while maximizing economic and environmental benefits to the residents.

For those interested, copies of the draft Materials Separation Plan are available for review at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St and the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Please send written comments, post-marked by July 23, to: Glendale Materials Separation Plan, 3200 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 350, Phoenix, AZ 85018.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Glendale Aquatics Centers. Summer will be gone before you know it, which means Glendale's aquatics centers will be closing down for recreational swimming soon. Don't miss your chance to have some cool fun in the sun before it's too late – only three weeks left! Recreational swim hours end on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Glendale has two aquatics centers, complete with slides, water playgrounds and more, which are the perfect way to spend an afternoon. The Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. is open Monday-Thursday from 1-5 p.m., Friday from 1-7 p.m., Saturday from 12-5 p.m. and Sunday between 12 and 4 p.m. The Rose Lane Aquatics Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave., is open every day from 1-5 p.m. through Aug. 4.

Entrance fees for both centers for Glendale residents are \$2.50 for ages 3-17, \$5 for adults and \$3 for adults 55 and older. Non-resident rates are \$3.50 for ages 3-17, \$6 for adults and \$5 for adults 55 and older. Ages two and under are free.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 623-930-2820 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.



New Mobile Website. *Stay connected 24/7 with any mobile device!*

The city of Glendale has launched a mobile version of its popular website www.glendaleaz.com allowing anyone with a smartphone, tablet or web-enabled device to connect to the city instantly. The new site offers the same information as the main website, but in a sleeker, simpler format with bright, bold icons and one-touch navigation customized for any hand-held device.

Content available on Glendale's mobile site includes: News, videos, Facebook, Twitter, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, city event calendar, council meeting agendas, parks and recreation information and the library's mobile website.

When logging on, the city's main site will automatically format into a friendly, easy-to-view version for a mobile device. Plus, the new site will be used for major events, such as traffic details during large sporting events and concerts in Glendale's sports and entertainment district.

To visit the city's website, [click \(or touch\)](#) here!

Christmas in July – This Saturday! Santa is stopping by for our annual Christmas in July in Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Santa will make a stop between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at A Mad Hatter's, located at 5734 W. Glendale Ave. Photos will be available for a nominal fee or shoppers are welcome to take their own pictures with Santa.

Christmas music will play throughout the neighborhood as downtown businesses offer fun-filled holiday activities, including decorating cookies, holiday card-making and Santa Sundaes with peppermint ice cream, all for a nominal fee.

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Glendale Visitor Center will be accepting school supplies for the Annual Back-to-School Supply Drive, which will benefit local elementary schools. Items needed include new backpacks, pencils, colored pencils, markers, erasers, paper, folders, binders, crayons and glue.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500.

Around Town

Friday Night Dances. Join us from 6:30-9:30 p.m., July 20 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center for this great event where couples can practice their dance moves or learn new styles. The evening features a 45-minute instructional session, performances and social dancing. Experience ballroom, swing, jazz and more! Admission is \$7 for residents and \$9 for non-residents. Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center is located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. For more information, call 623-930-4613.

Kids Get Fit Adventure Program. Get fit and have fun at the same time! Kids ages 9-12 will participate in activities such as climbing the rock wall, basketball, obstacle courses and team challenges. These recreational-based activities will challenge all participants. Attendees will need to bring a personal water bottle, wear comfortable workout attire and closed-toe/heel tennis shoes; no jeans or dresses.

Join us from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday, July 23 - Wednesday, July 25 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

The cost is \$25 (or \$32 for Non-residents). To sign up, call 623-930-4600. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Marvelous Mondays. Wildman Phil is bringing Wild Arizona to the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23. Come and be amazed! Admission to this all-ages program is first come-first served for the first 240 people in line. Groups are welcome but must bring one staff member per 10 children. For more information call 623-930-3537.

Rock Wall Adventures. Rock Wall Adventures is great for first-time climbers or those who want to learn more about the sport of rock climbing. Professionals from Arizona Hiking Shack will present topics such as climbing technique, knot tying, belaying, strategy and safety. Participants, ages 10-17, should bring a water bottle and wear comfortable workout attire and tennis shoes. No jeans, dresses or open toe/heel shoes. Join us from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. The price is \$50 (non-resident \$63). To sign up, call 623-930-4600. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Altered T-Shirts! Use bleach and stencils to transform a plain, dark-colored t-shirt into a funky and unique fashion statement. Bring a dark-colored cotton t-shirt and we'll supply the rest! This free activity is for youth ages 12-18 at Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. on July 30 from 6-8 p.m. To register, call 623-930-3431.

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