

Sahuaro Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

July 22, 2011



On June 15th, Vice Mayor Frate attended a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Dining and Residential Hall project at ASU West. The Residence Hall will house up to 320 full-time students.



Residential Hall



Dining Hall



Glendale Police Department School Supply

Drive. The Glendale Police Department Community Action Teams (CAT) are sponsoring a School Supply Drive for deserving students at William C. Jack and Desert Garden Elementary Schools. Both schools have Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students that are in need of school supplies such as crayons, pencils, paper and folders.

These are our kids, our schools, and our community. Let's help to build their foundation one crayon at a time! Make your donation at any of our collection sites from July 18th through July 29th

(Monday through Friday only). The boxes are located in the lobby of Glendale Police Stations and the two schools benefiting – William C. Jack is located at 6600 W. Missouri Ave. and Desert Garden's address is 7020 W. Ocotillo Rd.

With school supplies on sale now, this is a perfect opportunity to make a difference in our community. Packs of crayons are as little as 40 cents! With over 1,600 students at these two schools that are in need, \$5 can go a long way. For more information on how you can help, call 623-930-2571 or 623-930-4044.

Supplies Needed:

- Crayons
- Markers
- Backpacks
- Construction Paper
- Pocket Folders
- Pencils
- "Safe" Scissors
- Writing Tablets
- Dry Erase Markers
- Spiral Notebooks

Glendale Makes Communicating Online Quick & Convenient. The city of Glendale makes customer service a top priority and encourages its residents to communicate questions, concerns, issues or even kudos as often and conveniently as possible. That's why the city uses the Ask Glendale function on the web.

Residents can communicate online at www.glendaleaz.com, through the 'Online Services' tab on the top bar of the homepage. The system generates a form that is distributed to dozens of city employees across several departments, ensuring that any questions, comments or concerns are addressed in a timely manner, and that the appropriate staff member(s) follow up. In addition, the City Manager's Office oversees the program for prompt response and staff in the mayor and council offices monitor the system regularly.

The city receives, on average, more than 700 requests for service each year. Each request is handled on a one-on-one basis, with the ultimate goal of resolution for the citizen, in as timely a manner as possible.

There are various other resources on Glendale's Web site that residents can use. For example issues such as abandoned vehicles and property maintenance complaints are handled by the Code Compliance Department. Complaints can be taken over the phone at 623-930-3610 or online at www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance.

Public Safety welcomes feedback from residents online, as well. Both the police and fire departments have online tools for submitting questions, concerns or commendations for officers or firefighters. Residents can find forms at: www.glendaleaz.com/police or www.glendaleaz.com/fire.

Another great option for residents or visitors is "Ask Lorraine," in which Glendale's Convention and Visitor's Bureau Manager will answer anything and everything related to what to see and do, as well as great places to eat or where to shop in the city. So whether you're a Glendale resident or traveling here for a vacation Lorraine is a wealth of information on all things Glendale! "Ask Lorraine" can be found on the tourism site, www.visitglendale.com.

State Legislative and Congressional District Boundaries to be Redrawn – Public Hearing August 3. While the city of Glendale is working on new council district boundaries, the state of Arizona is determining new boundaries for the thirty state legislative districts and nine congressional districts.

The Statewide Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) has notified the city that they will be holding a public hearing in Glendale from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, August 3 at Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

This public hearing will be an important opportunity for the citizens of Glendale and the west valley to educate the Commission about their communities of interest and to express their opinion on how to draw boundaries that will best represent them and their respective communities.

The IRC is responsible for determining the new boundaries for state legislative and congressional districts. For more information on the IRC, visit their website at www.azredistricting.org.

Construction Information. Bell Road will be closed in both directions overnight between 83rd Ave. and Loop 101 for the HOV lane project. Please use alternate routes including Union Hills Dr. and 91st Ave. The closure will begin at 9 p.m. Saturday, July 23 and be in effect until 9 a.m. Sunday, July 24. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of freeway restrictions for this weekend.

Around Town

Culture Pass. Glendale Library card holders can check out a Culture Pass for free admission for 2- 4 people at participating institutions. Enjoy some time at the Arizona Science Center, the Children's Museum of Phoenix, the Desert Botanical Garden, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Phoenix Zoo, and more. The Culture Pass can be checked out for a specific period of time, just like a book. For further information, [click here](#).

Reel Talk Film Series. *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (1989, "PG-13" rating) starring Harrison Ford, Sean Connery and Alison Doody will be shown at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 23 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. [Click here](#) for more information.

Walk-in Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15 to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 6 in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) advises on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call 602-745-7250.

Dog Days of Summer – August 6. Enjoy a special night for you and your best furry friend on Saturday, August 6, from 6-9 p.m. Start your evening at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking map and take a spin on the prize wheel. Event activities include: Pet aura photos and free gift bags, Greyhound studios featuring dog art, free Frosty Paws for all the dogs, demonstration of a dog GPS system, Arizona Adopt-a-Greyhound Organization, "Pupcakes" and dog treats, watering stations and cool pool stops and dog massages. Also, meet the Glendale Crisis Response Team.

The Glendale Visitor Center will be accepting pet supplies to benefit the Sun Valley Animal Shelter. And cat lovers don't need to feel left out for the evening as The Open Door has special gift items for cat lovers. For more information, [click here](#).

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