

Sahuaros

Weekly Update

*The Sahuaros District:
Celebrating Recreation, Education and Cooperation*

Councilmember Gary Sherwood - Glendale, Arizona

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City Of Glendale Posts Draft Document of Formal Agreement on West Valley Resort Project. The city of Glendale has posted a document on the city website of a draft agreement between the city and the Tohono O'odham Nation's proposed West Valley Resort project. The draft document can be viewed at www.glendaleaz.com.

The Glendale City Council will consider the proposed agreement next Tuesday, August 12 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 5850 W. Glendale. The meeting can also be viewed online via the city TV station, Glendale 11, at www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11 or on Cox Channel 11 for Glendale residents.

Glendale Police Awarded \$20,000 Occupant Protection Enforcement Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. In an effort to save more lives and reduce the number of injuries related to vehicular collisions on Arizona's roadways, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety is partnering with the Glendale Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies to increase the proper use of seat belts and child safety seats.

Although Arizona has a secondary seat belt law, the enforcement campaign is based upon high visibility traffic enforcement with a "zero-tolerance" approach towards seat belt and child safety seat usage. It will also include an educational component to the encounters with violators.

This funding will allow the Glendale Police Department to deploy extra traffic enforcement resources in school zones, as well as the areas surrounding the schools, during the month of August as students around the valley go back to school.

Glendale Public Schools open their doors this week! It is important to pay attention while driving for the safety of other motorists and pedestrians as well as taking the time to properly secure children before driving them to school. To ensure the safety of the children and parents, the Glendale Police Department will actively enforce traffic laws around school zones, buses and crosswalks.

Despite widespread efforts to educate drivers about effective ways to protect people and reduce fatalities, motor vehicle collisions continue to be the leading cause of death and serious injuries to the citizens of our state. Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Funding was provided from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and is designed to increase and sustain the seatbelt usage throughout Arizona.

Seat belts do save lives, so please BUCKLE UP!

Glendale Civic Center and Living Energy Co-Host INSPIRIENCE, an Event Planning Experience. The fourth annual INSPIRIENCE (formerly Arizona Prom Experience) will be held at the Glendale Civic Center from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14.

INSPIRIENCE is a fun, interactive opportunity to meet and speak with vendors and to inspire ideas for your next event. If you are planning a back-to-school event, prom, dance, formal ball, grad night, spirit week, Greek week, homecoming, carnival, alumni event or holiday event, this is for you. Numerous vendors will be on hand featuring unique ideas for showcasing many event options such as music, photo booths, entertainment, decorating ideas, themed props and more. Space is still available for additional vendors; for more information call 623-930-4311.

School and organizational planning committees are welcome to attend this free event in the main ballroom of the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr., in historic downtown Glendale.

Guests interested in renting the Glendale Civic Center for their event can take a tour of the award-winning conference center. No RSVP is required, but those who do reserve a spot in advance will receive a bonus entry for door prizes from event vendors.



For more information, contact the Glendale Civic Center at 623-930-4311 or thawthorne@glendaleaz.com. To take a virtual tour of the Glendale Civic Center, visit www.glendaleciviccenter.com/videos.html.



Glendale Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Presents \$15,000 Donation. Many thanks to the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni of Glendale for their donation of \$14,987.78 to assist the Police Department in building an agility course for police K9s. A check was presented at a ceremony on August 5. Photo Courtesy of FOX 10.

Southbound Loop 101 closed this weekend in the West Valley. Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) traffic-management equipment work continues this weekend, during which southbound Loop 101 will be closed overnight beginning late Friday through Saturday afternoon.

Drivers should expect the following restrictions:

- Loop 101 southbound closed between 75th Avenue and Bell Road starting at 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, through noon Saturday, Aug. 9. Several Loop 101 on-ramps will close at 9 p.m. Friday, including the southbound on-ramps at 75th Avenue and Union Hills Drive, and the westbound 67th Avenue on-ramp. **DETOUR:** Use 75th or 83rd avenues.
- Loop 101 on-ramps closed at eastbound 51st Avenue and southbound Indian School Road from 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9., through noon Sunday, Aug. 10. **DETOUR:** Eastbound traffic can use eastbound Frontage Road to 35th Avenue to Union Hills Drive or Deer Valley Road to reconnect with I-17. Southbound traffic can use 91st or 99th avenues to Thomas Road to reconnect to southbound Loop 101.

For more information about this project please visit the Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) [web page](#), email Projects@azdot.gov or call the ADOT information line at 1.855.712.8530

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

Great Arizona Puppet Theater: The Pirate & the Tooth Fairy. The Great Arizona Puppet Theater, Arizona's award-winning professional puppet theater, presents "The Pirate and the Tooth Fairy" on Wednesday Aug 13 at 2 p.m., Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. This is a favorite show about a pirate who enlists the help of the Tooth Fairy to teach his pirate son the importance of taking care of his most valuable treasure - his pearly whites! This entertaining and informative show is sponsored by Solomon Pediatric Dental. All ages welcome, but the program is geared toward ages 2- 9. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

Coupons 101. Want to get the most for your money? Learn to be coupon-savvy at this free class, Monday August 18, 6 p.m., at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Local expert Jamie Kelly will discuss basic coupon terms, where to find the best coupons, using coupons to the best advantage, basic organization and general policies. No registration is required for this program. Call 623-930-3431 for more information.

2014 Arizona Cardinals/NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition. Girls and boys in five separate age divisions compete against each other in punting, passing and placekicking in this free, fun, and engaging national skills competition. Onsite registration starts 5 p.m. and competitions begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday Sept. 9 at Foothills Sports Complex, 19070 N. 57th Ave (Fields 1 & 2). [Click here](#) for details.

The Glendale Police Department 2014 Shred Event – Oct. 4. Bring up to three bankers boxes of materials for shredding to Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., between 8-11 a.m., on Saturday Oct. 4. The event will be held in the southwest parking area. *Due to the popularity of this event, it may conclude early if trucks are full.* For further information call 623-930-4044.

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