

# Sahuaro Weekly Update



*“Where neighbors help neighbors build community.”*

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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## GAIN Night — October 13

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) night is an annual event designed to heighten crime awareness, and generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, by uniting community members to help create safer neighborhoods. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 9 p.m.

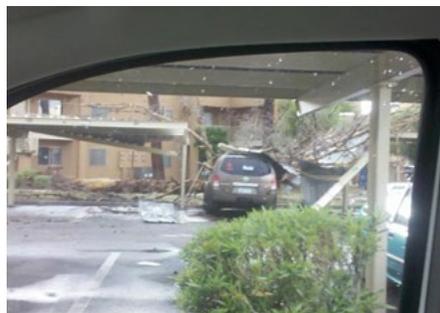
GAIN promotes residents coming together within their neighborhoods to plan a neighborhood party, share and promote safety and awareness of community issues, and increase neighborhood communication and participation.

Please consider planning your GAIN event for your neighborhood now. Registration is required. For more information and tips about planning your event [click here](#).

**Labor Day Holiday.** City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will close Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day. All households' scheduled garbage and recycling collection will be shifted one day due to the holiday. For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, [click here](#).

**City of Glendale to File Petition to Arizona Supreme Court.** The city of Glendale will file a petition for the Arizona Supreme Court to review the Court of Appeals' recent ruling regarding a citizen initiative seeking to amend the city's Charter. The Glendale city clerk rejected the initiative petitions and that rejection was upheld by the Superior Court. The Court of Appeals overturned the Superior Court's decision. The city will request the Supreme Court review the Court of Appeals' decision and require compliance with Arizona Constitution and statutes in order to best protect the integrity of the election process.

**National Preparedness Month.** Standing together for community preparedness starts with you! September is National Preparedness Month and the Glendale Citizens Corps would like to call for all Glendale citizens to be prepared – Disasters can happen anywhere!



- Be Informed
- Make a Plan
- Build a Kit
- Get Involved

Please support community preparedness. For valuable information on how to make a plan, build your kit, and get involved, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

**Inspection Process Videos.** Before you pick up a hammer, put your fingers down on the keyboard and click to Glendale's new online "how to" videos from the Building Safety Department. The video series, called "What to Expect When We're Inspecting," takes citizens through the permitting and inspection process in minutes.

In the past year, Glendale's Building Safety Department has experienced a 10 percent increase in do-it-yourself activity. Common remodeling permits include patio and room additions as well as kitchen and bathroom renovations.

To help educate homeowners, Building Safety staff developed the video series to offer tips such as what needs a permit, what areas are inspected and helpful construction hints. The new videos, produced by Glendale 11, are available online at [www.glendaleaz.com/buildingsafety/InspectionVideos](http://www.glendaleaz.com/buildingsafety/InspectionVideos). The videos will also be shown on the city-owned TV station, Glendale 11.

## Youth Football Competitions

As football season gets underway, Glendale invites boys and girls ages 6-15 to test their football skills at two free local NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competitions to be held in September.

Children compete in four separate age divisions against each other in punting, passing and placekicking in an engaging forum. Boys and girls compete separately with scores based on distance and accuracy.

The first competition will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Foothills Sports Complex, 19070 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. The second competition will be held Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Youth Sports Complex, 6221 N. 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. Registration will be held onsite beginning at 5 p.m. with the competition beginning at 6 p.m. Registration is also accepted online at [www.nflppk.com](http://www.nflppk.com).

Winners from each local competition will advance to the sectional competition to be held on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park soccer field, 9802 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. The top four boys and girls in each division from the sectional competition will advance to the team championships to be held during a Cardinals home game on Nov. 25.

Glendale has actively hosted the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competitions for 24 years with Glendale parks and recreation sports staff serving as state chairs since 1988. For more information, call 623-930-2841 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

## The seven short videos include the following topics:

- How, Why and When to Get Permits
- Site reparation, Blue Stake Utilities
- Foundation/Footing
- Framing/Roof Deck Nailing/ Strap and Shear
- Pre Drywall/ Rough Plumbing/ Rough Electric/ Rough Mechanical
- Drywall/Stucco Lath
- Final Inspection

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

# Around Town

[Click here](#) for the 2012 City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

**Rock & Roll Paint-a-Thon Seeks Applicants, Volunteers.** Do you own a single family home, but due to age or physical impairments are unable to get it painted? If so, the Annual Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon program, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, may be able to help. [Learn more](#)

**Teddy Bear Day.** Join us in Downtown Glendale on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as we celebrate National Teddy Bear Day. Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry bears as you enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, “beary” special treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. Begin at the Glendale Visitor Center, [5800 W. Glenn Drive](#), Suite 140, and pick up your map, coupons and gift bag (for the first 300 visitors) and take a spin on the prize wheel. Visit boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for special offers and discounts.

Additionally, the Visitor Center will be accepting new and gently hugged teddy bears to benefit the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, the Glendale Crisis Response Team and United Way. For more information, call 623-930-4500.

**Free Water- and Energy-Efficiency Class.** Glendale’s Conservation & Sustainable Living Program is offering a new class, titled “Retro-fitting Your Home for Energy and Water Efficiency.”

This free informative workshop will feature in-depth, hands-on presentations from the experts in energy and water efficiency. The topics include: The Value of a Home Energy Audit, The Latest Resources for Water Efficiency and The Pros and Cons of Solar Energy. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Register to attend by calling 623-930-3760. For additional information on sustainable living programs, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/green](http://www.glendaleaz.com/green).

**eBook Reader Lab.** Marlene Jacobson, the library’s own Digital Librarian, will be available to offer eBook reader assistance Wednesday, September 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. This free open lab is for help with eBook reader selection and with eBook downloading. Bring your own eReader for specific advice. An assortment of the most popular readers will also be available for you to explore. No registration is necessary. For more information call 623-930-3531.

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