

Sahuaro Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Glendale Centennial Celebrations.

Flat Murphy Student Project. In July, Glendale kicked off a year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a city. We are extremely excited about this upcoming milestone and very, very proud of our place in Arizona's history. Throughout the year, the city will honor its centennial with various events and activities.

A new activity has been designed specifically for local public schools and students. Patterned after the popular 'Flat Stanley' concept, Flat Murphy gives this favorite activity a local spin. To learn more about Flat Murphy, [click here](#).

"Glendale's Memory Project" on Glendale 11 TV. A photo captures a moment in time – and hundreds of historical photos of Glendale have been assembled for the Internet and for a television documentary to share part of Glendale's history with citizens, students and researchers. In honor of the city's centennial in 2010, Glendale Public Library joined with Glendale Historical Society, Glendale Community College, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area and Thunderbird School of Global Management to bring collections of old photographs from the city's past to life online and on TV.

"Glendale's Memory Project" debuts on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. and can be seen during its regular time slot every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. as well as various times throughout the week on Glendale Channel 11. The 30-minute TV show, 'Glendale's Memory Project,' gives an overview of how the massive project of placing the photos online by the five partners was carried out.

[Click here](#) to access Glendale History Online. [Click here](#) to view the Glendale 11 TV Guide.

Down Payment Assistance Program.

If you're interested in purchasing a foreclosed home in a targeted neighborhood in Glendale, the new Glendale Homebuyer Assistance Program may be for you.

Glendale received federal funds through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), which is money provided to communities hardest hit by residential foreclosures and mortgage delinquencies. Approximately \$1.5 million of the city's NSP funds are being allocated to help finance homebuyer activities through down payment and closing cost assistance.

Under this program buyers are encouraged to work with realtors to purchase a foreclosed/abandoned home in one of the three targeted zip codes – 85301, 85302 and 85303. Qualified residents would include those with a total household income below 120% of annual median income (AMI), which translates into \$79,100 for a family of four.

For more information on this program or the American Dream Down Payment Initiative program, call the Community Revitalization Division at (623) 930-3670 or visit www.glendaleaz.com.



Smith family members and friends on the porch in front of the Sahuaro Ranch Guest house in the 1930s.



Glendale Library Story Time, 1950s.

67th Avenue from Peoria Avenue to Greenway Road. Beginning the week of September 14th, 67th Avenue, from Peoria Avenue north to Greenway Road, is scheduled for mill and overlay. The overlay process takes approximately 1-2 weeks to complete a one-mile stretch (major intersection closures will be scheduled for weekend work.) As asphalt removal or application is performed, there may be brief periods of time wherein driveways may be inaccessible, and officers will be on-site to assist in the movement or temporary stopping of traffic.

Glendale's Got Game "Spirit Page." The NFL's regular season kicks off in Glendale this week, and Glendale is helping fans get into the spirit with a special fan-filled page on the city's mega event Web site, www.glendalesgotgame.com. Visitors can get to the page by clicking on the "spirit page" showcased on the site's homepage.

This page highlights Glendale 11 TV videos and a photo gallery celebrating football fan fever from last year's NFC Championship Cardinals season.

Featured videos include "Get Your Game On in Glendale," "Special Cardinals Championship City Beat Edition" and "Glendale Congratulates the Arizona Cardinals." Photos featured in an online gallery highlight the frenzy outside the University of Phoenix stadium before the NFC Championship game.

This new addition to the site also gives fans ideas on how to have fun while visiting Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District, including information on special events, festivals, dining, nightlife and more.

Fans are also encouraged to check out www.glendalesgotgame.com before heading out to a game to learn about traffic restrictions, special events and fan friendly deals. For more information or to check out the online fan spirit page, [click here](#).

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Ice Cream Social at Foothills. Here's the scoop! Join us from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, September 12 at [Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center](#), 5600 W. Union Hills Drive, for the 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social. Make your own ice cream sundaes, play games and enjoy great music. Admission is \$1 with proceeds supporting Foothills' family programs. For more information, call (623) 930-4610.

BMX-Court Comp presented by Gordy's Bicycles. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department will host its first BMX competition at the X-Court on Saturday, Sept. 19. Admission is \$1, check in at 4 p.m. and competition begins at 5 p.m. The Glendale X-Court is located at 83rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road. For more information or to register for the competition (\$15 pre-register, \$20 @ event), [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2044.

Child Care & Babysitting Workshop. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department is offering a workshop dedicated to teaching safe and fun ways to baby sit and care for children.

The Child Care and Babysitting Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., and includes CPR, first aid, techniques for working with active children and what to do to have a successful babysitting adventure. This workshop, for ages 11 and older, builds confidence, self-esteem and skills necessary to care for infants and children on a daily basis and in emergency situations. Registration is \$52 for Glendale residents and \$62 for nonresidents. To register, call (623) 930-4600; for more information, call (623) 930-4613.

Learn the Basics of Organic Gardening. Feed your family healthy, organic foods freshly picked from your own garden. Learn to garden organically at the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's Organic Gardening Basics class. The class focuses on the tools needed, soil types, safe fertilizers, garden designs, planning tips and principles of organic gardening. Students will learn to prepare the soil, make compost and use organic fertilizers and soil amendments.

The one-day class will be held from 2 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 22 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. The class is \$30 for Glendale residents and \$36 for non-residents. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (623) 930-4613.

AVP Professional Beach Volleyball Returns to Westgate - USA Takes on Brazil. AVP Professional Beach Volleyball returns to Glendale September 25-27, this time potentially placing Westgate City Center into the international spotlight. Tickets are on sale now. [Read more.](#)

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