

Sahuaro

Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

September 24, 2010



Vice Mayor Frate attended the "Shift Arizona" Campaign Launch on Thursday. "Shift Arizona" encourages shoppers support local businesses.

Community Conversations with Mayor Elaine Scruggs

Community Conversations is a series of meetings designed to encourage an open dialogue about important policy issues that affect the entire City of Glendale today and in the future.

You are encouraged to join Mayor Scruggs at one of two planned meetings for October.

Please click on the link(s) below to sign up for the location most convenient for you or call 623-930-2260 to RSVP by phone.

- **Wednesday, October 6**
6:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
[Click Here to RSVP](#)
- **Saturday, October 9**
9:30 a.m.
First Southern Baptist Church
[Click Here to RSVP](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

Neighborhood Dialogue with Vice Mayor Frate

Wednesday, October 13

5-7 p.m.

Location: to be announced

This meeting will be held in an open-house format, which enables residents to stop by and speak with Vice Mayor Frate anytime between 5 & 7 p.m.

Affordable Care Act Reforms. On September 23rd, several important 'Affordable Care Act' reforms became law, expanding coverage to millions of children who previously fell through the cracks of our health care system.

These reforms include:

- Children under 19 can no longer be rejected from health care plans due to pre-existing conditions. New plans cannot exclude anyone from coverage for a pre-existing condition
- Young adults can stay on their parents' health plan until age 26
- Insurers can no longer limit the amount of coverage someone can receive over their lifetime
- Insurers can no longer take coverage away from children when they get sick

Everyone should be aware of these important new benefits and their impact on America's children and families. For full information on the new law's many benefits, visit: www.healthcare.gov.

Free Live Music at Glendale Main Library.

Live at the Library. Live at the Library is one of the west valley's most popular monthly musical series. The programs start earlier in the evening than in past years—at 6:30 p.m.—due to the change in library hours. All programs are free and are scheduled through December in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St.

Upcoming Live at the Library acts include:

- October 28 - Ensemble Indigo - This six-piece ensemble of wind, string and keyboard instruments will offer chamber music from baroque to contemporary.
- November 4 - The Hey Boyz - This Arizona-based, cowboy/bluegrass band blends lyrics of the old west with country music. These seasoned players, ranging in age from 21-64, have been together for over six years.
- December 2 - Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir - This uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with their multi-sized brass bells.

▲ *Acclaimed Arizona musician, Joe Bethancourt kicked off this season of Live at the Library this week!*

For more information about the free music programs at Glendale Main Library, call 623-930-3573.

Important Traffic Information for Upcoming Cardinals Games. Cardinals fans headed to Sunday's game should be aware of suggested routes and important traffic information to have the ultimate fan experience at Glendale's sports and entertainment district.

Season ticket holders have received parking passes from the Arizona Cardinals with specific parking and traffic instructions. Maps to the assigned parking lots are printed on the back side of parking passes.

Additional information:

- Game day cash parking is available at the Glendale Renaissance Parking Garage and at Westgate City Center. Drivers should access this parking via Glendale Avenue and then south on either 93rd Avenue or 95th Avenue.
- Parking for single game ticket holders is available at the Kellis High School lot, located on the east side of 91st Avenue just north of Orangewood Avenue. A free shuttle service will run between the high school and the stadium beginning two hours before game time and ending one hour following the game.
- Parking lots open four hours prior to kick-off. Vehicles will not be permitted to line up on city streets prior to the lots opening.
- After the game, there will be reversible lanes on Maryland, west of 95th Avenue, as well as 91st Avenue.
- To safely move pedestrians in the area, 95th Avenue west of the stadium and Maryland Avenue between 93rd and 95th Avenues will be closed to vehicle traffic.

The city of Glendale has partnered with ADOT to provide real-time traffic information, and fans are encouraged to call 511 for updated traffic information. Police will be directing traffic to establish a safe and steady traffic flow. Please follow all traffic signs for direction.

Construction Information. Westbound Union Hills Drive continues to be narrowed to one lane between Loop 101 and 83rd Avenue for roadway construction. Please slow down and merge safely. This restriction is in place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily through Oct. 8.

The southbound Loop 101 on-ramp at 75th Avenue is closed until late November to reconstruct the ramp. Drivers may take 75th Avenue south to Bell Road and west to Loop 101 as a detour.

For an overview of this project, [click here](#). For this week's update, including upcoming and ongoing restrictions, [click here](#).

Around Town

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

Free Living Green Workshops. Join us on September 25 at the Foothills Branch Library for the following "Living Green" workshops:

- **Assessing Your Home's Energy Use – 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.**
- **Earth-Friendly Landscape Renovations – 1:45 to 3 p.m.**
- **Programmable Thermostats – 3 to 3:30 p.m.**

The Foothills Branch Library is located at 19055 N. 57th Ave. To register for any of the free classes, call 623-930-3760. For more information on Glendale's Environmental Resources and green programs, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green.

National "Take Back" Initiative. The Glendale Police Department is participating in National "Take Back" Initiative Day on Saturday, September 25. This is an opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Target Parking Lot at 10404 North 43rd Ave. Call 623-930-2571 for more information.

Desert Sleuths Discuss "How NOT to Survive a Vacation." Ten local mystery authors from the Arizona-based Desert Sleuths chapter of Sisters in Crime will discuss and sign their themed anthology, "How NOT to Survive a Vacation," at the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 25 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Books will be available for purchase. The program is free. For more information, please call 623-930-3439.

Ballet Under the Stars. Ballet Arizona's "Ballet Under the Stars" allows communities to enjoy dance in a unique outdoor setting complete with a stage, lighting, costumes and beautiful Arizona weather. You won't want to miss this perfect show for the entire family – it is a great way to introduce ballet to your children for the first time.

Join us at 7 p.m., Sunday, September 26 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave. "Ballet Under the Stars" is free and open to the public. [Read more](#) about Ballet Arizona.

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