



Sahuaro Weekly Update



“Where neighbors help neighbors build community.”

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Boards & Commissions. The Glendale City Council recently appointed several citizens to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Congratulations to Sahuaro District resident Chris Flippen (vice chair) who was appointed to the Community Development Advisory Commission.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group or for more information, [click here](#) or call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.



26th Annual Fire Prevention Parade. The Glendale Fire Department is gearing up for its 26th Annual Fire Prevention Parade this Saturday, October 4th at 10 a.m., on Glendale Avenue. The theme to this year's event, the largest fire prevention parade in the state, is "Prevent Home Fires."

This year's parade is sponsored by Southwest Gas and will have 53 entries including several fire engines, antique and modern, from around the state as well as 9/11 commemorative vehicles, boy and girl scouts, high school honor guards, safety clowns, safety kids train and much more. Grand Marshal is retired Fire Chief Alan Brunacini. Chief Brunacini served as Fire Chief of the Phoenix Fire Department from 1978 to 2006 and is still one of most respected fire chiefs in the nation for his dedication to customer service and firefighter safety.

There will be a safety festival following the parade in Murphy Park that will include safety booths, exhibits, clowns, food vendors, fire trucks and entertainment. [Read more.](#)



9th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament. The Ninth Annual Glendale Police Department Youth Fishing event will take place this Saturday, 10/4, at Lake Pleasant. The tournament will launch from the Pleasant Harbor Marina South ramp at 6:30 AM and weigh-in will begin at 11:30 AM. The tournament has two age groups: 12-15 and 11-under. Lunch is provided and numerous prizes will be given away. All participants will receive some fishing tackle and other prizes.

The tournament was started to introduce the youth of our state to the great outdoors and the wonderful sport of fishing; and to encourage parents to participate in the activity with their children and hopefully give them a positive alternative to the potentially negative activities tempting our youth on a daily basis. For more information or to sign up for this event, please call (602) 690-0803.



October is Domestic Violence Month and the Glendale Police Department has provided a series of articles, one for each week, to help inform the public and spread the word about domestic violence.

WEEK ONE: What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior in a relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control. Abuse can be a physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological action that is used to frighten, intimidate, manipulate, humiliate or injure another person. Abusers don't discriminate and Domestic Violence affects people of every demographic throughout our community. Domestic Violence Month is an opportunity to come together to celebrate those who have survived, mourn those who have not, and connect with those who work to end Domestic Violence. If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship and would like more information, please [click here](#) or contact the West Valley Advocacy Center at (623) 930-3720.

Around Town

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

Mayor's Community Conversations. Mayor Elaine Scruggs is inviting residents to attend one of the community meetings she will be hosting this fall to discuss important policy issues that will shape Glendale's present and future. The meetings are being held as part of the mayor's Community Conversations initiative she created several years ago to help her reach out to residents on important issues.

The first meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 9 at the Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church, 7201 W. Beardsley Road. The meetings are open to all residents, but registration is required since seating will be limited. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2260 for more dates and times or to register for one of the meetings.

Fiesta Glendale! Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in downtown Glendale on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 4-10 p.m. as the city presents Fiesta Glendale!

Bring the entire family for a fun-filled day! Fiesta Glendale offers free admission and free parking. Two stages of entertainment will feature some of the Valley's top entertainment, such as Folklore y Cultura, Cascabel, mariachis as well as other performers that represent elements of Hispanic history and culture. The event will include craft artisans, jewelry booths and other family activities, including children's amusement attractions and make-and-take crafts. And, of course, there will be a delicious assortment of traditional Hispanic food vendors and a beer garden.

Murphy Park is located in Historic Downtown Glendale at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, [click here](#) or call the Special Events hotline at (623) 930-2299.

Columbus Day. City of Glendale offices and all three public libraries will be closed on Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day. [Click here](#) for the holiday schedule for Sanitation services.

2008 Glendale Hispanic Network Breakfast. Join us as the Glendale Hispanic Network presents Frank Camacho as the keynote speaker for the 2008 Glendale Hispanic Network Breakfast. Mr. Camacho is the weekend news co-anchor/general assignment reporter for 3TV, AZ Family. The event is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, at the Glendale Civic Center. For ticket information and more information, [click here](#).

The Future of Glendale Avenue Starts Here! Have Fun and Get Creative at Glendale's Interactive Centerline Vision Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, October 18 at Murphy Park in Historic Downtown, 58th and Glendale Avenues. Residents of all ages are invited to share their thoughts and ideas on the future of Glendale Avenue at this family-friendly community event. Lunch is on us!

- **Tour the Centerline Zone** and discover more about the Glendale Centerline project and how you can get involved.
- **Visit the Ideas & Feedback Station** where you can provide input and submit photos of your favorite places.
- **Go to the Artists Area** and create your own Centerline vision through sketching, clay and legos.
- **Don't miss the Kid Zone** for interactive activities, face painting, balloon artists and inflatables!

[Click here](#) for more information on the Glendale Centerline project.

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