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Weekly Update



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Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Final Public Meeting to Learn About Proposed Budget Reductions Oct. 30.

Thanks to all the Glendale residents who have attended the recent public meetings regarding proposed reductions to the city's General Fund budget. The last of the four meetings will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30 at Rose Lane Recreation Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave.

In addition to the community meetings, residents can view a list of the proposed cuts at www.glendaleaz.com/knowthefacts. A link to video of the September 25 special workshop on this topic is also available on the site.

The proposed budget reductions are part of several financial scenarios, including the city's temporary sales tax increase.



Glendale Receives AZ Tree Council Award. The City of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program received an award from the Arizona Community Tree Council (ACTC) for the Glendale Tree Trail, which was installed at the city's Xeriscape Garden recently.

The newly-constructed Glendale Tree Trail project provides a location for educational programs for homeowners, training opportunities for municipal staff, and a tree resource page on the City's website, found at www.glendaleaz.com/

[trees](http://www.glendaleaz.com/trees). The project was funded by a Council-approved grant from the Bureau of Reclamation.

This award was recognized in ACTC's volunteer category. Volunteers are vital to this program, expanding the division's staffing capacity and acting as garden ambassadors by providing tours of the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden and Tree Trail, helping with ongoing garden maintenance, and offering support at special events. As a Tree City USA, the city of Glendale hosted a Tree Trail Opening/Arbor Day celebration this past April. At the celebration, volunteers assisted with education and distribution of more than 100 trees. For additional information on this program, visit www.glendaleaz.com/trees.

Glendale 11 TV Announces New Edition of the Glendale Insider. Television viewers go behind the scenes to Glendale's Materials Testing Lab to learn what it is and why it's so important in the October edition of the "Glendale Insider." Other stories include a full preview of the Parks and Recreation Department's new fall calendar of activities and events, information on how to build a disaster preparedness kit to keep safe during an emergency and a heartwarming story about a local Boy Scout who completed his Eagle Scout project by collecting donations for the Glendale Fire Department. In addition, viewers will get a look at Tanger Outlet Westgate's recent job fair and learn how they can still apply for employment at the new outlet mall set to open next month.

The "Glendale Insider" can be seen on Glendale 11 at various times throughout the day or each individual story can be seen online at www.glendaleaz.com/video. For more information about Glendale 11 or the new TV show, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

Reminder: Public Meeting on Transit Facilities in North Glendale. All Northwest Valley residents are invited to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Arrowhead Towne Center community room, to provide input to the project team on identifying potential locations and priorities for new transit facilities. For additional information on this meeting and the project, call 623-930-3507. This meeting will be held in the Arrowhead Towne Center community room, located on the second floor, adjacent to the food court.

“Read Local” Authors Event at the Library. Shop local, eat local . . . why not “Read Local”? Find something new to read and show your support for authors in your community at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Each author will have approximately five minutes to promote his or her small press or self-published book with a group signing afterward. Genres include everything from memoir to romance to poetry. Four of the 10 authors are Glendale residents.

The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Book prices will vary. For more information, call 623-930-3439 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/library>.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of past City Council Meetings and Workshops, or for the agenda for an upcoming meeting or workshop, visit www.glendaleaz.com/clerk/agendasandminutes.

“Fright Night!” Teen After Hours. Teens will take over the library during an evening of spine-chilling team competition, prizes, deejay music, video games and free pizza. Join us from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Teams will collect points by using a map to journey through the library on a quest to complete an array of hair-raising mental and physical challenges including an investigation of a haunted hallway! The team with the most points at the end of the night will take home movie prize packs! Costumes are encouraged, but not required. This free program is for ages 12-18 and requires registration. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3431.

BOO! Halloween Black Light Puppet Show. Children, ages 3 and older are welcome to Theater Works’ unique, glowing puppet show from 6:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Come early to this free performance because the doors will close once the performance begins. Seating will be first come, first served. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Thousands of Items at the Fabulous Fall Book Sale. Novels, nonfiction, movies, music, audio books and more will be priced to sell at the Foothills Branch Library Fabulous Fall Book Sale, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27. Join us from 1-4 p.m. on Friday and from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday. During the last hour on Saturday, pay just \$1 per bag of items. The Foothills Branch Library is located at 19055 N. 57th Ave. For more information, call 623-930-3830 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Neighborhood Trick or Treat Off the Street Halloween. For a great alternative to traditional trick or treating, join us for “Trick or Treat Off the Street” from 6-8 p.m., Friday, October 26 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Drive. Children 10 and younger can trick or treat at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center and enjoy an evening of activities including: arts and crafts, carnival games, photo opportunities, face painting, and a costume parade. Trick or Treat passports can be purchased the night of the event for \$4 (\$5 non-residents) or can be purchased in advance starting October 1. Supervision is required; the event is free for parents. For information, call 623-930-4610.

VIN Etching. Vin Etching will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m., October 27th at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in the north parking lot. VIN Etching is an auto theft deterrent in which the vehicle’s 17-digit vehicle identification number is permanently etched on the windows of the vehicle. The process takes approximately 10 minutes.

The vehicle owner will be required to show proof of vehicle ownership, current registration and complete a consent form provided by the police department. Some insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for vehicles with VIN etching. Please call 623-930-2554 with any questions.

The Acoustic Jam Session. The Acoustic Jam is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style with fellow musicians. The jam sessions are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. An audience is welcome. Upcoming dates are October 31, November 28 and December 26.

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