

# Sahuaros

## Weekly Update

*The Sahuaros District:  
Celebrating Recreation, Education and Cooperation*

Councilmember Gary Sherwood - Glendale, Arizona

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**Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon – Call for Volunteers Underway.** Glendale employees will team with volunteers to refresh homes around Glendale with new paint as part of the City of Glendale's Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This annual community effort makes a continuous positive impact on Glendale and engages more than 3,000 volunteers valley-wide during this hands-on neighborhood revitalization. Through an application process, several single family home owners unable to repair their homes due to age or physical impairments were able to submit for help as part of the Annual Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon. This program, which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes of applicants who are ages 60 and older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources, or are veterans who are unable to do the work themselves.

It is expected that teams of volunteers will sign up to paint more than 150 homes across the Valley. Last year more than 150 homes were painted during the one-day event, including homes in Glendale.

Only single-family, single-story, owner-occupied residences will be painted. Homes must be in sufficient condition that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. All volunteers must be at least age 14 and volunteers younger than 18 must have signed parental permission slips. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Holiday Open House – November 8.** The holidays are about tradition and historic Downtown Glendale is set to continue one of its own with a seasonal favorite – the 18th Annual Holiday Open House. The shopping extravaganza runs from 10a.m.-4p.m. on Saturday, November 8 and features shops in Glendale's Old Towne and Catlin Court districts offering special deals to help shoppers find that perfect holiday gift – and help our military families as well.

For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4500.

**Glendale Receives National Park Recognition.** The City of Glendale is proud to announce it has been accredited and nationally recognized for its park facilities and recreation programs. This distinguished Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) re-accreditation was awarded during the 2014 National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition adding Glendale to the exclusive list of elite park and recreation departments across the country.

The CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that the City of Glendale has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

A CAPRA accreditation is a quality assurance and improvement process demonstrating the City's commitment to its employees, residents, visitors and the community. Glendale joins Mesa, Peoria, Scottsdale and Tucson as the only Arizona cities to receive this accreditation. As part of

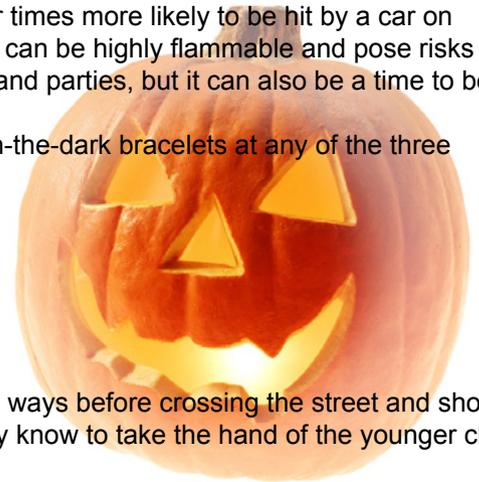
**Veterans Honored at 12th Annual Glendale Memorial Ceremony.** The Glendale Veterans Memorial Association and the Glendale Library and Arts Division cordially invite residents to attend the 12th annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Glendale Veterans Memorial on the front lawn of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. [Click here](#) for more information.



the the accreditation process, the City of Glendale's Park, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Division had to demonstrate compliance in 144 standards. The CAPRA accreditation is a five-year cycle that includes a self-assessment report, on-site visitation and the Commission's review and decision.

**Glendale Offers Resources, Tips for Safe Halloween.** Did you know that children are four times more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than any other night of the year? In addition, seasonal decorations and costumes can be highly flammable and pose risks to your family or your home. Halloween is a popular holiday, with costumes, trick-or-treating and parties, but it can also be a time to be mindful of safety precautions to make sure everyone has a fun time and stays safe.

The city of Glendale is offering 'Be Safe, Be Seen' reflective Halloween bags and glow-in-the-dark bracelets at any of the three Glendale libraries, which are free while supplies last.



- If trick-or-treating, remember to wear something reflective.
- Drivers should stay on alert, especially in residential neighborhoods.
- Make sure costumes fit to increase the mobility and visibility of children wearing them.
- *USA Safe Kids* suggests children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult.
- Check all treats before they are eaten and report anything suspicious.
- Be sure your children know how to cross a street properly. They should always look both ways before crossing the street and should only cross at corners or crosswalks. Make sure that if you have more than one child, they know to take the hand of the younger child when they cross a street.
- For the purpose of lighting jack-o-lanterns, use a flashlight or a liquid light that glows after it bends, **not candles**.
- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torchlights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to **stop, drop and roll** in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume so they can be seen while walking in neighborhoods.
- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home. Make sure that they know not to deviate from the planned route so that you always know where they will be.

Make the most of your Halloween festivities by following these safety tips from the city of Glendale.

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**Council Meetings and Workshops.** To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

**G.A.I.N. Neighborhood Party Night – Saturday, November 1.** G.A.I.N. 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. We invite Glendale neighborhoods to coordinate a neighborhood party, promote safety and awareness of community issues and increase neighborhood communication and participation. Plan your party anytime between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. The length of the party is up to each neighborhood.

Councilmember Sherwood will reimburse neighborhoods up to \$50 for supplies used at Sahuaro District events. Please call the City Council Office at 623-930-2249 for information on how to receive these funds.

Registration is required. All registration forms must be received by October 29, 2014 in order to be placed on the roster for Police, Fire and city personnel to attend. [Click here](#) for more information or to register your event.

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