

Sahuaros

Weekly Update

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

Councilmember Gary Sherwood - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale Welcomes Two Companies and 800 jobs. More than 800 jobs are coming to Glendale, and the city's newest company, Empereon, will be one of 10 employers onsite at a December 3 Glendale Job Fair at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center, 5600 W. Union Hills, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Job seekers will have the opportunity to complete employment applications for a variety of organizations equaling more than 1,000 new Glendale positions.

The majority of the jobs are thanks in part to the expansion of two new companies that will open in the next few months. Glendale's Economic Development Department worked with Empereon Marketing on an expansion project for a customer call center operation and also assisted the Barron Lighting Group in identifying a location for a new production facility.

Empereon Marketing will expand into its second Valley location at 5260 W. Phelps Road, southwest of Bell Road and 51st Avenue. This expansion will add 750 new jobs to the Glendale area with an annual economic impact to the city of \$900,000. The new 40,000-square-foot facility is located two miles from the company's corporate headquarters. Empereon is a leading provider of comprehensive call center solutions, providing inbound call center services.

Barron Lighting Group, a manufacturer of an extensive product line of emergency, commercial and industrial lighting, recently purchased a new 80,000-square-foot facility in the Glendale Airpark located at 7445 Glen Harbor Blvd. Barron expects to hire 80 employees within the first year of operation.

To contact Glendale's Economic Development Department, call (623) 930-2983 or [click here](#).



Glendale Police Department Hiring Police Officers. The Glendale Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for the positions of Police Officer Recruit and Police Officer Lateral. Applications for Police Officer Recruit will be accepted beginning Thursday, December 2 at 12 a.m. and closing on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. Recruitment is currently open for the position of Police Officer Lateral and applications are being accepted on a continual basis.

The Glendale Police Department expects to fill over 30 Police Officer vacancies. Candidates interested in becoming Police Officers with the Glendale Police Department are encouraged to attend an optional information session which is being held on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center, located at 11550 W. Glendale Ave, in Glendale, Arizona.

For more information, including application material, [click here](#).

Help Keep Fats, Oils, and Grease Out Of Your Drains This Thanksgiving and All Year Long. Enjoying holiday meals is a great way to connect with family and enjoy company, but before the fancy feast is on the table you should know the proper way to dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) that should not end up in your drains.

Keeping fats, oils and grease (FOG) out of your drains is important, because it can cause major damage to your home through sewer blockages and overflows. Here are a few tips to properly dispose of the fats, oils and grease at your home:

- Soak up small amounts in paper towels and dispose in the trash.
- Save containers such as milk jugs and coffee containers with covers so you can pour excess grease in the containers after you cook. When they are halfway full, cover and dispose of it the trash.
- Freeze in a container or tin can to solidify the liquid fats and oils. Dispose of the frozen and solidified grease in the trash on collection day.
- For larger amounts of grease or oil, use cat litter to absorb or solidify the grease. Place it in a plastic bag and dispose of it in the trash.

Glendale 11 and the Water Services Department have produced an informational video about FOG and Glendale's wastewater system. Visit <http://youtu.be/HBnIPLKc5oY> to learn more.

For more information, call Glendale Water Services at 623-930-4100 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterservices.

Glendale's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Recognized As "High Performer" By Federal Government. The city of Glendale was recently recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as "High Performer" for the fiscal year ending this past June.

Through the Section 8 Management Assessment Program, HUD rates all housing authorities annually, based on 14 key program areas. Glendale Housing received a score of 99% and has been rated as a high performing program for 14 out of the last 15 years.

Glendale's Community Housing Division is responsible for addressing the rental housing needs of Glendale residents who cannot afford housing in the private market.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program provides safe, decent and affordable housing for more than 1,300 Glendale families monthly and distributes more than \$11 million in federal funds to landlords with Glendale rental properties.

For more information on Glendale's Housing Division, call 623-930-2180 or [click here](#).

Around Town

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

Downtown Glendale Shopping Offers Alternative to Black Friday Frenzy and Great Deals. Want to get your holiday shopping started without all the rush of Black Friday? Head to Downtown Glendale on Friday, Nov. 29 to leisurely browse more than 90 specialty shops and boutiques for unique gift ideas.

Not only can shoppers have a more relaxing experience, but several businesses are offering specials on the landmark shopping day. And, there is an added bonus for shoppers: when night falls, the downtown area lights up with 1.5 million lights and a bevy of holiday entertainment at the Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend, from 5-10 p.m.

If you're inclined to extend your shopping experience into the weekend, head to Downtown Glendale on Saturday and support a national initiative called Small Business Saturday. This program was designed to encourage shoppers to spend their dollars with locally-owned small businesses, which will, in turn stimulate the local economy.

Finally, if you are looking for something special for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list, why not give them something they won't see coming – the gift of Glendale! The city has compiled a list of unique gift ideas such as dedicating a tree in someone's name, making a donation to the city's "From the Heart" fund, or registering them for a special interest class. For the complete list of ideas and where to purchase, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalegifts.

For additional information on shopping in downtown Glendale for Black Friday or Small Business Saturday, call the Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or [click here](#).

STEM @ the Library: Energy Explorers: Sun, Wind and Water! Children ages 7-12 can learn about renewable forms of energy and ways to conserve energy around their homes in this hands-on workshop.

- **4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 2 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.**
- **4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**
- **4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.**

STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Office is presenting this program in partnership with the Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department. Registration is required. To register, call 623-930-3837 (Foothills Branch), 623-930-3537 (Main) or 623-930-3437 (Velma Teague Branch); or stop by the youth reference desk or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act.

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