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A Message from Councilmember Malnar

Greetings Sahuaro District Residents,

This week the council met in a budget study session to review capital projects that totaled \$136.2 million for the 2017 fiscal year. The year officially begins July 1, 2016.



This week a new thrift store opened west of the former K-Mart building at 67th Ave./Bell Rd. (Photo by Ed Sharpe, Daily Planet).

The major items to be funded will be for water and sewer upgrades, improvements that will total \$62 million. These are upgrades necessitated due to our aging facilities and city growth. As part of a joint agreement with the City of Peoria, these costs will be shared between the two cities.

Landfill improvements are also included and will cost \$17.6 million. However, part of that expense may be delayed several years if the Federal Government approves an application to raise the current landfill height restrictions a few feet. In addition, up to \$16 million will be allocated to pave land the city owns near the Cardinals' stadium which will fulfill the city's parking requirements per our agreement. Transportation is slated for \$14 million, the bulk of which is for street improvements throughout the city. Lastly, the Western Area Library is slated to

receive an allocation of \$1.7 million for a 7500 sq. ft. facility.

Most of the revenues for these capital expenditures will come from current fund balances, and some from bonds. Currently, council policy does not allow property tax levy increases for bond debt.

As a reminder, please reserve the evening of March 24th at 5:30 p.m. to attend the Sahuaro District meeting at the Paseo Tennis and Racquet Center (See details below).

- *Ray Malnar*



Councilmember
Ray Malnar

Sahuaro District Meeting

Thursday, March 24
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Paseo Racquet Center
63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road

Join us for some fun tennis,
food & prizes!

Learn from city staff about
Envision 2040 (Glendale's General Plan),
Neighborhood Services, Parks and Recreation,
Public Safety and Public Works

RSVP: vornelas@glendale.az.com or 623-930-2016



Boards and Commissions-

Are you looking for a way to serve and shape your community? Citizen involvement and input is essential to the success of local government. The city encourages you to consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's boards and commissions. Most boards/commissions meet once a month. We encourage you to apply for more than one board/commission

because vacancies occur monthly.

For the most current vacancies or a list of boards/commissions to serve on visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions/>. For further information you may contact Kriss Carneal at 623-930-2814 or e-mail her at kcarneal@glendaleaz.com.

Current Sahuaro and At-Large Vacancies:

Sahuaro

Aviation Advisory Commission
Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission
Community Development Advisory Committee

At-Large

Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee - 3 openings
Industrial Development Authority
Judicial Selection Advisory Board
Risk Mgt/Worker's Compensation Trust Fund Board

Ribbon Cuttings -

Insights for Life & True Rest Arrowhead

Monday, March 21, 2016 * Ribbon Cutting at 5:30pm
18589 N. 59th Avenue, Suite 108 & 109, Glendale, AZ 85308

Come out for the Grand Opening Celebration of Insights for Life in its new location and the launch of their new True REST Arrowhead Float Spa!
The event will be from 5-7 with appetizers and drawings for prizes throughout the event!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT -

GLENDALE/PEORIA YMCA
FRAMES FOR FAMILIES BOWLING
CELEBRATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016, 5:30pm
AT GLENFAIR LANES



WHAT: "Frames for Families" is a fun, community celebration in which teams who have secured donations to support the Glendale/Peoria YMCA bowl 100 frames on April 21st at Glenfair Lanes.

WHEN: Thursday, April 21st 5:30pm to 8:30pm,

WHERE: Glenfair Lanes, 6110 N. 59th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301

TEAM: Teams are comprised of individuals who have been a part of our Annual Community Support Campaign. Each team of 5 bowlers will be bowling for a team cause.

DONATIONS: must be made in lump sums by April 14th or through pledges paid throughout the year. **All donations are tax deductible*

We will be holding a raffle drawing for a wide array of items such as:

- > Autographed Sports Merchandise
- > Wet & Wild Waterpark Tickets
- > Event Tickets
- > Family Movie Packages
- & So Much More!

For more information, contact
Shelly Smith at 602-212-5199 / slbrown@vosymca.org
The Glendale/ Peoria YMCA is a 501c3- all donations are tax deductible.

Team Bowler Description

Specific Tasks:

- Bowl on Thursday, April 21st. Participate as a **BOWLER** and help secure pledges as a part of the team goal.
- Be a **DONOR** and support the Y in its efforts to make a difference in the community.
- Participate as a **CAMPAIGNER** and help secure pledges to help your team reach its \$1,000 fundraising goal.
- **SUPPORT** a team Cause- \$1,000 will support a team bowling for:

Drowning Prevention through swim lessons and water safety sessions.
Every \$50 will support 1 child with swim lessons and water safety education.

Preparing Young Adults to Be Self-Sufficient through our teen Leaders Club program. \$1,000 will provide a teen program to young adults to focus on leadership, wellness and volunteerism.

Reducing Chronic Disease by providing affordable memberships for families to develop a healthier lifestyle. \$1,000 will provide a family with a 1 year membership to the YMCA.

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STEAMshop
CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING WORKSHOP



Register on our Website WWW.AZSTEAMSHOP.ORG

Martin Art Center's
AZ STEAM SHOP
14075 N. 59TH AVE. GLENDALE, AZ 85306
PHONE 623 240-2206 or 602 791-3935

We offer FREE summer programs for youth ages K-12 grades
3:00-6:30pm Daily and Saturday 10-4pm
We also have extended in-depth classes with low fees.

Kids will enjoy:	Computer Programming	Painting / BEAT LAB
Robotics	FREQ FREAK	Stamp / Print Making
Drawing	String Art	Paper Rockets and MORE!

STE[+a]M = (Science, Technology, Engineering, ART and Math)

With FREE programs, Kids are given the chance to explore, create, and develop an awareness of STEM.

The AZ STE[+a]M Shop welcomes Out of School Time (OST) K-12 area kids to have fun with science and technology while making ART! Our Multimedia Stage, Computer Center, and Maker Space fill the day with fun so kids have an Extraordinary Opportunity to be Creative.

For more information about us or STEAM Resources E-mail Marty Marty.W@MartinArtCenter.org

Martin Art Center is a private non-profit 501 (c) -3 organization and is not affiliated with the City of Glendale, AZ.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS -



Glendale To Offer Free "HOA Academy" Classes

Community members looking for advice on how to run neighborhood and homeowner associations are invited to participate in a free four-week HOA Academy training series conducted by the city of Glendale in partnership with Mulcahy

Law Firm, P.C. The classes will be held Tuesday afternoons, April 5-26, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown St.

The seminar-style courses, taught by industry experts and HOA attorneys from the Mulcahy Law Firm, focus on key issues commonly faced by HOA groups, including:

- Secrets and Available Legal Remedies for Collection of Delinquent Assessments
- Board Member Roles and Responsibilities
- Self-Managed vs. Professionally Managed Associations - 101
- Dealing with Difficult People and Harassment
- Solar Panels and Creating a Green Community
- Environmental Awareness - Resources for You!

"Leadership in the community begins in our neighborhoods, and I highly encourage people to get involved because these classes can be very helpful from a communication and an information standpoint," said Mayor Jerry Weiers. "The better informed we are, the better decisions we make."

The HOA Academy series is free to Glendale residents and \$20 for non-residents. Class size is limited and early registration is recommended. To learn more or register, contact Glendale Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2820 and use code #474099-04. For online registration or more information about class content, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/neighborhoodservices.

Visit Glendale Holds Photo Challenge Conjunction With Arizona PBS Station. Contest Highlights 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' -

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. - The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, newly rebranded as Visit Glendale, has recently launched a photo challenge in conjunction with KAET, Arizona's PBS station. The photo challenge is themed 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'.

The contest, called 'Capture My Arizona,' is an ongoing campaign designed to showcase Arizona through the eyes of Arizona photographers. Through the contest, individual challenges focus on particular areas, events, or other items of interest. "This time of year is all about the sweet life - whether it's the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, an upcoming spring training game, or even just a sweet walk with your dog in the park," said Lorraine Zomok, President & CEO Visit Glendale. "We are looking for what the sweet life means to both residents and visitors."

The 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' challenge, which runs Feb. 1 through March 31, will offer two prizes, both Cerreta Candy Company chocolate baskets, one for editor's choice and one for people's choice.

To enter, visit <http://www.capturemyarizona.com/challenges/living-the-sweet-life-in-glendale-az>. The contest ends on March 31. Find additional information on Glendale

SPECIAL FEATURE -



[City of Glendale Receives A+ With Bond Rating Upgrade -](#)

Significantly Improved Financial Situation Cited

For the second time this year, the City of Glendale has received a bond rating upgrade from a financial rating agency.

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has raised its long-term and underlying ratings for the city's general obligation bonds to an A+ from BBB+. The upgrade follows a series of Standard & Poor's downgrades since 2012.

Standard & Poor's cites adequate budgetary performance with balanced operating results, very strong budgetary flexibility with an available fund balance in fiscal year 2015, very strong liquidity and strong management with good financial policies and practices as reasons for the three-notch improvement.

[News Release](#)

[We Need Your Input!](#)

Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library -



In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale. The [Library Advisory Board](#) is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services. [Details](#)

[Community Input Sought on](#)



Glendale's General Plan -

The City of Glendale has released the Public Draft of the 2040 General Plan and is pleased to invite you to a download and review the major components of the Plan. The City and the General Plan Steering Committee have been working to update the General Plan since the Spring of 2014.

The Public Draft General Plan can be downloaded at www.glendale2040.com. In order to develop a plan that is responsive to local needs, input from the community is essential. The public is encouraged to download and comment on the Public Draft General Plan to ensure that the Plan addresses community desires and interest.

The Steering Committee meets every other month. Please contact Jon Froke, Planning Director at (623) 930-2585 or jfroke@glendaleaz.com if you have any questions about Glendale 2040.



2016 Glendale Family Bike Ride **Online Pre-Registration is Open -**

www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride

to pre-register and complete waiver forms. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the free annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch

Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road.

This is a ride for all ages and features three routes - short, long, and extended (6, 15, or 23 miles) through Glendale's neighbourhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge. For more information go to

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/GlendaleFamilyBikeRide> or call 623-930-2940.

GLENDALE EVENTS -

ALL ABOARD FOR A GLENDALE HISTORICAL JOURNEY:

13TH ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION TOUR Space is Limited for this

Popular Tour Sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride -

GLENDALE, Ariz. - Take a step back through time during Glendale's 13th annual Historic Preservation Tour. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale, as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant.

"The historic preservation tour remains a great way to see some of Glendale's most treasured landmarks and Historic Districts that trace the footsteps of the past," said Glendale Historic Preservation Officer Jon Froke. "Glendale enjoys 10 Historic Districts and the tour will pass through many of them."

DATE & TIME OF TOUR

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Check in and Boarding Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Departure Time: 9 a.m.

Return Time: Noon

Point of Departure & Return: Glendale Civic Center

5750 W. Glenn Dr.

A detailed itinerary, along with maps and other informational items will be provided on the tour. Participation is limited to the 95 seats available on two motor coaches, and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Children ages 15 and above are welcome, if accompanied by an adult. The tour is offered for free, thanks to a sponsorship from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

To make a reservation or request additional information, contact City Planner Martin Martell at mmartell@glendaleaz.com.

Adopt A Street Program Volunteer Cleanup (Sahuaro District)-

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 1, 2016

51st Ave Greenway to Thunderbird

Volunteers from Northwest Christian School will conduct litter patrol for their adopted street. Staff contact: Michelle Yates at 623-930-2044.

Glendale Empowerment Expo -

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Saturday April 23 from

Glendale Civic Center

The Glendale Empowerment Expo, hosted by Glendale's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, will connect local community members with nonprofits, community-based organizations and government agencies serving individuals with physical disabilities. The event will feature a resource and information fair, a town hall meeting to encourage

public discussion, and awards recognizing the contributions of an individual and service provider who have improved the disability community in Glendale. Staff contact: Stephanie Miller at 930-3433.

The Folk & Heritage at Sahuaro Ranch
on Saturday, March 19th & 20th @ Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave., Glendale -

The FREE event features folk and bluegrass music performed by more than 250 musicians, authentic storytelling and cowboy poetry. The FREE event features folk and bluegrass music performed by more than 250 musicians, authentic storytelling and cowboy poetry.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Some seating is available, however, attendees are advised to bring their own lawn chairs or picnic blankets. For more information about times and listings of entertainment and activities, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/SRPH, or call 623-930-4201.

Make Your Taxes Less Taxing -

Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by appointment only), through Apr. 18, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Geek Out with Computer Games & Coding -

*Go Mobile: Game Club (Ages 12-18) & Glendale Code Club (Ages 10-18)

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Mar. 1-Apr. 26, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Code Club requires registration but Game Club does not. For more information, call 623-930-3537 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

*Go Mobile: Game Club (Ages 12-18)

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays, Mar. 3-Apr. 28, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Adult Coloring Club -

Monday, Mar. 21, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Adults coloring? Absolutely! Become part of the newest trend in stress relief. Coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided, but feel free to bring your own art supplies, too. For information, call 623-930-3849 (FBL), 623-930-3573 (Main), or 623-930-3440 (VTL).

Arizona Artists Guild's Sixth Annual Juried Statewide Exhibition of Fine Arts March Gallery Hours: 6 to 9 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays & by appointment, from March 4th to 26th -

This exhibition will feature creations by artists from all over the state of Arizona working in all types of visual art media, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and digital art. The exhibit will be juried by three professionals in the arts: Tim Conte, Visiting Artist - Arizona State University; John Tuomisto-Bell, owner of Tuomisto-Bell Studio and Foundry; and Nathan Feller, drawing and design instructor at Paradise Valley Community College. Prizes will be awarded by the jurors, including Best of Show (\$1000), Award of Excellence (\$500) and Award of Merit (\$250).

The Arizona Artists Guild was established in 1928 with the mission to encourage the support of local artists working in all artistic media. For more information about the Arizona Artists Guild, visit www.arizonaartistsguild.net.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The Gallery is located at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102, next to Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 623-930-3557, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

January - March, Mondays - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: (City-Wide) - Citizenship Classes:

Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this free, ten-week class will teach the fundamentals of United States Politics, Government, and History included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. The classes will be held on Feb. 22 and 29; and March 7, 14, 21, 28 at the Velma Teague Library. They are free and open to the general public. Registration is required. For more information, please contact Mike Beck at 930-3546.

Coffee with a Cop Events-

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

- **Shred Event (Cactus & Barrel District). The Glendale Police Department will host a Shred Event on Saturday, March 26, from 8-11 am.** The event will take place at Target, located at 10404 N. 43rd Ave. Each household is limited to five

(5) banker's boxes and due to demand, this service may conclude if trucks are full. I would like to thank the Glendale Police Department for their assistance in scheduling and facilitating this event. For additional information, please call 623-930-2250.

- **Shred Event -Sponsored by Councilmember Tolmachoff & The Glendale Police Department**

Saturday, April 9, 2016
8:00am - 11:00am
Sierra Verde Elementary School
7241 Rose Garden Ln.

Service Spotlight

Some quick links to help our users:



[Water Services](#)

[Glendale Police Department](#)

[Glendale Fire Department](#)

[Join Nextdoor](#)- The Glendale Police Department is using Nextdoor to connect with residents to promote stronger and safer neighborhoods. This page is not monitored 24/7. For emergencies call 9-1-1.

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My Glendale Today Show: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh2gy1UEBrT9hlluOgpa3I7xt9Gc-r5V)

[list=PLh2gy1UEBrT9hlluOgpa3I7xt9Gc-r5V](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh2gy1UEBrT9hlluOgpa3I7xt9Gc-r5V)

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