

# Yucca Weekly Update



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## Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday!



**Fireworks!** With the 4th of July holiday upon us, there has been renewed interest in “consumer fireworks” since the state legislature approved their sale in 2010. Below is information on the sale and use of fireworks in Glendale:

During the public meeting on April 24, 2012, the City Council unanimously approved an Ordinance which stated: **“The use of consumer fireworks of any kind within the city of Glendale is prohibited.”** This Ordinance also detailed any restriction imposed on the sale of consumer fireworks, and outlines consequences for violation of the Ordinance. The Ordinance became effective on May 25, 2012.

However, during the recently completed legislative session, the legislature passed and the Governor signed a fireworks bill (SB 1158) that preempts cities in Maricopa County from regulating the sale or use of fireworks during certain periods of the year. The bill had an emergency clause attached to it so it was effective immediately upon the signature of the Governor (April 22, 2014).

What this means is that Glendale can no longer prohibit the SALE of **permissible consumer fireworks** from May 20 through July 6 and December 10 through January 3 each year. In addition, Glendale is forced to allow and cannot prohibit the USE of **permissible consumer fireworks** from June 24 through July 6 and December 24 through January 3 each year. For a list of permissible consumer fireworks, please visit: [http://phoenix.gov/webcms/groups/internet/@inter/@dept/@fire/@prev/documents/web\\_content/083287.pdf](http://phoenix.gov/webcms/groups/internet/@inter/@dept/@fire/@prev/documents/web_content/083287.pdf).

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.dfbls.az.gov/fireworks/information.aspx>

The city will be able to continue to regulate the sale and use of fireworks outside those statutorily outlined dates.

For further information on fireworks in Glendale, please call (623) 930-4400 or [click here](#).

**Independence Day Holiday Notice.** City of Glendale offices will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. For a complete list of service schedules and facility closures, [click here](#).

**Glendale Library’s New E-book Platform Provides Hundreds of Book Titles.** The Glendale Public Library has enhanced its selection of e-book materials with the arrival of Axis 360, a new e-book platform that provides libraries with a state-of-the-art system for circulating digital books.

With more than 600 current and popular adult titles in both fiction and nonfiction, library patrons can explore and search for specific titles or browse books by subject, “just added,” “most popular,” “new releases” and “hidden gems.” Library users will also see children and teen materials added to the site by late summer/early fall thanks to the e-Merging Readers Library Services and Technology Act grant awarded to Glendale.

Lending periods for the materials from Axis 360 range from seven to 14 days with no late fees, and are available in Blio and e-Pub format, which can be read on the free, downloadable Blio app or Axis Reader app (both available through iOS and Android). In addition, Blio is the first reader app to be 100% compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Visit our website at [http://www.glendaleaz.com/library/Digital\\_Media.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library/Digital_Media.cfm) for more details on using the Blio app, the Axis Reader app or accessing our Axis 360 “Magic Wall.” Users may also go directly to the library’s new platform at <http://gplaz.axis360.baker-taylor.com>.

The Library plans to expand on this collection over the next few years to build an e-book library that has both quantity and diversity. To provide us suggestions for the collection, send an e-mail to: [elibrarian@glendaleaz.com](mailto:elibrarian@glendaleaz.com). For more information about the Glendale libraries, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

# Around Town

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

**Glendale Community Band Brings Music to Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings.** Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 48<sup>th</sup> season in Downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. through July 24, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58<sup>th</sup> and Glenn drives.

Each week will feature a different musical theme.

- July 10-Classic Disney. Highlights: Classic Disney movie songs and medleys from the 40's and 50's.

The Glendale Summer Band Concert Series is sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride and Glendale Rotary Club. For more information call the Glendale Special Events hotline, 623-930-2299 or [click here](#).

**Historic Downtown Glendale Hosts Old-Fashioned Christmas In July Celebration.** "Step Back in Time" as Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas on Saturday, July 19 for the city's 8th annual Christmas in July celebration.

Visitors will enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Old Towne and Catlin Court, as well as an opportunity to donate to a summer food drive. Get your shopping for gifts and decorations completed early and avoid the rush! Christmas cheer begins at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140, where you'll pick up an event map, coupons and savings pack.

Christmas in July also kicks off the start of installing 1.5 million lights for the city's annual holiday light display. The installation of the holiday lights takes more than four months and 5,000 labor hours to complete in order to be ready for Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend on Nov. 28-29.

For more information on the food bank, visit <http://hopeforhungerfb.org>. For more information about Christmas in July, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or [click here](#).

**Local Author Shona Patel Attends Book Signing and Discussion at Velma Teague Library.** Authors @ the Teague is proud to host award-winning local author Shona Patel for a signing and discussion of her critically-acclaimed debut novel, "Teatime for the Firefly," at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 26 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Born under an unlucky star, Layla Roy knows her chances of marriage in 1940s India are virtually nonexistent. However, the unconventional education provided by her grandfather, combined with her own cleverness, allow her to change her fate. Her new life in the famous tea plantations of Assam with her husband, Manik, also marks the start of a new life for India in the wake of fundamental changes wrought by World War II.

"Patel's remarkable debut effortlessly transports readers back to India on the brink of independence... enthralling characters, exotic setting, and evocative writing style," excerpt from a "Booklist" starred review.

Shona Patel's adventurous childhood as the daughter of an Assam tea planter helped to inspire the richly authentic world of "*Teatime for the Firefly*." An honors graduate in English literature from Calcutta University and a trained graphic designer, she now writes full-time and lives with her husband in Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free discussion. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call 623-930-3431. For more information about the Glendale libraries, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library)

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