



## The Popular Family Bike Ride Rolls through Glendale April 12

The annual Glendale Family Bike Ride will be held on Sunday, April 12 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise. This ride is for all ages and levels from kids to adults. The event features three routes – short, long, and extended. The extended route showcases the 63rd Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge making the ride 6, 15 or 23 miles. Bicyclist will take a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways, and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge.

There are no registration fees and the ride is free. Additionally, the first 500 riders that pre-register and attend (online or via mail) will receive a t-shirt. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must be on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the routes. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need.

After the ride, children and families can enjoy inflatables at Sahuaro Ranch Park until 11 a.m. Bring the whole family for great weather and free entertainment. To pre-register and complete a waiver form, or for more information visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride) or call 623-930-2940.

## Travel Green in Glendale Bike to Work/School



Attention all Glendale residents! Simply Travel Green and ride your bicycle to work/school any day during the week of April 19 - 25, post it on Facebook ([facebook.com/GlendaleAZ](https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleAZ)) with a photo of you riding

your bicycle and tag the city of Glendale so we can see you in action! You will be entered into a random drawing for gift cards and freebies! INFO: 623-930-2032 or [sadams@glendaleaz.com](mailto:sadams@glendaleaz.com)

## 2015 Transportation Open House

The 13th Annual Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Open House will be held on Wednesday, April 22 from 4:30 - 7 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Center (5750 W. Glenn Drive). Please join us, as we will have representatives on hand to answer questions on such projects as Northern Parkway, regional freeway/highway programs, the light rail, and multiple bicycle/pedestrian paths. Residents will also have the opportunity to speak with Glendale Transportation representatives and engineering consultants, learn more about current and upcoming transportation projects, and provide input on the program.

INFO: 623-930-2940 or [glendaleaz.com/transportation](http://glendaleaz.com/transportation)

## Shred Event April 11

Police's Community Action Teams want you to know that shredding old and unwanted documents has become a vital part of protecting yourself from data and identity theft. Join us Saturday, April 11, at Highland Lakes School (19000 N. 63rd Ave.) parking lot. Each household can bring up to three bankers size boxes of personal documents to be shredded on site. This free service will be offered from 8 to 11 a.m., or until the disposal trucks are full. INFO: 623-695-0440 or [glendaleaz.com/police](http://glendaleaz.com/police)

## Childsplay Theatre: A Thousand Cranes on April 25

*Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., Roadrunner Room*

Enjoy this free live theater presentation based on the book "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" by Eleanor Coerr before the library opens on Saturday, April 25 from 11 a.m. – noon. Seventy years after Hiroshima, Childsplay brings back the powerful drama about a young Japanese girl and her dream. This poignant, yet hopeful, play tells the true story of Sadako Sasaki, who was just 2 years old when the bomb fell on Hiroshima. Sadako's courage and determination in the face of personal adversity remains relevant half a century later as children around the world still dream of peace. This special presentation is made possible by a partnership between The Glendale Arts Commission and Childsplay, Inc. Recommended for children age 7 and up and their families. No registration required. The library lobby will open at 10:45 a.m. for seating.



## A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

When it comes to hosting mega events, Glendale, Arizona is as

good as it gets. I cannot express how proud I am to be the mayor of such an outstanding city. Working together, we accomplished something amazing by putting on a spectacular – and above all SAFE – Super Bowl XLIX.

More than a year of hard work occurred behind the scenes to prepare our city for the biggest sporting event in America. Our public safety folks lead a broad coalition of agencies from across the region and nation that produced a safe event without any major issues.

In addition, we had staff engaged on the day of the event ranging from senior management to public works to even finance. I thank all of our city staff who helped host this great event.

Glendale sets the standard for hosting mega events. One Super Bowl announcer even proclaimed Glendale as America’s sports capital. That said, I am committed to working with our state leaders to ensure that we as a host city do not bear all of the public safety costs on future mega events. We will pay our fair share, but we must have a more equal distribution of the statewide financial benefits of hosting mega events like the Super Bowl. I am optimistic that we can achieve this goal this year.

As always, you can reach me by phone at 623-930-2260 or email at [mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com). You can also follow me on Facebook ([facebook.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.facebook.com/MayorWeiers)), Twitter ([@MayorWeiers](https://twitter.com/MayorWeiers)), and YouTube ([youtube.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.youtube.com/MayorWeiers)).

In your service,

Jerry P. Weiers  
Mayor

## Choosing Senior Living Accommodations on April 11

*Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., Storytime Room*

When you can no longer live independently and must find a group living situation, how do you choose? Join AARP volunteer Ritch Steven on Saturday, April 11 from 2-3 p.m. as he discusses alternative accommodations for seniors. This program is free and open to the public. INFO: 623-930-3440

## Create, Connect, Collaborate: Lego Stop-Action Movies for Teens on April 13

*Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Creative Space*

Join us on Monday, April 13 from 5-7:30 p.m. Use Lego bricks, digital cameras and free computer software to make your own stop-action movies to take home on your own USB drive! This Create, Connect, Collaborate program is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This program is for teens, 12-18 only. INFO: 623-930-3530

## Is Your Property in a Designated Flood Hazard Area?

Did you know some parts of Glendale are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as being in a special flood hazard area (SFHA)? Properties in these areas are required to purchase flood insurance as part of their home mortgage. However, other sections of the city are subject to flooding that are not shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

Glendale’s Engineering Department has copies of the updated FIRMs for the entire city and can let you know if your property is in a special flood hazard area and may be able to let you know if flooding has been reported in your area in the past. The city’s Engineering Department also has copies of the most recent FEMA elevation certificates for some structures within the city as well as the updated floodplain ordinance on file.

All properties within Glendale can obtain flood insurance whether or not you are in a designated flood area. Remember, most standard homeowners’ policies do not cover flood loss. INFO: 623-930-3630

## Ebook Reader Lab April 23

*Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Large Meeting Room*

Want to learn how to get free downloadable books, audiobooks and more from your library? Join Digital Librarian, Marlene Jacobson to learn about borrowing digital materials from the library. Bring your own eReader for specific advice. Join us on Thursday, April 23 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library. No registration is necessary. INFO: 623-930-3531

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