

# Happening Soon

## At your parks

### Third Annual Foothills Health Fair

The Third Annual Foothills Health Fair is being held from 10 a.m. -1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W Union Hills Dr.

This is an opportunity to gain interesting and valuable health and wellness information for all ages. A variety of local health-related companies and organizations will have informational booths and some will provide services such as free chair massages and blood pressure checks.

Some of the information booths will include chiropractors, Midwestern College of Pharmacy, local cancer advocates, Family Nutrition Center, Foot Solutions, personal trainers, nutrition specialists, Red Means Stop Coalition, Physicians Physical Therapy Services and much more.

This is also an opportunity to check out the health and fitness options available at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center. Staff will be available to explain our special interest classes, year-round water aerobic classes, racquetball, basic aerobics, personal trainers, and nutrition counseling. Tours of the fitness center, aquatics area, indoor walking/jogging track and other amenities will also be available. For more information, call 623-930-4608.

### Winter/Spring Youth Sports Registration

Glendale will offer leagues for ages 3-14 in basketball, flag football, kickball, t-ball, cheer, and box soccer.

Registration is Dec. 14-Jan. 15. Late registration is Jan. 9-15 (\$10 added fee). Games will begin on Saturday, Feb. 27. For more information contact Mike Grono at mgrono@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2834.



### Spring Fever

As a resident of the city of Glendale, you have the opportunity to purchase tickets on sale for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox 2010 spring training season in advance of the general public! To take advantage of this offer, visit [www.camelbackranchbaseball.com](http://www.camelbackranchbaseball.com) from Jan. 7-8 and click on Single Game Tickets. Use "Glendale" as the promo code when prompted.

Camelback Ranch – Glendale also offers season tickets, 3- and 7-game Mini Plans and can accommodate any size for a group outing! Visit [www.camelbackranchbaseball.com](http://www.camelbackranchbaseball.com) for more information, or call 623-302-5000.

## At your libraries

### Minding Your Money Reunion: Is an Investment Club Right for You?

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Have you taken any of the "Minding Your Money Financial Fitness" classes in 2009? If so, come to the reunion to find out how your classmates have been doing with their knowledge gained from the classes. A special treat is a presentation by the National Association of Investors Corp.'s Better Investing Community, a non-profit organization that supports investment clubs and individual investor education. One of the best ways to continue your financial education is to join or form an investing club with friends or like-minded individuals. Find out what is involved and if this approach is right for you. Even if you have not attended the Minding Your Money classes, but you want to learn about investment clubs, you are welcome to attend. Call Diane at 623-930-3554 for more information or to register.

### Help in Tough Economic Times

Out of work and searching for a job? Trying to make your money stretch? Glendale Public Library's Recession Response is still providing free classes and workshops to help you with skills that may need improvement.

#### Hands-on classes include:

- Jan. 2, 10 a.m. – Getting an e-mail Account (Main Library)
- Jan. 9, 10 a.m. – Writing Your Resumé (Main Library)
- Jan. 16, 10 a.m. – Job Searching Online (Main Library)
- Jan. 26, 1 p.m. – Job Searching after 40 with AARP WorkSearch (Foothills Branch)
- Feb. 2, 10 a.m. – Job Searching after 40 with AARP WorkSearch (Velma Teague Branch)

#### Upcoming scheduled workshops:

- Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m. – How to Succeed in Your Job Search with the Resumé Writer Council of Arizona (Main Library)
- Jan. 30, 10 a.m. – Credit Reports and Credit Scores: Getting the Most Mileage from Credit with Consumer Credit Counseling Services (Main Library)
- Feb. 9, 7 p.m. – Keeping Debt Under Control: Avoiding Detours with Consumer Credit Counseling Services (Foothills Branch)

To register or for more information, call the following numbers:

- Main Library, 623-930-3531, and press "5"
- Foothills Branch, 623-930-3831, and press "5"
- Velma Teague Branch, 623-930-3431, and press "5"

### Holiday Tree Drop-off

The Sanitation Department has established several sites throughout the city where residents can drop off trees for recycling from Dec. 26-Jan. 10. Bring a single, unbagged tree to one of the designated sites, listed online at [www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation).



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# The Connection

A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents

End the  
holiday  
season  
with the



## Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party

Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang during a spectacular finale: the Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 16, from 4-10 p.m.! It's fun for the whole family, including free admission and free parking.

More than 75,000 people will stroll the sidewalks and watch tethered balloons gently expand as pilots fire them up, enjoying more than a dozen bands and several more vibrant street performers, all under the canopy of a stunning 1.5 million lights throughout 12 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale.

Event attendees are encouraged to use the free shuttle to downtown Glendale from Glendale Community

College, located at 59th and Olive avenues. Please note that the shuttles from the north campus lots, and cars should enter off of 59th Ave., north of Olive. The shuttle will run continuously from 3:30-10:30 p.m.

The Glendale Glitter and Glow Block Party is sponsored by Kokopelli Winery, 3-TV KTVK, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, and The Arizona Republic.

For more information, call our special events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events)

## Mark Your Calendar: January is for football and festivals!

Now in its fourth year in Glendale, the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4, 2010 will match up two of college football's greatest teams. Along with the gridiron action, the game brings a multitude of festivities to enjoy. All events are open to the public. Some events charge admission. For details on these events, call 480-350-0911. More information is also available on [www.glendalegotgame.com](http://www.glendalegotgame.com).

**32nd Annual Blue Cross  
Blue Shield of Arizona  
Fiesta Bowl National  
Band Championship  
presented by University  
of Phoenix**

Time: Preliminaries, 1 p.m.  
Finals, 6:30 p.m.  
Date: Friday, Jan. 1  
Location: University of  
Phoenix Stadium

**Fiesta Bowl Youth Football  
Clinic presented by NCAA**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Date: Saturday, Jan. 2  
Location: Glendale Youth  
Sports Complex\*

**Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Brings  
You College Football's  
Biggest Party**

Time: Noon  
Date: Monday, Jan. 4  
Location: Glendale Youth  
Sports Complex\*

**Stadium Club**

Time: 2:30 p.m.  
Date: Monday, Jan. 4  
Location: Glendale Youth  
Sports Complex\*

**39th Annual Tostitos  
Fiesta Bowl**

Time: 6 p.m.  
Date: Monday, Jan. 4  
Location: University of  
Phoenix Stadium



## Glendale's early library days

Velma Teague is the oldest library in the Phoenix metro area, serving residents since 1895. The library was founded by V.E. Messinger, who came to Glendale from California in 1895 and brought his collection of 400 books. Messinger made his books available to whomever wanted to borrow them. Two years later a small building was erected at the north end of the Ryder Lumber and Hardware Company, where he was manager, to house the books. The collection grew as other people donated books.

The Ryder Company moved to what is now the corner of 58th Dr. and Glendale Ave. Messinger moved the library to the second floor of the building and became a part-time volunteer librarian.

On Jan. 1, 1898, the Glendale Public Library Association was organized. Local citizens bought shares for \$5 to help the association grow. The library was moved several times, but in 1917 Mary Catlin Hansen donated funds for a small building to be built in Murphy Park. This small building with the pagoda-like roof was known as the "flagpole library" since it was built around the city's flagpole. This building was home to the library until 1938 when a larger facility was built, which is known today as the Velma Teague.

## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Main Library	Foothills Library	Velma Teague Library
5959 West Brown Street 623-930-3530	19055 North 57th Avenue 623-930-3830	7010 North 58th Avenue 623-930-3430
Glendale park locations are available online at <a href="http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation">www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation</a>		



## A Message from Councilmember Phil Lieberman

### Motorcycle safety

As a motorcycle rider for more than 62 years myself, I would like remind motorcyclists as well as automobile drivers about how important it is to be aware of your surroundings while on the road.

While safety has improved for most transportation modes, the crash rate involving motorcycles continues to rise and unfortunately many result in serious injuries or fatalities. A contributing factor, according to a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is that more people are riding motorcycles as a form of everyday transportation. Nearly two-thirds of all vehicle-motorcycle crashes occur during daylight hours and are caused by the vehicle driver. Many motorists fail to detect motorcyclists because they simply do not see them.

Last year, the city launched a safety campaign in partnership with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to raise awareness among drivers to watch out for motorcyclists on the roadway. To remind drivers, a sign was created which reads "Look Twice for Motorcyclists." Ten signs have been posted within Glendale alerting drivers to "Look Twice." The goal is to increase driver awareness of motorcyclists in traffic, while encouraging motorcyclists to engage in the safe operation of their motorcycle.

During this holiday season and year-round, remember to watch for motorcycle riders, bicyclists and pedestrians! The following are some safety tips:

- Watch for motorcycles. There are more riders than ever before so it's important to watch for motorcycle riders and help them "keep the rubber side down."
- Use caution on crowded roadways. Highways and streets are more congested than ever, so when switching lanes, keep in mind that a motorcycle rider has the same rights as a car, and that applies to entering or exiting highways.
- Wear a helmet. Arizona does not have a mandatory helmet law, so injuries and death numbers have increased. Please wear a helmet, make sure it fits properly and check that it meets the U.S. Department of Transportation standard, which means the helmet should have a DOT sticker.
- Just bought a motorcycle? Develop and expand your riding skills. Be sure to check out the Web sites below for helpful information and training so you can be safe while traveling the streets and highways.

Arizona Motorcycle Rider Training • [www.azmrt.com](http://www.azmrt.com) • 623-979-1839  
Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety • [www.azgohs.gov](http://www.azgohs.gov)  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration • [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

## Calendar

### January

4 Fiesta Bowl, 6 p.m.  
5 Glendale City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*  
12 Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.\*  
15 Friday Nite Lights, 5 p.m.\*  
16 Glendale Glitter & Glow, 4 p.m.\*  
19 Glendale City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*  
26 Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.\*

### February

2 Glendale City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*  
5-7 Glendale's Chocolate Affaire, 5 p.m.\*  
9 Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.\*  
16 Glendale City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.\*  
19 Friday Nite Lights, 5 p.m.\*  
23 Glendale City Council meeting, 7 p.m.\*

For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.  
\*Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale.  
Council workshops and meetings are held in the Glendale Council Chambers in downtown Glendale.

## Volunteers needed for tax preparation assistance for low-income elderly

Could you donate a few hours of your time to make a difference in the lives of Glendale seniors?

The city is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation for low income and elderly residents. You don't need accounting or previous tax preparation experience as training will be provided. Volunteers are needed to be site coordinators, tax preparers, screeners, greeters and interpreters. The hours are flexible and CPE credits are available.

To assist elderly residents, join the AARP Tax-Aide Team. All AARP services will be offered at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. Volunteer for AARP by calling 1-888-687-2277 or visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) or email [aztaxaide@yahoo.com](mailto:aztaxaide@yahoo.com). AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS.

## Celebrating diversity in our communities: Keeping the dream alive

The city of Glendale cordially invites you to attend the city's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon.

Join keynote speaker, Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker, as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The luncheon will be held Jan. 15 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center located at 5750 W. Glenn Drive in Historic Downtown Glendale.

To purchase a ticket, please visit the Glendale Visitor Center at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 or call 623-930-4500.



Glendale Chocolate Affaire coming Feb. 5-7.

## It's U.S. Census time!

The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. All U.S. residents must be counted - both citizens and non-citizens. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Every household in the United States will receive a questionnaire in March of 2010, either via U.S. mail or hand delivery. Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires.

In addition to determining the number of congressional seats on a statewide basis, the census count is also used to distribute federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year. Census revenue goes toward paying for essential city services such as police and fire protection, city parks and libraries, and streets. Schools and hospitals also receive funding based on the census count. The higher the response rate on the 2010 U.S. Census is for Glendale, the more revenue the city receives to provide for these services.

In partnership with the U.S. Census, the city of Glendale will be assisting in an informational campaign to ensure that a thorough count of persons living in our community is completed by April 1, 2010. In the next

several months, you will see a lot of information about the Census and its importance to our community.

As a Glendale resident, it is critical you participate in the Census to ensure you are counted!

For additional information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/census](http://www.glendaleaz.com/census) or [www.census.gov/2010](http://www.census.gov/2010).

### Quick Facts about the 2010 Census

- More than half of the city's operating budget is determined by Census data!
- The count ensures we are fairly represented at the state and federal level.
- It provides funding for police and fire protection.
- The Census helps fund our parks, libraries and roadways.
- The information helps fund school lunch programs and senior centers.
- The higher the response rate on the 2010 U.S. Census for the city of Glendale, the more revenue the city receives to provide essential city services.

## Public Safety Messages

### Glendale Fire Department winter safety advice

Typically during the coming months, many people begin to turn on their heaters and use their fireplaces for the first time of the year. The Glendale fire department urges everyone to use caution as national statistics show that December through February are the months when most home fires occur because of problems with heaters, fireplaces or wood stoves.

Here are some safety tips for this winter:

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from flammable items (curtains, blankets, clothing, furniture, etc).
- When buying a new space heater, make sure it has the mark of an independent test lab and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- When buying heaters, look for devices with automatic shut-off features.
- Fireplaces, chimneys, chimney connectors, wood and coal stoves need to be inspected annually by a professional and cleaned as often as the inspection indicates.
- A sturdy chimney screen will keep sparks from flying into the room.
- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely.
- Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline.
- Do not burn holiday wrapping paper in the fireplace because the coating could cause a flash fire.



### Firearm safety

As a firearms owner, you are responsible for knowing how

to properly handle your firearm and how to secure your firearm in a safe manner.

It's important to follow these safety tips:

- Kids, do not look for firearms in your house or a friend's house.
- If you find a firearm in your house - or anywhere else - leave it alone. Don't touch it! Tell an adult.
- Even if a firearm looks like a toy - don't touch it. Some real firearms look like toys. Don't take a chance.

Parents, it's important for you to remember that your firearms should be fully controlled at all times and should be securely stored in a location inaccessible to children and other unauthorized persons. Ammunition should be stored under lock and key, separate from firearms.

For more information, please contact the Glendale Police Department's Community Action Teams at 623-930-3380.

## Go Coyotes!

Celebrate the Phoenix Coyotes by becoming the ultimate fan. Lots of action is expected on the ice this season, along with fun deals, promotions and special themed nights.

Throughout the 2009-10 season, the Coyotes will continue to introduce new initiatives designed to provide fans with the opportunity to experience great NHL hockey at reasonable prices.

For example, all Monday games this season will be designated as "Military Mondays," when the Coyotes will honor both veterans and current members of the military. Anyone with a military ID can purchase a \$20 lower level ticket or a \$10 upper level ticket from the Jobing.com Arena box office the day of the game. Other promotional games include NASCAR night, 70's Night, Fire Department night and fan appreciation nights.

Another new fan theme this year is called "Join the Pack," which will show appreciation to fans as part of the Coyotes family, and the team is committed to providing a great product they can be proud of. The "Join the Pack" promotion also serves as a call to action, encouraging fans to support the team by purchasing tickets and experiencing Coyotes hockey live at Jobing.com Arena.

The first element of the "Join the Pack" campaign is the new "We Win, You Win" ticket promotion, which will be available for five games during the 2009-10 regular season.

Fans will be given a voucher for a free ticket upon entrance to the designated "We Win, You Win" game. In the event of a Coyotes victory, fans who purchased tickets to that game can redeem their game ticket and voucher for a free ticket to a future Coyotes' game.

Visit [www.phoenixcoyotes.com](http://www.phoenixcoyotes.com) for information about which games have been designated "We Win, You Win" nights.



**All Games Buy One Ticket, Get One FREE**

All price levels except \$60 and \$15 tickets. Seller use J type "Glendale." Redeemable at the Box Office Only