

At your parks...



Ninth Annual Touch-A-Truck February 28

Free admission! Trucks and large vehicles take center stage 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave. This unique event is a wonderful opportunity for families to see,

touch, interact with

and learn about these vehicles and their functions. Bring your camera to get special shots of your child sitting in the driver's seat of an 18 wheeler. Souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call 623-930-2044.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival March 21-22

Come out to Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. and enjoy over 150 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Other highlights include historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area, along with workshops led by accomplished entertainers. Refreshments will be available at a nominal cost; admission is free. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 623-930-4200 for more information.

Summer baseball and softball league for youth ages 4-16

Register your child for summer baseball or softball, and save \$10 by signing up before March 27. Regular registration will take place March 30 - April 10. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. Games will begin the week of June 1. For more information contact Mike Grono at 623-930-2834 or mgonon@glendaleaz.com.



Aquafina Major League Pitch, Hit & Run March 28

This is a free skills competition that provides boys and girls, ages 7 - 14, the opportunity to showcase their pitching, hitting and running abilities. Registered participants will compete in four age divisions. The Glendale competition is 5 p.m., with check-in at 4 p.m. at the Paseo Racquet Center ball fields, 63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road. Participants must submit a signed registration/waiver form, available at Glendale Parks and Recreation, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, by March 26, along with a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, contact Mike D. are 623-930-2841. Please note that no metal cleats are allowed.

Hershey's Track and Field Games April 17

For boys and girls, ages 7 - 14, our local track and field games feature events such as softball toss, standing long jump, sprints and relays. Participants can compete in up to two events. The games start at 6 p.m. at Centennial High School, located at 14388 N. 79th Ave., Peoria. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Top finishers may get the opportunity to advance to the West Valley District Games. Participants must submit a signed registration/waiver form available at Glendale Parks and Recreation, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., by April 10, along with a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, contact Mike D. at 623-930-2841. Please note that tennis shoes must be worn for all events.

Team sponsors are needed!

Merchants, companies and organizations are needed to sponsor summer youth baseball and softball teams. Sponsors' business names are proudly displayed on team shirts and will receive recognition throughout the summer program. Sponsorship is \$175 per team. For more information, contact Mike Grono at 623-930-2834 or mgonon@glendaleaz.com.



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THAT THURSDAY THING THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

It's back and even better! That Thursday Thing returns for its fourth season with more entertainment, activities and fun! Join us on the third Thursday of each month from February to May for a new and exciting theme. Mark your calendars and plan on a unique and unforgettable experience in downtown Glendale. Charitable contributions will be accepted for various local organizations at each event. All events start at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Dr., #140. To find out more check out visitglendale.com or call 623-930-4500.

**3RD
THURS.
FEB. - MAY
5-8 P.M.**



CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP - FEBRUARY 19

Celebrate International Friendship Month with your best buddy in downtown Glendale. Indulge in an evening of shopping and dining and make a beaded friendship bracelet from The Bead Museum.

"THE DISH" - MARCH 19

Sample culinary delights during Glendale's event, featuring the ninth edition of the popular "The Dish" cookbook authored by Historic Downtown Glendale cooks. Enjoy extended evening shopping hours and collect new recipes!



SPURS AND SPENDIN'! - APRIL 16

Shine yer boots and polish yer spurs pardner! Then come on down to Historic Downtown for Glendale's Spurs and Spendin'!. Enjoy an evening filled with live, western-themed entertainment, free horse-drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and much more.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT PAJAMA AND TIARA PARTY - MAY 21

Looking for a new place to wear diamonds and fluffy slippers? Get out those comfy PJs, don your tiara and reign as queen for a day. You will love Glendale's Girl's Night Out with a Pajama and Tiara Party. This event is the last of the season, so don't miss it!

Happenings

March

- 3..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 10..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17..... City Council Workshop vacated
- 19..... That Thursday Thing*
- 24..... City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 24..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

April

- 4-5 Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival*
- 7..... City Council Workshop, 8:00 a.m.
- 7..... City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 14..... City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 14..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16..... That Thursday Thing*
- 21..... City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30 p.m.**
- 28..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

For more information on events, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

***Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale.**

****If needed, otherwise regular workshop.**

LIBRARY LOCATIONS		
Main Library 5959 West Brown Street 623-930-3530	Foothills Library 19055 North 57th Avenue 623-930-3830	Velma Teague Library 7010 North 58th Avenue 623-930-3430

www.glendaleaz.com/library



A message from Vice Mayor Manny Martinez

The Spirit of Giving

The past year was very challenging and the holidays were particularly difficult for many families. As I have seen before when times are tough, Glendale residents step up to the plate with an overwhelming response to Thanksgiving food drives, Salvation Army Angel programs, toy drives and other fundraisers.

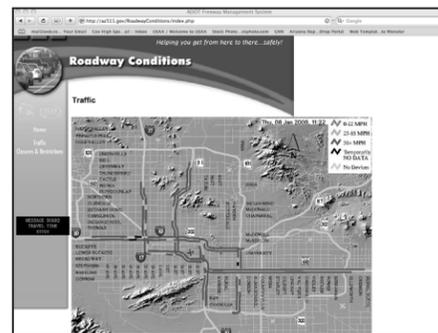
The holidays have passed and most of us are now contemplating New Year's resolutions. Please consider adding one more resolution this year: continuing the spirit of giving throughout 2009. Why not participate in a neighborhood cleanup? They are often organized to assist elderly or disabled homeowners. Helping to clean up a few properties will have a positive impact on the entire neighborhood and will give volunteers a sense of pride by contributing to improvements in the community. For more information on how to help with a neighborhood cleanup, please contact the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2915.

Another way to make a difference is by donating to the From the Heart program. From the Heart puts your donations to work every day to make life better for countless Glendale residents. Whether serving meals to the elderly, giving emergency help to homeless families or supporting abused children, From the Heart gives agencies a helping hand. To allow your dollars to go further, the BHHS Legacy Foundation matches every dollar donated to From the Heart by 50 percent. It is easy to make a donation. Glendale utility customers can add one dollar to their monthly utility bill payments by paying the "total with donation" amount. Those who do not receive a utility bill, or want to donate more than one dollar per month, can mail or bring a check or money order made out to From the Heart, in any dollar amount to: City of Glendale, Customer Service Office, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., 1st Floor, Glendale, AZ, 85301. Donations can also be made online at www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart.

Your willingness to help those in need is greatly appreciated.

511 Traveler Information Service

It's simple. Give it a try! The Arizona Department of Transportation now offers the 511 Traveler Information Service. By just dialing 511, you can get information on closures, construction, delays, public transit services, major airports, tourism, weather and more. All this information is available by dialing just three digits! You can also visit az511.gov for more information.



Long term road closure

Construction is scheduled to begin on a bridge along Skunk Creek at 57th Avenue beginning Jan. 5. The project is designed to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety in the area during flooding. A complete road closure will occur on 57th Avenue and Union Hills Drive and the project should take nine months to complete. Drivers can access Foothills Park, Foothills Library and the residential area from 59th Avenue and Utopia Road. When completed, the bridge will carry traffic along 57th Avenue from Union Hills Drive. For more information, visit glendaleaz.com/improvements.

Ask a Firefighter

Daniel Valenzuela



Question:
Should I have a carbon monoxide detector in my home?

Answer: Absolutely! As nightly temperatures continue to drop, the Glendale Fire Department wants to remind everyone of the dangers of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is produced when fuels go unburned. When trying to stay warm, many people inadvertently fall victim to carbon monoxide poisoning, otherwise known as the silent killer. This is due to the fact that carbon monoxide cannot be seen nor detected by smell or taste. Unfortunately, people continue to use camping stoves, ovens and even propane barbecue grills in the home as a source of heat. Only electric heaters that are approved are recommended to heat your home.

It is also dangerous to warm up your vehicle when it is still parked in the garage. This can be a fatal mistake. It takes little time for the garage and home to be filled with the deadly gas. When starting your vehicle, always back out of the garage immediately.

The Glendale Fire Department recommends the use of a carbon monoxide detector in your home. A carbon monoxide detector works like a smoke alarm. It will sound when the odorless gas is detected, letting everyone know it is time to get out and call 911. Carbon monoxide detectors can be found at stores selling smoke detectors.

For more safety information, check out glendaleaz.com/fire. Send your questions to askafirefighter@glendaleaz.com.

Is your property in a designated flood hazard area?

Being prepared to handle an emergency is imperative to keeping you and your family safe. One step you must take is to find out if your property is located in a flood-prone area.

Some parts of Glendale are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as being in a special flood hazard area. 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 FIRMs for the entire city and can let you know if your property is in a special flood hazard area. They may also be able to let you know if flooding has been reported in your area in the past.

All properties within the city of 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. For more information, contact Glendale's Engineering Department at 623-930-3630.

Community mediation may be the answer



Have you talked to your neighbor about a pesky tree limb or barking dog and not reached a resolution? Are you feeling like nothing more can

be done to resolve the situation without costly legal advice? If so, Glendale's Community Mediation Program may be just the solution! Since 2001, the program has provided over 1,000 residents the opportunity to resolve issues with the guidance and assistance from Glendale's Mediation Program Coordinator and the program's trained mediators. The program is designed to focus on issues relating to interpersonal neighbor disputes, animal complaints, unregulated property maintenance issues, animal association and neighborhood board conflicts, noise issues and general nuisance issues. The program is not intended for disputes currently in litigation nor will it handle domestic violence/abuse or criminal cases.

If you are interested in learning more about Glendale's Community Mediation Program, or utilizing mediation services, please contact Glendale's Mediation program Coordinator, Anna Lopez, at Glendale's 24-hour hotline number, 623- 930-4410 or send an e-mail to mediation@glendaleaz.com.

GU graduate classes offer residents the inside scoop on city services



If you are a resident who has previously graduated from Glendale University (GU) 101, you are eligible to register for any of the free graduate classes offered during the year. You will meet city staff, tour facilities and learn more about the programs and services offered to the public. Upcoming classes include a tour of a water treatment plant, the airport, or the Luke Air Force Base. To receive a complete schedule of the graduate classes, call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868 or visit glendaleaz.com.

The SRP DesertWise Expo at Glendale's Green Festival



Please join the city of Glendale for a fantastic day of fun, learning about water conservation, energy efficiency, and other green ideas you can practice to help our environment! The SRP DesertWise Water Conservation Expo at Glendale's Green

Festival on March 28 will feature informative booths, workshops, free giveaways and a Family Zone powered by Radio Disney with all kinds of fun and games for kids of all ages. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Glendale Library, just off of 59th Avenue, south of Peoria Avenue. For more details check the water conservation page at glendaleaz.com or call 623-930-3596.

Leaving valuables in your vehicle

Personal property theft from vehicles can be prevented. The best solution is to leave your valuables at home. If you must leave something in your vehicle, make sure your items are stored out of sight. Lock your car and take your keys with you. Secure your garage door opener within a locked glove compartment or trunk. Take your fully charged cell phone with you when you leave the vehicle and call the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000 to report suspicious activity. If you think there is immediate danger or a crime is in progress, call 911 without delay. Are you interested in a safety presentation featuring a variety of crime prevention tips for your neighborhood or group? Please contact your Community Action Team representative at 623-930-3380 and schedule one today!

