



Cactus Weekly Update



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Get Energized at Glendale Solar Day March 9. Choosing to go solar at your home is a complicated decision, but anyone looking for more information can attend the Glendale Solar Day event to talk with industry experts, ask questions and learn about current technologies. Bring the kids too, to learn how solar energy works and take part in fun solar activities. This event is hosted by the Conservation and Sustainable Living Office and will be held on Saturday, Mar. 9, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

APS will provide a presentation, "Energy Efficiency and Solar," at 10:30 a.m. and a second presentation, "The Pros and Cons of Going Solar," at 11 a.m. Outdoor displays will include the Arizona Solar Cookers and Glendale's Watt Watchers youth education program with solar energy activities for kids. Glendale residents who attend the event will be given free energy-saving devices. This event, including free energy devices, is funded by an Energy Conservation Block Grant from the US Department of Energy. For more information about

Solar Day, [click here.](#)

Glendale Solar Day is an official event of the state-wide Arizona SciTech Festival, a celebration of science and technology held annually in February and March. For additional information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/science. For a complete listing of all Arizona SciTech Festival events across the Valley, visit <http://azscitechfest.asu.edu/events>.

Free VIN Etching Program. The Glendale Police Department, in partnership with the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority, will be hosting free VIN etching from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2 at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave. VIN etching is the process of permanently etching the vehicle's 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number on each window on the vehicle which serves as a visual deterrent against auto theft.

The vehicle owner must show proof of ownership, current registration and complete a consent form. Don't forget to check with your insurance agent to find out if a premium discount is available for VIN etching. Call the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-2554 for more information.

Upcoming Police Department Community Events

- Safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27 at the following CVS Pharmacy locations: 59th Ave. & Union Hills Dr. and 43rd Ave. & Bethany Home Rd.
- Safely discard unwanted personal paperwork at the 'Shred It & Forget It' event from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 20 in the Walmart parking lot at 59th Ave. & Bell Rd.

Residents' Input Sought on Glendale's Onboard Transportation Program. Residents are invited to attend an open house to learn about projects included in the Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Program. The GO Program Open House will be held from 4:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.

The Open House will give residents an opportunity to speak with Glendale transportation representatives and engineering consultants, learn more about current and upcoming transportation projects and provide input on the program. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions on such projects as the Light Rail, Grand Avenue, the Northern Parkway, Loop 303, and the Grand Canal and New River bicycle paths.

In 2001, Glendale voters approved Proposition 402, which dedicated a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and created the city's GO Transportation Program. To date, GO program efforts have resulted in expanded transit services and enhanced traffic flow and safety on Glendale streets and at intersections. There has also been further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the city. Many additional improvements are scheduled for construction during the next several years.

For more information on Glendale's transportation program, call 623-930-2940 or visit the city's website at www.glendaleaz.com/transportation.

The Popular Family Bike Ride Rolls Through Glendale April 14. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 14 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Pre-registration is available online at www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride. The first 500 riders that pre-register (online or via mail) will receive a t-shirt. To receive registration information through mail, call the Glendale Transportation Department at 623-930-2940. 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 get on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need.

For more information, call 623-930-2940.

Around Town

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

Upcoming Water and Home Energy Efficiency Classes. The city of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program offers a variety of free classes for Glendale residents. [Click here](#) for upcoming events.

Job Searching Labs with Steve Schrade. Steve Schrade, former director of Human Resources for Bashas, and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available to offer job coaching assistance. This open lab is for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. [Click here](#) for dates and locations.

Spring Time Brings Out Visitors for Two Glendale Events. Two events on March 2 in Historic Downtown Glendale signal the start of spring – Paris in the Spring, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Open Air Market, which runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Paris in the Spring is an opportunity to experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris without making a trip half-way around the world. Enjoy entertainment, an art show, a French Market, shopping and dining, all with a Parisian theme.

The Open Air Market, adjacent to A Mad Hatter's Antiques, features antiques, collectibles, art, treasures, crafts and food.

For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4500.

Child Care & Baby-sitting Workshop. Teens, ages 12 to 18, can get training on safe and fun ways to care for children from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday March 16 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. This one-day workshop covers CPR, first aid, and how to have a successful baby-sitting adventure. Build confidence, self-esteem and skills necessary to care for infants and children on a daily basis and in emergency situations. Registration is required, [click here](#) for more information.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Join us for the Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday March 23 & 24 at [Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area](#), 9802 N. 59th Ave. Enjoy more than 150 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling or participate in a hands-on workshop. Bring your whole family to enjoy the rich music and entertainment, historic home tours and food vendors. Admission is free, call 623-930-4200 for more information. [Click here](#) for the entertainment schedule.

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