



Cactus Weekly Update



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Glendale Students Learn About Energy Conservation. Insulation, shade screens and solar panels sound more like terms would hear in a home construction class, not a sixth grade science class. Through the city's free Watt Watchers program, sixth grade students are learning about real-life ways to reduce energy consumption in their home and community.

The Watt Watchers program was initiated in 2011 by Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living program to provide sixth grade Glendale teachers with free energy education resources and classroom support. Teachers can still schedule for this year or plan ahead for the next school year calendar. For additional information on programs offered by the Conservation and Sustainable Living office, [click here](#).

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., 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 projects such as the Light Rail, Grand Avenue, Northern Parkway, Loop 303, and the Grand Canal and New River Pathway projects. For more information [click here](#).

Glendale Swim Lesson Registration Begins. Learning to swim is one of the most important water safety precautions. Glendale will be offering swim lessons this summer at two locations. Registration for the swim lessons will begin for Glendale residents on Monday, May 6, and for non-Glendale residents on Thursday, May 9. Classes begin the week of June 3 and are held at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., and the Rose Lane Aquatics Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave. For more information, [click here](#).

Glendale Celebrates Arbor Day Tree Planting. The city of Glendale will celebrate Arbor Day at 9:30 a.m. on April 25, at Desert Valley Park, 12900 N. 61st Ave. Glendale's Arbor Day features the theme, "Planting Our Future Together". To help celebrate, third and fourth graders from Desert Valley Elementary School will bring posters and poems they created. All the posters will be on display, while a few select poems will be read by the children who wrote them. Five Acacia Pendula trees will be planted with student participation. For more information on Arbor Day and Glendale's Parks and Recreation Division, [click here](#).

Sahuaro Ranch Licensed G.R.A.S.P. This licensed summer recreation program for children features arts and crafts, games, sports activities and more. The registration fee is \$30 (non-residents \$40). The weekly rate is \$100 (non-residents \$125), the daily rate is \$25 (non-residents \$30) and the half day rate is \$15 (non-resident \$18). The program runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 28 - August 6, Monday - Friday, at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary School, 10401 N 63rd Ave. To register or for more information, call 623-930-2820.

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 Assistance and Workshops. Steve Schrade, former director of Human Resources for Bashas, and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available to offer coaching assistance to job seekers. These open labs include online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. Workshops are available at all three Glendale Library locations. [Click here](#) for more information.

Glendale Police Department Shred It & Forget It. Safely discard your unwanted personal paperwork with a free shred event being held on Saturday April 20, 8-11 a.m., in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot, 59th Avenue and Bell Rd. southeast corner. Bring up to 3 boxes (banker sizes) of old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents containing personal identifying information to be shredded. For more information, [click here](#).

All Aboard for a Glendale Historical Journey: 10th Annual Historic Preservation Bus Tour. Roll back through time during the 10th annual Historic Preservation Bus Tour on Saturday May 4, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. The bus will depart and return to the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant. Participation is limited to the 50 seats available on the bus, and reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be over the age of 15 and accompanied by an adult. To make a reservation or request more information, contact Martin Martell at mmartell@glendaleaz.com

Fantastic Cupcakes for Mother's Day. Mother's Day is quickly approaching and you can learn to make cupcakes and discover the most exciting and unusual ways to decorate them with fondant just for the occasion. Combine art and pastry recipes to make delicious and beautiful cupcakes. Impress your family and friends when you take them home. A \$15 supply fee will be collected at the class. Class registration is \$31 (non-residents \$37) Spanish is available on request. Class will be held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, May 5 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. For more information, call 623-930-4613.

Lions, and Lions and Lions OH MY! Join us for a roarin' good time, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 8 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. as we create artistic lion masks in preparation for the Arizona Broadway Theatre's Theatre For Young Audiences performance of "Androcles and The Lion" to be held May 9. Space is limited in this craft aimed at school-aged children. Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 623-930-3540.

Arizona Broadway Theatre presents Androcles and the Lion. Arizona Broadway Theatre returns with a classic tale of friendship from their Theatre for Young Audiences – *Androcles and the Lion*. This fully staged, fully costumed performance is designed for ages 5 and up, and is sure to delight both children and adults. Join us from 4-5 p.m., Thursday, May 9 at the Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3530.

Fire Department to Host Community Emergency Response Team Training. The Glendale Fire Department will be hosting a 21-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program beginning on Friday May 31 at 6 p.m. All classes will be held at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC), located at 11550 W. Glendale Ave. Anyone from Glendale or the surrounding area age 18 and above will be eligible to attend the training program. The class will take up to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The basic CERT curriculum will consist of Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Medical Operations, Search and Rescue, and Terrorism as well as hands-on training and simulations.

Sign-up for this training program by calling 623-930-4483 or e-mailing jboberg@glendaleaz.com.

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