



Cactus Weekly Update



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Grand Avenue Closure.

Grand Avenue will be closed in both directions through Monday, July 22 at Bethany Home Rd. for traffic signal replacement. To access westbound Grand Ave., use 43rd Ave. to Northern. To access eastbound Grand Ave., drivers may use 59th Ave to Camelback or Indian School roads.

Protect Your Identity. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America and millions are victimized each year throughout the country. The Glendale Police Department encourages residents to take precautions to protect your identity. Residents can visit the Glendale Police website for identity theft information, [click here](#). As a reminder, do not leave valuables or personal identifying information in your vehicles while at parks. Thieves tend to target vehicles in parking lots while hikers and runners are utilizing the trails. Never provide an opportunity for thieves by leaving your valuables in your vehicle!

Volunteer for Project Connect. The City is partnering with the Valley of the Sun United Way, Basic Mission and the Glendale Nazarene Church on this year's "Project Connect" event, which will take place on Aug. 13, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glendale Nazarene Church, 5902 W. Cactus Rd. Project Connect is part of Valley of the Sun United Way's strategy to end homelessness in our community.

The event will offer access to resources people in our community need to journey back to health, financial stability and housing. Volunteers will work one-on-one to escort guests through the array of service providers available on site. For more information and to register to become a volunteer, [click here](#).

Find an Afterschool Program that Fits Your Child's Needs. For many parents, the new school year beginning in August often necessitates a scramble to find safe, affordable, and meaningful care or supervision options for their children when the school day ends. The Arizona Afterschool Program Directory is the state's only centralized, bilingual database of organized afterschool and out-of-school programs. It is a free online tool that lets parents search for programs by:

- interest and need (tutoring/academic enrichment, arts and culture, sports and recreation, character education, leadership, mentoring, etc.)
- location
- availability (before school, after school, weekend, summer break or school vacation)
- cost (free, fixed fees, sliding scale, available financing options, accepts DES subsidy, multiple-child discount, etc.)
- language (English, Spanish, multi-lingual), among other choices

To access the directory, [click here](#), then click on Arizona Afterschool Directory in the upper right hand corner. For more information, contact the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence at 602-496-3307.

Christmas in July in Historic Downtown Glendale – Tomorrow! Santa is vacationing in Arizona this year, appearing in Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the city's annual Christmas in July celebration. Visitors will enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Old Towne and Catlin Court, while having the opportunity to donate to a summer food drive.

With only 158 days left to get all of your shopping for gifts and decorations complete, start early and avoid the rush! Christmas cheer begins at the Glendale Visitor Center, where you'll pick up your holiday map, coupons and savings pack and take a spin on the prize wheel (for the first 250 visitors). For more information, [click here](#).

Old Towne Glendale Cruise & Car Show – Tomorrow! Historic downtown Glendale comes alive with classic cars and tunes, Saturday, July 20. For parking information and event details, [click here](#). [Watch Video](#).

Around Town

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

Glendale Summer Band. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes. The final concert will be held on Thursday, July 25 in downtown Glendale's Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family, or bring your friends and neighbors. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts. [Click here](#) for more information!

Glendale Civic Center Invites Schools & Vendors to Prom Planning Event. The third annual Arizona Prom Experience will take place at the Glendale Civic Center on Thursday, August 1, giving a glimpse of what's expected to be popular for next spring's prom season as well as homecoming spirit week, dances and school carnivals. School planning committees, such as high school student councils and their sponsors, and parent/teacher organizations like PTA & PTSO groups, are welcome to attend the free event from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the main ballroom of the Civic Center at 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Numerous vendors will be on hand at the "Wonderland" themed event featuring unique ideas for school events, dances and carnivals showcasing photo booths, inflatables and rides, disc jockey options, entertainment, decorating ideas, themed props and more. Space is still available for other vendors, call 623-930-4311 for more information.

Guests interested in renting the Glendale Civic Center for their prom or school celebration can take a tour of the award winning conference center. Plus, representatives from other ballroom facilities will be at the event, including the Renaissance Glendale Hotel and Spa, the Wrigley Mansion and ASU West.

No RSVP is required, but those who do reserve a spot in advance will be entered twice for a door prize courtesy of several of the vendors. For more information call (623) 930-4311.

Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon Seeks Homeowner Applicants & Volunteers to Paint Homes. Do you own a single-family home but due to age or physical impairments are unable to keep it painted? If so, the Annual Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon on Saturday, Oct. 26 may be able to help.

This program, which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes of applicants who are ages 60 and older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources, are veterans, or unable to do the work themselves.

Glendale residents who match the above criteria are encouraged to apply to have their homes painted. Volunteers willing to wield a paint brush are also encouraged to get involved.

The deadline for both homeowners and volunteer teams to apply for the program is Sept. 4. Volunteers willing to paint homes at the event on Saturday, Oct. 26, should form a team of 15 to 25 people. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old and those under 18 must have a signed parent permission form.

For more information, or to apply, [click here](#).

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