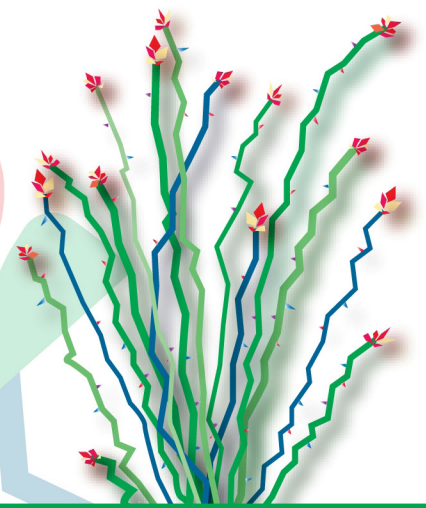




Ocotillo

Weekly Update



“Ocotillo District - Focused on the future, guided by the past.”

November 6, 2009

Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council recently appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to the following Ocotillo District resident who has volunteered to serve:

Art Spina – Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.

Glendale’s 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group or for more information, [click here](#) or call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.



Glendale Celebrates Veterans – November 7. Honor our Veterans – Those who served and those serving – from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, November 7 at Westgate City Center. Free admission, free parking, and lots of family fun! Enjoy military displays, patriotic music, entertainment, food and beverages, petting zoo and military benefits information. Event activities include a Patriotic Program at 11 a.m. sponsored by the Veteran’s Coalition. Westgate City Center is located at Loop 101 and Glendale Avenue. [Click here](#) for more information.

Veterans Day Closure. City of Glendale offices, all three public libraries and the city landfill will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. [Click here](#) to view the Sanitation Department’s holiday collection calendar.

Visual Improvement Program. The city of Glendale’s Visual Improvement Program can assist business owners with exterior improvements by offering a rebate of up to 50 percent on qualified projects.

Improvements to the exterior can include facade enhancements, landscaping, parking, parking facilities, signage, painting awnings, lighting, seating elements and pedestrian improvements. Any exterior improvements approved by the city may be eligible for this program.

To be eligible, businesses and properties must be located within the city’s identified redevelopment area, from 43rd to 67th avenues, Maryland to Orangewood avenues.

The program is intended to encourage property owners and long-term tenants to reinvest and renovate their properties.

This year the program is funded through Federal Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Funds. Funds will expire at the end of November, so act now! For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2088.



Glendale Family Bike Rodeo. Cool temps make for perfect bicycle riding and the city of Glendale is offering a bike rodeo to prepare kids for the bicycle season.

Staff from the Glendale transportation and police departments will be teaching bicycle safety and instruction to kids ages 5-13 on Saturday, November 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Sierra Verde Elementary School, located at 7241 W. Rose Garden Lane (north of Loop 101).

The Glendale Family Bike Rodeo was created to promote safety awareness and to provide

real-life scenarios to help kids learn how to maneuver and make quick decisions while riding a bike.

Bike rodeo participants will go through an obstacle skills course, featuring five interactive learning stations. Individuals will learn how to ride safely and get tips on what to do in real situations.

The safety lessons include how to properly fit your helmet; a safety checklist to ensure your bike is ready to ride; how to ride out of the driveway safely; how to safely deal with an intersection; learning to control a bike while looking over the shoulder; and how to avoid street hazards, such as rocks in the path of a bike.

All riders must wear helmets. Helmets will be available for purchase at the rodeo for \$10. Parents must sign a waiver for each child who participates. Each child will receive a certificate of completion for basic bicycle training, along with reflectors and glow in the dark bracelets. National Honor Society students will be assisting at the stations, along with volunteer parents. For more information on the Glendale Bike Rodeo, call (623) 930-2032.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Free Landscape Class: Garden Walk and Talk. Take a casual stroll through the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden with Water Conservation staff and learn about the unique adaptations that allow water efficient plants to survive and thrive in the low desert. Close-toed shoes, hat, and water are recommended. Join us from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, November 7 at the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

National Gaming Day – November 14. The Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., is joining with Bookmans Entertainment Exchange and LAN Speed Games to bring National Gaming Day to Glendale. The free activities are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will include a morning of fun and games, an afternoon of LAN speed games, a Mario Kart Wii tournament, and an ultimate gamer tournament. Some activities require registration. Prizes will be awarded to tournament winners. Snacks will be provided. To sign up or for more information call (623) 930-3537 and press “6.”

Midwestern University Community Health Lecture. Join us for “Medications for People with Diabetes: Know the Basics to Help You Achieve Your Goals.” Samantha Karr, Pharm.D., BCPS, will talk about medications for Diabetes and why the medications may not be working as well as you expected. The program will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue, in the Roadrunner Room. Reservations are not necessary. Call (623) 930-3846 for more information.

Luke West Valley Senior Games. The Luke West Valley Recreation Committee has announced the date and location for the 2nd Annual Luke West Valley Senior Games. The Games will take place on Saturday, November 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Friendship Park which is located at 12325 West McDowell Road in Avondale.

The Luke West Valley Senior Games is a collaborative effort held in conjunction with the West Valley cities' Recreation Departments and partners. The event will include Olympic style sports competitions for our active seniors aged 50 and up. Registration is \$15 per person, per event and accepted through Nov. 13.

Events include men's competitive 3-on-3 basketball; men's, women's and coed bocce, men's and women's singles and coed competitive horseshoes; men's and women's singles, mixed doubles and competitive pickle ball; men's and women's competitive push/press weightlifting; and men's and women's softball. A free one-mile fun walk will also be held.

There will also be a health fair and senior related vendors for everyone in attendance. Lunch will be provided for both athletes and spectators. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2842 for more information.

Glendale Glitters Spectacular Kickoff. Mark your calendars now for one of the Valley's most-loved holiday traditions, Glendale Glitters, with the Spectacular kickoff on November 27-28 from 5-10 p.m. each evening. Free admission and free parking mean you can bring the whole family and not break the bank!

A half-hour stage show counts down to the lights turning on Friday evening, November 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona.

For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or [click here](#).

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