

■ **At your parks...**

Get Ready for Summer Youth Sports

Glendale's Parks and Recreation Department will begin registration for its 2007 summer youth sports programs on Monday, March 5th. Summer youth sports activities include t-ball, coach-pitch, machine pitch and kid-pitch baseball and softball for ages 5-16. For more information, contact Mike Grono at 623-930-2834.

Summer Youth Baseball & Softball Coaches, Sponsors Needed

The summer baseball/softball program serves over 1,000 kids ages 5-16 on more than 100 teams every summer. Volunteer coaches are needed to teach basic skills and "FUN"amentals related to the game. Local merchants, companies, and organizations are also needed to sponsor teams. For more information, contact Mike Grono at 623-930-2834.

'Toddler Tales' Event for Preschoolers ~ March 8

Toddlers ages 2-5 will enjoy a delightful interactive event on Thursday, March 8 from 6-8 p.m. at Murphy Park. A night under the stars will mean whimsical fun for both children and parents during this medieval storytelling adventure. Each child will be able to make his or her own puppet to take home, and parents are encouraged to participate with their child.

The free event will also offer refreshments for each participant. Murphy Park is located at 59th and Glendale avenues in Historic Downtown Glendale. For more information, contact Jen at 623-930-2042 or Michelle at 623-930-2044.

■ **At your libraries...**

'Paws Fur Spring' March 24

Banner Thunderbird Medical Center and Glendale Public Library are hosting Paws Fur Spring on Saturday, March 24 on the grounds of the Main Library, located at 5959 W. Brown St.

The dog health and gift expo, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., will feature dog obedience demos, first aid classes for pets, dog adoptions, a spay and neuter clinic, micro-chipping, and a wide array of vendors with food and fun for both dogs and their owners.

New Water Education Program for Glendale Teachers



The city of Glendale Water Conservation Office received a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to develop a new water education program, called Water Watchers, for fourth- through sixth-grade teachers. Water Watchers is a comprehensive program that teaches the importance of water conservation through a free lesson guide and resource kit. The lessons are correlated to the Arizona State Education Standards.

The resource kit includes student conservation tools, along with colorful maps and posters. The program also will provide guest speakers who will visit classrooms and lead water education activities.

To learn more about the program, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation. To enroll your classroom in the Water Watchers program, contact the Glendale Water Conservation Office at 623-930-3535.

To make an appointment with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) free spay and neuter clinic, call 602-865-5760. MCACC will also offer free rabies vaccinations, although the fee for dog licenses will be \$12.

The event is free, but participants are encouraged to donate a can or bag of dog food to assist sponsor organizations. Paws Fur Spring is designed to support Banner Health's Dog Therapy Program. For more information about the event, call Banner Thunderbird Medical Center's Volunteer Services at 602-865-5760.

Midwestern Presents Community Health Lecture Series at Foothills Library

The Midwestern University Community Health Lecture Series offers free monthly public lectures on health and medicine by Midwestern faculty. All lectures are held at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., from 7-8 p.m. Dates and topics are listed below. Reservations are not necessary. If you would like to receive a monthly e-mail about this lecture series, send an email to universityrelations@midwestern.edu. For more information, call 623-930-3846.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: New Osteopathic Treatment Approaches

(Presented by William H. Devine, D.O., Medical Director, MWU Osteopathic Specialty Clinic)

Tuesday, March 20: Methamphetamines: Fact and Fiction (Presented by James Stoehr, Ph.D., Professor, MWU College of Health Sciences)

Tuesday, April 17: Benefits of Exercise for Patients with Diabetes (Presented by Tom Broderick, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Physiology, MWU Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine)

Tuesday, May 15: How Nutritionally Sound Are Popular Diets?(Presented by Edward Fisher, Ph.D., R.Ph., Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, MWU College of Pharmacy-Glendale)

Tuesday, June 19: Over the Counter (OTC) Products: How to Use Them & What You Should Know (Presented by Dawn Knudsen, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, MWU College of Pharmacy-Glendale)



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Glendale Connection

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Luke Air Force Base Presents LUKE DAYS



Luke Days is back in Glendale, and the Air Force's aerial demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, will bring their special brand of high-flying excitement to Luke Air Force Base March 24 and 25. The theme for this patriotic show of historic and current air power will be "A Show of Force '07 - From Heritage to Horizons" as the United States Air Force celebrates its 60th Anniversary (1947-2007).

The event begins at 10 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Luke expects about 100,000 spectators to visit during the weekend. There will be numerous aircraft and ground displays, exhibits, aerial demonstrations, food and plenty of attractions for all ages to make this year's event a memorable one.

Joining the Thunderbirds in the air show lineup will be several military demonstration teams and civilian aerial shows. Invited demonstration teams include: United States Air Force Academy Wings of Blue and the Army Golden Knights Parachute teams, Air Force Reserve

Bi plane with pilot Ed Hamill, Tora Tora Tora, Red Bull MiG-17, Tim Weber's Geico Extra 300 and many others. Attendees will also be treated to the Viper v. Viper race.

The air show offers free admission, but there will be a \$5 parking fee in certain parking areas. No backpacks, coolers, or pets will be allowed in the event. For more information, visit www.luke.af.mil.



Happenings

March

- 3 AZ Agriculture Day, Historic Sahuaro Ranch
- 6 City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 13 City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30-5 p.m.
- 13 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 That Thursday Thing!, Historic Downtown
- 16 April 23 Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Show
- 20 City Council Budget Workshop, 8:30-Noon & 1:30-5 p.m.
- 27 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24-25 .. Luke Days, Luke Air Force Base

April

- 3 Tentative (?) City Council Budget Workshop, 1:30-5 p.m.
- 10 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13-15 .. Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival, Historic Downtown Glendale
- 17 City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 19. That Thursday Thing!, Historic Downtown
- 24 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

For more information on events, call our Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

2007 Glendale Police Citizen Academies

Enroll in Citizen Academy to Learn More About Law Enforcement

Have you always had an interest in learning more about law enforcement? The Glendale Police Department offers a Citizen Academy, which is an opportunity for Glendale residents or business owners to take an inside look at the Police department and law enforcement operations.

The academy gives participants a unique opportunity to learn about all phases of police operations, such as crime scene investigation, tactical operations, use of canines and much more.

Participants in the academy must be 18 years of age, and able to commit to attend an 11 week program. For the spring session, applications are due March 1 and classes begin April 18. For the summer session, applications are due June 1, and classes begin Aug. 15. Class size is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Download an application at www.glendaleaz.com, or call Marie Shepherd at 623-930-3089.

A Message from Councilmember Manny Martinez



A Thank You to our Local Heroes

I recently watched a program that included public safety personnel who had been injured or lost their lives in the line of duty. The show concluded with this statement: "It is Not How These Officers Died That Made Them Heroes, It is How They Lived." This gave me pause to reflect on how our public safety personnel, both Police and Fire, are willing to put their lives on the line every day to help keep our citizens safe. And so, I wanted dedicate this column to our local heroes.

Have you ever experienced the misfortune of being involved in a car accident or drowning incident? If so, within minutes you had Glendale police officers and firefighters at your side.

The Glendale Fire Department strives to keep our community safe, and the best way to avoid a dangerous situation is through prevention and education. The Fire

Department provides a variety of emergency services including fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous materials and specialized rescue response. But firefighters also make community education a priority. From organizing water safety walks, to teaching CPR classes, they are well-trained professionals who care about our residents.

The Glendale Police Department's Mission Statement is: "To protect the lives and property of the people we serve." To accomplish their mission, the men and women of the Police Department focus on crime prevention; crime control; community involvement; and fair and equitable treatment while holding to their values of integrity; courage; excellence; respect; compassion; and dedication. They too are well-trained professionals who are dedicated to the community.

Public Safety remains our highest priority. Critical to the provision of quality public safety services to the community are two large projects: the new Emergency Operations Center, and the first phase of the new Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center. The training facility will provide the infrastructure necessary to train police and fire personnel in the most up-to-date methods for providing essential public safety services to our residents and businesses. Glendale is partnering with the cities of Avondale, Surprise, and Peoria, as well as the Maricopa County Community College District, on this venture to enhance the function and value of the training. Both facilities are scheduled to open in the spring of 2007.

It takes a very special kind of person to serve as a police officer or firefighter. I would like to thank them for all they do for us.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Glendale University and HOA Academy Offers Fall Classes



It's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks! Renew your mind this spring by enrolling in one of the following free courses offered by the city of Glendale's Community Partnerships Department.

Glendale University

Applications for the Spring 2007 semester of Glendale University (GU) City Government 101 are now being accepted. This free educational program is open to Glendale residents and business owners, ages 16 and older, who want to learn more about the operations of municipal government.

In order to graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the ten classes. Each class highlights key functions of the city including finance, library, police and fire services. GU classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. The course begins March 5 and ends May 7, 2007.

Glendale Homeowners Association Training Academy

The eight-session educational program is open to all Glendale Homeowners Association (HOA) board members and residents who want to learn more about the operations of HOAs. This class will also provide HOA board members with the tools to more effectively manage and lead their HOA. Each class highlights a different topic. HOA classes will be held on Thursday evenings 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings 9-11:30 a.m. The course begins on March 1 and ends on March 24, 2007.

To register for either course, visit www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships, or call 623-930-2868 to receive an application by mail or fax.

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CHECK IT OUT!

Glendale 11 Debuts New Library Show

If you haven't checked out the Glendale libraries recently, you are in for a treat with the debut of Glendale 11's newest program, "Check it Out." This new show will give you an insider's look at the main and two branches of Glendale's Public Library system, with an interview with the Library Director, Rodeane Widom.

Other points of interest in the fresh new program include an introduction to the library's own dog, Beth; accessing the "virtual library" from your home; discovering how books are selected and processed; and how computers have replaced the old fashioned card catalog.

The new thirty-minute program will hold the regular timeslot of 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday night, but will also run several other times throughout the week. For a complete listing of your city television programming, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY - Become a Lifeguard This Summer!

Glendale's aquatics program is in need of certified lifeguards for the summer season. With two new aquatics facilities opened this past year, (the brand new Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center and the newly remodeled Rose Lane Aquatics Center) the need has increased by 25% from last year.

Anyone interested in becoming a certified lifeguard must attend American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Classes. Classes are being offered through the Parks and Recreation Department throughout February, March and April. Incentives are offered to those who complete the classes and are hired with the city's aquatics program.

Applicants must be at least 15 years of age by the completion of class, and must already know how to swim. For more information call 623-930-2840

Arizona Agriculture Day at Historic Sahuaro Ranch March 3



The 27th annual Arizona Agriculture Day event in Glendale is a family must this spring! Scheduled for March 3 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Historic Sahuaro Ranch, 9802 N. 59th Avenue, Arizona Agriculture Day is committed to increasing public awareness about Arizona agriculture.

With the theme "Agriculture in Action: Then & Now," family activities will include entertainment on two stages, fiddlers and a cooking demonstration. Other fun events will include butter churning, blacksmith demonstrations, cotton ginning, corn grinding, candle dipping, horses and cattle, agriculture equipment displays, a tractor pull and much more!

Lunch will be available for just one dollar, which represents the farmer and rancher's share of the actual lunch cost. From 11 am - 1:30 p.m., enjoy a BBQ beef sandwich, cole slaw, beans, a hard boiled egg, vegetables, a honey stick plus fruit and milk, while supplies last. Admission is \$2, or 2 cans of food for a local food bank, and ages 12 and under are free. For more information, call 480-635-3609 or visit www.sahuaroranch.org.