

■ **At your parks...**

Sweet Music Fills the Night Air for Summer Band Concert Series

Thursdays, June 7 – July 26



This long-standing Glendale tradition keeps getting better every year! Join the Summer Band for performances hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department in the amphitheatre in Murphy Park, located at 5850 Glendale Ave., every Thursday at 8 p.m. beginning June 7 through July 26.

The free performances are also sponsored in part by Glendale Civic Pride and offer a great evening for the entire family. The symphony, made up of more than 100 musicians, will please crowds with renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

Refreshments will be available to purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the lawn seating, but please leave pets at home. For more information, call 623-930-2820.

■ **At your libraries...**

Don't Miss Harry Potter Release Parties
July 20

Calling all fans of Harry, Hogwarts and Voldemort! Your two-year wait is over. Don't miss the Harry Potter Release Party on July 20. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the seventh and final installment in the series by J.K. Rowling, will be unveiled at midnight at all three Glendale libraries.

Each library location has unique events planned. The

action starts at 10 p.m. in this free after-hours party. Some lucky readers will walk away with their own copies of the book. For details on what is planned at each location, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

For more information, you can also visit one of the three library locations:

Glendale Main Library

5959 W. Brown St., 623-930-3537

Foothills Branch Library

19055 N. 57th Ave., 623-930-3837

Velma Teague Branch Library

7010 N. 58th Ave., 623-930-3437

■ **In your neighborhoods...**

2007 Neighborhood Leadership Forum & Spark Awards

June 23, 7:30 a.m. – noon
Glendale Civic Center



Interested in getting more involved in your neighborhood? Join us for a free workshop focusing on issues affecting our community. Breakfast will be provided, and you will have the opportunity to meet and network with other neighborhood leaders from throughout the city. The recipients of the Spark Awards, the city's annual neighborhood leadership awards, will be announced during the conference.

This year, the forum will have a special focus on youth, with a "Young Leaders on the Move" award category. In addition, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission will give a special presentation.

Don't miss this great opportunity! To register, call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868 or e-mail sdaniels@glendaleaz.com.



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A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents / May-June 2007

SUMMER READING FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Visit any of the three Glendale Public Libraries for a reading adventure this summer. Beginning May 29, the popular two-month-long program offers children, teens and adults the opportunity to receive awesome prizes for doing something enjoyable – reading!

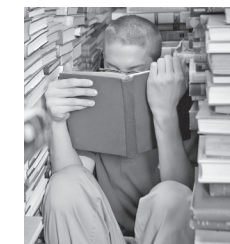


"Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark!" sponsored by the Arizona Diamondbacks and the *Arizona Republic*, is open to all kids in Maricopa County. Each child will receive a game board and can advance spaces on the board by reading (or for being read to, for younger children). For each 20 minutes of time, 50 pages or one book, children will move around the board, picking up prizes as they go. At the finish line, participants will get a free ticket to a D-backs game, plus the chance to attend an *Arizona Republic* Baseball Kids' Clinic.

"Arr. . .Ye Reading?" is the Teen Summer Reading Program, geared to youth ages 12-18. The program requires them to keep track of their reading to win "swag" from Sonic, Chipotle and Harkins Theatres. There is also the Ultimate Pirate Prize Package for some lucky readers, as well as even more prizes in the dreaded bonus round!

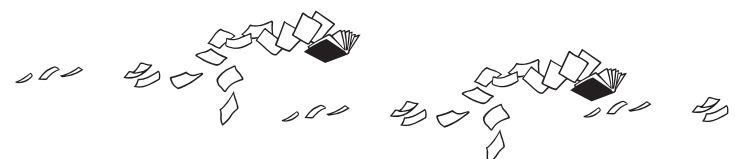


Adults can take part in **"Everything's Coming Up Reading,"** which allows participants to read as many books as they like, on any topic, either fiction or nonfiction. They will receive a gardening journal to keep track of the titles read. Each time a journal is brought in to be stamped, the reader will get one entry per book for the weekly prize drawings for garden-related prizes. When a reader reaches the six-book mark, they'll receive a cotton visor with this year's theme. A grand prize drawing will be held at each Glendale library, so some lucky participants will receive a year's membership to the Desert Botanical Garden.



In addition to the summer reading programs, the library is THE place for fun, free entertainment. Just a few of the programs include Bobby Freeman, organist for the Diamondbacks; Japanese Taiko drumming; magicians; crafts; drawing classes; animal shows; book groups; movies and more. Teens also have events geared to their interests, such as sports skills clinics, anime, babysitting workshops and more.

For more details, visit the event calendar at www.glendaleaz.com/library. Library locations and phone numbers are listed on the back of this issue.



We Can Help With Spring Cleaning!

"Let's Dump It" Program Underway

With spring winding down, residents should remember that keeping yards and neighborhoods clean can go a long way in keeping your neighborhood safe and blight-free. The following tips can help build a cleaner and safer community this season and throughout the year.



- Make sure to remove overgrown weeds and other dry vegetation surrounding your house and alley. Dry weeds and other vegetation in present weather conditions can easily fuel a brush fire. A code compliance ordinance requires homeowners to maintain all grass, weeds, tree limbs, bushes and shrubs.
- Make sure you don't "pile up" problems. Spring-cleaning inside the home can lead to problems outside. Boxes and other materials can be invitations for arson. Make sure they don't pile up by coordinating your spring cleaning with bulk trash pickup days in your area.

To help residents with clean-up efforts, the city of Glendale's Code Compliance Department will provide a dumpster free of charge to assist citizens in cleaning up their neighborhood as part of the Let's Dump It! Program. The requirement for receiving a container is at least five property owners must make the request in a particular neighborhood. To request a dumpster or for more information, call Glendale's Code Compliance Department at 623-930-3610. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com.



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Happenings	<i>June</i>	5..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
		12..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
		19..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
		26..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
	<i>July</i>	4..... Independence Day, city offices closed
		4..... Glendale's 4th of July Celebration Glendale Community College

The Glendale City Council will be on break July 3 through August 7.

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



A Message from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission

Each year at this time we celebrate the accomplishments of the teens who served on my Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) during the current school year, and we also begin accepting applications for the upcoming school year. MYAC was created as a way to foster leadership and a sense of community pride among the youth of our community. Each group of teens has, in turn, continuously inspired all of us with their fresh insights and perspectives.

MYAC consists of 50 high school students with representatives from public and private schools both in Glendale and other cities. Each MYAC member completes numerous community service projects, attends City Council meetings and serves on a MYAC subcommittee.

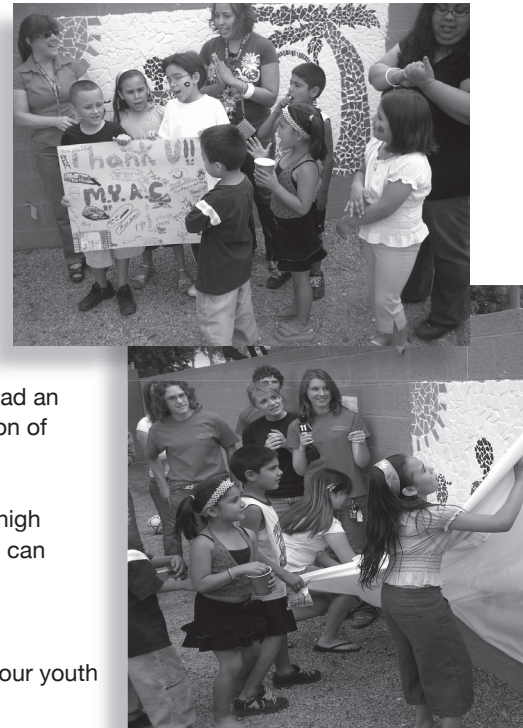
One annual MYAC event is Student Government Day, where each member has the opportunity to shadow a city department head or elected official. MYAC has its own monthly

television show called Teens Today that is produced by Glendale Channel 11 and focuses on positive contributions that teens make to their schools, neighborhoods and communities. This year, I was able to join several of the MYAC members at the State Capitol for the first annual Youth Leadership Day, where they were able to meet their legislators and network with other youth commissions from around the state.

Each and every year I am amazed by the energy and accomplishments of this group. This year, members of MYAC were determined to build a partnership with the Glendale Family Development Center to help enrich the lives of Glendale families. They decided that they wanted to build an outdoor mosaic at the playground of the center. The members of MYAC took it upon themselves to learn the technical details of building a mosaic out of ceramic tile and the finished product was extremely impressive. We then had an unveiling festival where all of the families that belong to the center joined us for an afternoon of games, food and entertainment. (See photos at right)

Applications for next year's commission are currently available on the city's Web site. Any high school student that resides within Glendale's corporate boundaries is eligible to apply. You can obtain more information about MYAC by calling the Office of the Mayor at 623-930-2260. Please tell your friends and family about this exciting opportunity.

Viewing teens as assets to our community goes a long way in educating and empowering our youth and also positively impacting the future of our community.



This Summer Remember Water Safety – Think A, B, C

This summer season, Glendale officials would like to remind residents to watch children around water. Our goal is to report zero child drownings in our city. Help us meet that goal by keeping in mind the ABC's of drowning prevention:

A – is for Adult Supervision. Always designate a responsible adult to watch your pool when children are in or near the water. Do not answer the phone, read a book, or go inside the house to answer the doorbell. Make sure you empty any buckets, plastic play pools and bathtubs when not in use. Close toilet lids and be vigilant around all landscaping that includes water features. A child can drown in just 2 inches of water. Be alert to the activities of children in your care and never underestimate their ability to escape your sight.

B – is for Barriers. Remember – a pool is a dangerous killer. What do we do with killers? We put them behind bars so they cannot hurt anyone. Fence your pool. Install a self-closing, self-latching gate with a locking mechanism. Never prop your pool gate open! A fence is one layer of protection; locking all the windows and doors leading to the pool is another. Place the locks high enough that a child cannot reach them. Make sure furniture and other objects, like ladders or toys, are not easily pushed to the fence line so a child can crawl over. In addition, make sure your child does not have access to a pet door.

C – is for C.P.R. Training. Learn CPR and make sure your caretakers know CPR. The sooner a drowning victim begins to receive rescue breathing, the better the chances for survival. The Glendale Fire Department offers free CPR certification to Glendale residents. Call 623-930-3474 to register.

Another component of drowning prevention is making sure your child learns how to swim. To enroll your child in lessons, contact Glendale's Parks and Recreation Department at 623-930-2820.

New Barking Dog Process for Glendale Residents

This is the time of year when everyone can enjoy the nice weather by opening the windows and doors, but it is also the time of year when the city sees a spike in barking dog complaints.

In order to combat this noise nuisance, the city of Glendale Code Compliance Department has introduced a new barking dog complaint process.

The new guidelines require a person to document five days within a seven-day period where barking occurs for at least a five-minute duration. In the past, each person was required to document 14 days where barking occurred. The new guideline expedites this phase.

In addition, a petition signed by four people from separate households is required. However, in extenuating circumstances, the four-person requirement can be waived. In this case, the resident will need to submit the written log and include a video or audio that documents the dog barking.

To file a dog barking complaint or to get more information, call the city of Glendale Code Compliance Department at 623-930-3610 or visit www.glendaleaz.com. An online complaint form can be found under 'Code Compliance.'



As the mercury starts to rise, you might find yourself staying indoors in air-conditioned comfort. If so, flip your remote to Glendale 11, where you'll find entertaining and informative programming. Here are two new programs now airing:

“Glendale's Best: Our Neighborhoods”: A new 30-minute show produced by Glendale 11 that features a mixture of the city's neighborhoods and the people and amenities that make them so special. Viewers will explore communities that are modern, historic, ranch style and those with a family atmosphere. The show profiles residents, many with long

ties to Glendale, and discovers why they choose to live here. Hosted by Glendale 11's Julie Watters, the program also features some of Glendale's popular parks and city facilities that are built within neighborhoods. The show's regular time slot is Sundays at 7:30 p.m., but also airs at various time in the week.

“Check It Out!”: A new show produced by Glendale 11 that takes viewers both in front and behind the scenes of the Glendale Public Library System. Host Julie Watters takes viewers on a tour of all three Glendale libraries, noting the distinctive details about each facility, as well as little-known facts about things to do and learn at the library. The 30-minute cable program has a regular time slot on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and will air at other various times during the week.

For a complete guide, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

From the Heart Focus: Solecito Services, Inc.

A Helping Hand When It Is Most Needed

Solecito Services, Inc. is a nonprofit social service agency dedicated to improving the quality of life of West Valley residents. Solecito is a Spanish word that, loosely translated, means “a little bit of sunshine,” which is what the organization hopes to provide the people it serves. Located in Peoria, Solecito has been lending home health equipment on a temporary basis to residents living in Glendale, Peoria, Surprise, El Mirage, Goodyear and Litchfield Park, and other residents of western Maricopa County for 25 years.

Solecito lends more than 30 different types of home-use medical equipment, including hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches and more. They lend more than 4,600 pieces of equipment annually! The equipment is typically loaned for six-month periods, but the loan period can be extended to meet their customers' needs.

Solecito assists residents of our community at a time when their finances have already been stretched to the limit, they and their families are enduring a health crisis, and they may otherwise be

unable to obtain the equipment they need to recover from surgery or deal with a terminal illness. Because of community donations, volunteers and grants from organizations such as *From the Heart*, Solecito will continue to provide valuable in-home services at minimal cost to residents and families in West Valley communities who are in need.

Help Solecito Services, Inc. and other social service agencies carry on their mission each and every day by donating to Glendale's *From the Heart* program. One hundred percent of the funds collected for *From the Heart* go to agencies that help Glendale residents in need.

If you have not added \$1 to your water bill in the past, please do so on your next bill. If you already donate your \$12 annually, but would like to contribute more, you can make out a check to *From the Heart* and mail or bring it to the Glendale Customer Service Office, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301.

Or, try out the brand new feature and donate online – all you need is an e-mail address.

Simply visit www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart for more details.