

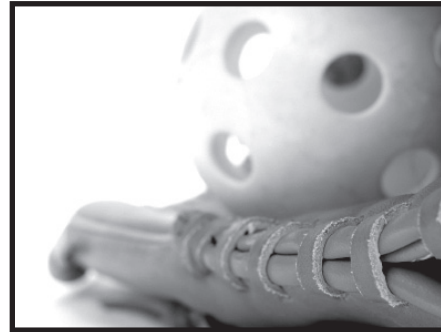
■ At your parks...

Wiffle Ball World Series back in full swing

Oct. 20

Who needs hardball when you can play wiffle ball like you did as a kid in your back yard? The 13th Annual Wiffle Ball World Series returns to Glendale's Sahuaro Ranch Park Oct. 20. For either competitive or recreational tastes, the tournament offers a blast for everyone!

Round-robin play is followed by elimination tournaments in both divisions. All teams are guaranteed four games, and four tournament shirts. The cost is \$75 per team, and the registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 12. For more information or to register, call 623-930-2820.



10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Oct. 6. The whole family is invited to attend this free event to learn about fun activities that they can add to their fitness routine. Take home ideas of free or inexpensive ways to keep the family in shape. Learn how to play Frisbee, tag and other aerobic games, plus get free stuff—including a Fit for Life water bottle.

This program is part of the library's Be Fit: New Skills for a New Future series, funded by a Fit for Life grant from MetLife and Libraries for the Future. No registration is required. Call 623-930-3537 for more information.

Vote for the People's Choice Award

Oct. 1-7

Stop by the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., and check out the "Give Us Your Best Shot" photo exhibition. The show runs from Oct. 1-14, but the public can vote for their favorite photo during the week of Oct. 1-7. The winner of the People's Choice Award will be announced on Oct. 9. Sorry, only one vote per person. Call 623-930-3431 for more information.

Fall Book Sale at Foothills Library

Oct. 27

Foothills Branch Library will hold their Fall Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. No item will be more than \$5 and reading enthusiasts will find everything from Aristotle to Dr. Seuss! Look for adult and youth fiction and non-fiction, encyclopedias, videos, CDs as well as audio books. During the bargain hour, from 2-3 p.m., fill up a bag (provided by the library) with as many items as you can for just \$1. For more information, call Peggy at 623-930-3849. Foothills Library is located at 19055 N. 57th Ave.



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Celebrate Safety

25th Annual Fire Prevention Day Parade Oct. 6

Did you know National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7 – 13?

This year, the Glendale Fire Department (GFD) will celebrate its 25th Anniversary Fire Prevention Parade in downtown Glendale on Oct. 6. This year's theme is "Practice Your Escape Plan" to remind residents to design an exit plan and conduct a fire drill in their home so the entire family knows how to get out of the house safely in the event of a fire.



The ever-popular parade will begin at 9 a.m., traveling west on Glendale Avenue from 52nd to 58th avenues. It will feature numerous Valley public safety vehicles, antique fire trucks, marching bands and mascots. The parade will end at Murphy Park. At the park, families will find a fun safety fair which will include the GFD S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clown Troupe, a rock-climbing wall, inflatables, live music, a firefighter muster competition and a static display of fire trucks and equipment from around the state. The fair will be held between 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For more information, call the fire department at 623-930-3400, or visit www.glendaleaz.com

Glendale's Got Game: Countdown to Super Bowl!

The countdown to the big day is on! The clock is ticking until football's biggest showdown happens in Glendale. As of Oct. 1, there are only 125 days left until Super Bowl XLII is played in Glendale at the University of Phoenix Stadium on Feb. 3.

Keep reading your *Connection* newsletter for updates on all the news you'll need to stay informed about

traffic, events and more. Residents can always visit Glendale's sports information Web site, www.GlendaesGotGame.com for the latest information, as well.



Don't miss GlendOberfest at the Ranch October 31

One of Glendale's great fall traditions is back! GlendOberfest will take place at the Sahuaro Ranch historic area, adjacent to Sahuaro Ranch Park, at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road.

The ranch, which dates back to 1886, is the perfectly spooky atmosphere for a fun-filled evening for all ages. This free event features carnival-style games, the Pumpkin Parkway costume parade, on-site trick-or-treating, a photo area, family games, live entertainment and the "Sinister Sinima" haunted house presented by ASU West. Dress up and bring your unfinished jack-o-lantern for the pumpkin decorating contest.

A ghoulishly good time awaits you at GlendOberfest! Volunteers are needed to help staff the event, as well as sponsors to help make it happen. For more information, contact Jen Godbehere at 623-930-2042.

Happenings

October

- 2..... City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 6..... International Family Fun Day
The Bead Museum
Historic Downtown Glendale
- 9..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13..... GAIN Night
- 16..... City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 23..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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

November

- 6..... City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 12..... Veteran's Day (city offices closed)
- 13..... No City Council meeting
- 20..... City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 22-23 ... Thanksgiving holiday
(city offices closed)
- 23-24..... Glendale Glitters Spectacular
Historic Downtown Glendale
- 27..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

A Message from Mayor Scruggs Super Bowl XLII



As we get closer to Super Bowl XLII in Glendale, we will all be hearing a lot about the significance of the big game. There will be extensive discussion about the impact that the Super Bowl will have on Arizona's economy as well as putting Glendale "on the map" as an international destination city. But, what else does the Super Bowl mean to our Glendale residents? As we prepare to host one of the biggest sporting events in the world, we are going to make every effort to put our best "game face" on and our actions will have a lasting positive effect on the day-to-day lives of all that call Glendale home.

Although mega-events like the Super Bowl are taking place in western Glendale, the effect will not be lost on other areas of our city. We will use Super Bowl related events to promote all areas of Glendale and are working especially hard to link these activities with our downtown in order to establish a vibrant city center for our business owners, residents and visitors. The Councilmembers and I approved a one-year budget expenditure for downtown beautification and promotional efforts, including streetscape improvements, security staffing and downtown marketing activities. We have created a one-year pilot project to establish a shuttle from the sports and entertainment district to downtown Glendale. The pilot project will be used to gauge interest for the service and examine the possibility of establishing a long term shuttle. The downtown pedestrian enhancement project and downtown parking structure currently under construction are both scheduled to be completed by January.

There are a large number of beautification projects taking place throughout Glendale. Many of the projects that will improve the appearance and functionality of Glendale are scheduled to be finished before the Super Bowl. We have completed numerous landscaping projects in high impact areas of the city, such as Glendale Avenue and Bell Road. An asphalt overlay project will also be completed along Glendale Avenue this fall. A new signage project has been approved and we will soon have attractive permanent fixtures that will welcome visitors and direct people to various attractions throughout the city.

All of the efforts that are going into presenting ourselves to the world in February will produce results that all of our Glendale residents can be proud of during Super Bowl week. They will also add permanent amenities that all of us will enjoy for years to come.



Back by popular demand:



THAT THURSDAY THING!

kicks off another shopping season

Forget must-see TV! That Thursday Thing is the thing to do in Glendale, especially as the weather cools down. Its takes place the 3rd Thursday night of every month from October to May and it's only in Historic Downtown Glendale.

The evening includes extended shopping hours at many of the antique stores, boutiques and specialty shops, fun entertainment and delicious food and beverage specials at several restaurants.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss a fun shopping excursion in downtown Glendale. Here are the dates for the upcoming months: Oct. 18; Nov. 15; Dec. 20; Jan. 17; Feb. 21; March 20; April 17; and May 15.

For more information, contact the Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or visit the Web site at www.visitglendale.com.



"Back to school" safety tips

As Arizona kids head back to school this month, families are busy buying the right supplies and packing lunch boxes. However, it is important to remember that now is the time to do your homework on how to keep your child safe.

To help parents, the Glendale Police Department is offering these tips to ensure your children get to and from school safely:

- Children walking or biking to and from school should use the buddy system.
- Choose the safest route and talk with children about avoiding alleys, vacant fields and busy streets. Many schools have already identified the safest way for children to get to school. Contact your school for recommended routes.
- For kids who ride bikes, make sure they are always wearing a bike helmet. Children's bikes should display front and rear reflectors and have headlights if being operated after dark.
- Always make sure your child is wearing a seat belt. When crossing streets, always use a crosswalk and when possible, utilize the route with a crossing guard.
- Slow down in school zones, and do not block streets and driveways when picking up or dropping off children.



Attention all teachers! Free programs for your students! Super Bowl XLII means super learning

If you are a school teacher of grades K-12, now is your chance to be a part of Super Bowl XLII. The game may not be until Feb. 3, 2008, but for Arizona's teachers, it starts now. In August, the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee launched the Super Learning in a Super State program, presented by Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold. Super Learning in a Super State (SLSS) is the largest youth outreach program in the history of the Super Bowl. It provides a chance for all Arizona children, regardless of socio-economic background, to participate in Super Bowl XLII while learning more about their state.

In its ninth year, SLSS is a curriculum-based academic program that

uses the Super Bowl as an outreach platform to focus on literacy, character education, environmental awareness and community service. The program integrates lessons and skills aligned with the Arizona state standard in core subjects, such as math, reading and science. Now is your chance to bring the excitement of Super Bowl XLII into your classroom!

All participating teachers will be honored by NFL players at an SLSS gala during Super Bowl week. To register, teachers should send their name, phone number, e-mail address, school name, class grade and size to superlearning@azsuperbowl.com. Become a part of Super Bowl XLII today!

Free landscape classes offered in Spanish

Glendale's Water Conservation Office is offering free Spanish landscape classes for homeowners. The next class will be held on Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, visit the "En Espanol" section of the city's Web site at www.glendaleaz.com/EnEspanol, or call 623-930-3760.

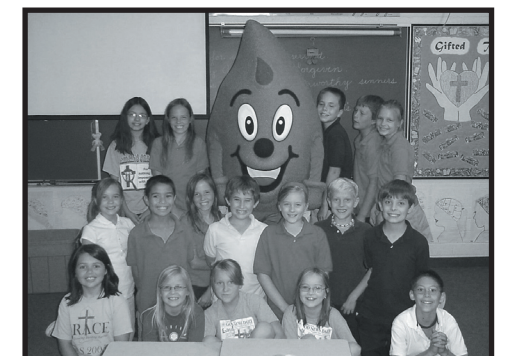
Water Wisdom from fourth graders

It's never too early to become water wise. That's why the Glendale Water Conservation Office developed a new youth education program, called Water Watchers. Glendale received a two-year grant from the Bureau of Reclamation to develop a water education program for fourth- through sixth-grade teachers in Glendale schools.

The program provides teachers with lesson plans and teaching materials as well as guest speakers that visit the classrooms. One teacher wrote, "I couldn't believe how organized everything was. There wasn't a single activity that my students did not enjoy. Awesome program!" The program also received enthusiastic support from parents. More than 68% of the parents assisted their children with a take-home water efficiency audit, and participating parents also received water-conserving devices for their homes.

Students that participated in the program recorded their experiences in Water Journals. Examples from student journals, entitled "Water Wisdom from Fourth-Graders," are posted on the city's Web site at www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation.

Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade teachers that work in Glendale can sign up for the 2007-2008 Water Watchers program. Teachers can contact the Glendale Water Conservation Office at 623-930-3535 or via e-mail at jtoms@glendaleaz.com.



Fourth-grade students at Grace Lutheran School recently participated in the Water Watchers program.