

■ At your parks...

Star Watch Saturday, May 10

FREE ADMISSION! Explore the universe from 7-10 p.m. at Thunderbird Park, located off of 59th Avenue north of Deer Valley Road. The Saguaro Astronomy Club will have some amazing telescopes available for free public viewing and will be answering questions. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, flash light and walking shoes. Please park in designated areas only. For more information, call Danielle at 623-930-4701. Visit the Saguaro Astronomy Club at www.saguaroastro.org.

■ At your Libraries...

Library cardholders get special deal at Phoenix Art Museum

Glendale Public Library has joined forces with Phoenix Art Museum as a promotional sponsor for their current and upcoming exhibitions. Visitors to the museum just have to show their Glendale library card and a photo ID to receive two dollars off the cost of admission.

Some of the shows include:

- Richard Avedon: Photographer of Influence – now through Apr. 12
- Masterpiece Replayed: Monet, Matisse and More – now through May 4
- Chado Ralph Rucci (an invitation to the culture of couture) – Mar. 21-Aug. 17
- Passport to Europe: Six Centuries of Treasures from the Museo de Arte de Ponce in Puerto Rico – Apr. 6 through June 15

To find out more about the Phoenix Art Museum, go to www.phxart.org or call the 24-hour recorded information line at 602-257-1222.

Free Summer Arts Camp for kids ages 6-18

Have creative kids looking for activities this summer? Sign them up for Glendale's Art Camp, coordinated by the Library and Arts departments, a free six-week art camp with a variety of classes geared for students ages 6-18.

Happenings

May

6.....City Council Workshop 1:30 p.m.
13.....City Council meeting 7 p.m.
15.....That Thursday Thing!
Historic Downtown Glendale
20.....City Council Workshop 1:30 p.m.
26.....Memorial Day (city offices closed)
27.....City Council meeting 7 p.m.

Toddler Water Day Friday, May 16

FREE ADMISSION! Grab those flip flops and beach towels, it's time to head to the 'beach!' Join us 10 a.m. to noon at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave., for a morning of fun water activities and crafts. There will be a variety of fun water games that will definitely leave your little one soaked, so bring them dressed to get wet, and with shoes – no bare feet will be allowed. Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. Souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. And don't forget the sunscreen! For more information, call Krystal at 623-930-2038.

The following workshops are being offered:

June 30-July 3: **"Four Days of Folk Art and Storytelling"** with Christy Puetz
9:00 a.m.–noon, or 1–4 p.m. for ages 6-9

July 7-10: **"Magical Motion: The Art of Optical Toys"** with Chris Todd. 9:00 a.m.–noon, or 1–4 p.m. for high school students 14-18 years old

July 14-17: **"The Planetary Players Percussion Ensemble: A Hands-on Drumming Workshop"** with Will Clipman. 9:00 a.m.–noon for ages 6-9, or 1–4 p.m. for ages 10-13

July 21-24: **"Recycle-Re-use-Re-create"** with Carol Panaro-Smith. 9:00 a.m.–noon, or 1–4 p.m. for high school students 14-18 years old

July 28-31: **"Can You Draw an Apple? With your Eyes Closed?"** with Angela Ellsworth.
9:00 a.m.–noon, or 1–4 p.m. for high school students 14-18 years old

August 4-7: **"Write and Illustrate Your Own Book"** with Cyndi Coon. 9:00 a.m.–noon, or 1–4 p.m. for ages 10-12

The art camp classes will be held at the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area, located at 9802 N. 59th Ave. All classes will be held Monday through Thursday (split into morning and afternoon sessions.) For more details on each week's classes and instructors, visit www.glendaleaz.com/arts. To register for any of the camp classes, call 623-930-3755.

June

3..... City Council Workshop 1:30 p.m.
10..... City Council meeting 7 p.m.
17..... City Council Workshop 1:30 p.m.
24..... City Council meeting 7 p.m.



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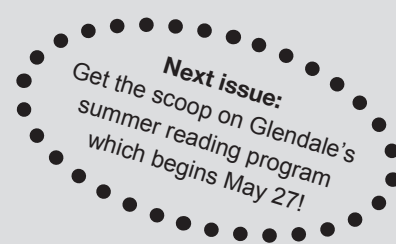
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A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents / April - May 2008

Warm weather means water fun and water safety

Looking to make a splash this summer? Get your 2008 Splashbook for Glendale's summer aquatic program information, including swimming lessons, recreation swim, swim teams, dive teams, family events, and new this year: discover scuba, water polo, synchronized swimming, and Adventure H2O Day! The Splashbook will be available online in late March, and available at all three libraries and the Parks & Recreation office in mid-April.

Registering for Parks and Recreation programs now just a click away!

Registering for salsa dancing, art and music classes; yoga, golf and aerobics classes; dog training, karate and Spanish classes; youth baseball and softball and hundreds of other parks and recreation classes and programs is now available 24/7. The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce online registration is now available. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Keep your kids safe - remember the ABC's of water safety

- **A**lways have adult supervision around water, no exceptions!
- **B**arrier fencing around your pool is a key to drowning prevention.
- **C**PR – learn to administer CPR through the Fire Department's classes, offered free of charge to residents. Call 623-930-3474 to sign up today.

Nominate a Neighborhood Leader or Volunteer for a Spark Award

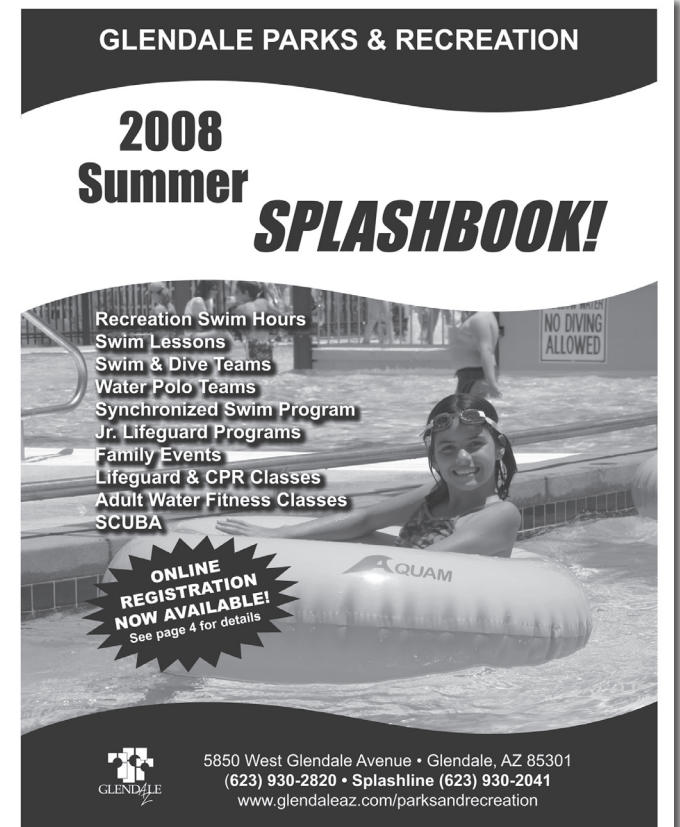
Do you know an individual who has a special 'spark' that you think deserves recognition? 'Sparks' are those individuals, groups, and organizations that help create a vision of what their neighborhood should be.

The city of Glendale invites residents to nominate that individual, neighborhood group, business or community organization for the 2008 Neighborhood Spark Award. Nominations are due May 1, 2008. For a copy of the nomination form, please visit our Web site at: www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships, or call the Neighborhood Partnerships Office at 623-930-2868.

Established by the City of Glendale's Citizens' Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods in 2000, Spark Award categories include:

- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Traditional Neighborhood Leadership
- HOA Leadership
- Business Support & Involvement with Neighborhood
- Community Partner Award
- Young Leaders On the Move

The Spark Awards will be presented at the annual Neighborhood Leadership Forum on Saturday, June 28 at 8 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.



A message from Councilmember Joyce Clark: Glendale's budget outlook



While many Valley municipalities are experiencing deep budget cuts for the coming fiscal year of 2008-09, Glendale remains in a strong financial position. While we saw some reduction in the amount of overall sales tax collection for the city, that reduction was offset by cost savings, primarily in the area of personnel. Our City Council continues to monitor Glendale's finances very carefully.

Our financial success is due to the efforts of our City Manager and staff as well as the decisions made by the Mayor and Council. It is also attributable to the conservative financial position of the Mayor and Council. We made a conscious decision, years ago, to diversify our tax base with less emphasis on residential development and greater attention to commercial and office development. We wanted to move Glendale away from being a "bedroom community" toward a community where you can truly live, work and play.

As a result, this Council has been able to move forward with approval of design work for a new City Court complex and Western Branch Library. We were also in a position to give direction for further redevelopment of Glendale Avenue, from 43rd to 67th avenues. Over time, the new Court House will spur redevelopment along Glendale Avenue, and the Western Branch Library will provide a sorely needed amenity for not only the current 40,000 plus residents in Western Glendale, but for the thousands of new residents locating in Zanjero and Westgate.

The entire staff and the Mayor and Council of Glendale are committed to keeping Glendale a city that is fiscally sound. We are also committed to continuing Glendale's tax base diversification without any tax increase in this year's budget. Just as in years previous, Glendale continues to move toward its vision for a strong, financial future.

Glendale's Garden Festival – a free green event for the entire family

Come celebrate everything green at the Glendale Garden Festival on May 3. This is an opportunity for the entire family to learn about gardening in the desert and green living at the award-winning Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden.

The event includes interactive garden art activities, 'go green' information booths, and entertaining presentations and activities for all ages. Adults can learn from the experts about tree care, low-water-use gardening, water harvesting and more. Children can participate in a variety of fun, hands-on activities in the garden and attend a puppet and magic show about water in the desert.

The Glendale Garden Festival will be held May 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden surrounding the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown Street.) The event is free and open to the public. For more details and a schedule of the event activities visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation or call 623-930-3535.

New dust control ordinance went into effect March 31

Did you know that the dust in the air can be unhealthy to you and your loved ones? Dust particles are so small that they can pass through your throat and nose and into your lungs, and may even get into the bloodstream.

Consider this:

- Dust, such as those from unpaved roads and surfaces can affect the heart and lungs and cause serious health effects.
- Exposure to dust is linked to decreased lung function, chronic bronchitis, and aggravated asthma.
- In 2005, the average hospital stay for Arizona residents with asthma was 3.2 days;
- In 2005, the number of Arizona residents having respiratory operations was 19,655.

The Valley continues to violate the federal air quality standards for particulate matter (PM-10), which includes dust and soot. The dirty air not only impacts public health, but if not corrected could result in the loss of millions of dollars in federal highway funds for the Valley.

The State of Arizona passed a new air quality law that required cities and Maricopa County to adopt local ordinances to control dust by March 31, 2008. The city of Glendale, along with the other Valley cities and Maricopa County are committed to adopt and implement dust control ordinances.

This new ordinance, which went into effect March 31, will include air quality measures that will restrict vehicular use and parking on vacant lots, require paving or stabilization of existing unpaved parking lots, restrict off-road vehicle use, and strengthen trespassing laws and ordinances. In addition, this ordinance includes the ban of blowing landscape debris into public roadways at any time by any person.

To read the state requirements for city ordinances relating to PM-10 dust control measures, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

For more information on the city ordinance, call the Glendale Code Compliance Department at 623-930-3610. For more information on air quality, call Glendale Environmental Resources at 623-930-2580.

ID your property to prevent burglaries – we can help!



Operation Identification is a citizen's burglary prevention program for use in homes and businesses. The Operation ID program involves the marking of property with an identifying number, such as your driver's license number, as a means of discouraging burglary and theft.

In communities where it has been carried out, the program has shown dramatic results in reducing burglaries. Glendale's Community Action Team will loan residents the Operation Identification Tool Kit, which includes an engraver, instructions and window decals. Residents can check out an Operation Identification Tool Kit at any one of the three Glendale Public Libraries, or the Gateway or Foothills police stations, for a period of one week.

What makes Operation Identification so effective is that easily identified property is hard for a burglar to dispose of. It can be traced back to you. And, if the burglar is caught with it in his possession, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods. Please call your Community Action Team at 623-930-3380 for more information.

May 15 – “That Thursday Thing’s” The Cat’s Pajamas

Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers and put on your most comfy pajamas as Downtown Glendale celebrates Girl's Night Out with a Pajama Party on Thursday, May 15. The May event marks the final That Thursday Thing of the season, so don't miss out!

Begin your experience at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where you will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel.

Live entertainment is located throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Enjoy an evening filled with music, free horse-drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and more. Catch a ride with Ollie the Trolley, starting at the Visitor Center, for free rides throughout the downtown area, including Cerreta Candy Company. Another fun highlight of the event will be the 'Most Creative Pajamas' contest!

For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500. Come by in person at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140, or visit us on the Web at www.VisitGlendale.com.

FUN FACT:

The term "cat's pajamas" comes from E.B. Katz, an English tailor of the late 1700's and early 1800's, who made the finest silk pajamas for royalty and other wealthy patrons.

Weeding things out: Code Compliance offers a few helpful hints

The winter rains are always a welcome weather condition to our dry Valley. But this much-appreciated water does come with a pesky price—weeds and overgrown grass!

With all the recent rain, many homeowners are going to be faced with rapid weed and grass growth in the next few weeks. Not only do overgrown weeds and grass pose a fire risk, but they also cause blight in a neighborhood. The Glendale Code Compliance Department is encouraging residents to take steps now to control weeds and grass before it becomes a problem.

To help residents and business owners win the battle against weeds, Code Compliance officials urge you to follow the following helpful hints from Valley horticulture experts:

- Keep grass cut and trimmed in your yard, along buildings and fences.
- Dig out already emerged weeds early before they get out-of-control.
- Use an herbicide (like Roundup) on large weed areas, but be sure to keep it away from other vegetation.
- Apply pre-emergent weed killers twice a year (fall and late winter before major rains is best).
- Stay on top of it! A little weeding twice a week will help you avoid a big job down the road.

Residents can find more information about property maintenance minimum standards at www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance or by calling 623-930-3610.

What can you watch on Glendale 11?

- City Council & workshop meetings
- Interview shows hosted by the Glendale City Manager, the Mayor and members of the Glendale City Council
- "City Beat" – Glendale's newscast
- "Glendale's Got Game: Super Bowl 42" – Highlighting the first Super Bowl in Glendale
- "Glendale 911" – Featuring the police & fire departments
- "Glendale Alive" – Glendale's Parks & Recreation Department
- "Check it Out @ the Library" – Profiling the Glendale Library
- "This is Glendale" – An overview of what Glendale has to offer residents and visitors
- "Glendale's Best: Our Neighborhoods" – Highlighting a diversity of neighborhoods and the people who live there

Check out Glendale 11's award-winning programs on Cox and Qwest Channel 11, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Glendale 11's guide is available at www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.