

■ At your libraries...

Family Fitness Fair Sept. 20

The popular Family Fitness Fair is coming back on Sept. 20, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., on the front lawn of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W.

Brown St. The whole family is invited to attend this free event to learn about fun activities that they can add to their fitness routines. Take home ideas of no cost or inexpensive

ways to keep the family in shape. Learn how to play Frisbee tag and other aerobic games, plus fun water activities. No registration is required. The program is part of the library's Be Fit: New Skills for a New Future series, which is funded by a Fit for Life grant from MetLife and Libraries for the Future. Call 623-930-2327 for more details.



Library to Offer Free GED Prep Classes

Rio Salado Adult Learning Center and the Foothills Branch Library are presenting a basic skills/ GED prep class, 3 hours a week for 12 weeks. The Monday class starts Sept. 8 and is held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All class materials will be provided. There is no fee for attending the class, but participants must commit to the entire 12-week session. On-site childcare will be available for children (ages 2-9) of parents who are participating at no charge. Space is limited in the class and the childcare. Participants must be at least 16 years of age, and not currently attending high school. Preference will be given to Glendale residents. Registration is required and begins Aug. 1. Call 623-930-3837 for more information or to register.

This series is part of "What E.L.S.E. (Enhancing Life Skills/Experiences) is Happening @ the Glendale Libraries?" The project is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records under the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Free GED classes will also be offered at Main and Velma Teague libraries in upcoming months.

The Big Read Returns to the West Valley

The Big Read returns this September with Dashiell Hammett's "The Maltese Falcon." This detective novel is a brilliant literary work, as well as a thriller, a love story, and a dark, dry comedy. The 1930 novel set the standard by which all subsequent detective fiction would be judged. This book spawned director John Huston's classic 1941 film that starred Humphrey Bogart as the hardboiled private eye Sam Spade, actually one of three film versions.

The West Valley Arts Council, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Arizona Community Foundation and the Glendale Arts Commission, is sponsoring the local Big Read, which runs during September and October. More than 100 copies of the book will be available to check out at the Glendale libraries.

Big Read events include:

Saturday, Sept. 6, 1 p.m. ~ auditorium of the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. – Watch the classic 1941 version of "The Maltese Falcon" and see clips from an earlier adaptation. No reservations are necessary. Call 623-930-3555 for more information.

Friday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m. ~ large meeting room of the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. – Join a book discussion of "The Maltese Falcon" when the Real to Reel Book Group gathers to discuss The Big Read selection. Call 623-930-3555 to sign up.

Monday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. ~ Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. – The 58th Ave. Book Club gathers to discuss "The Maltese Falcon." The public is welcome to attend. Call 623-930-3431 for more information.

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m. ~ large meeting room at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. – The Afternoon Readers Group will discuss "The Maltese Falcon" and everyone is invited to attend. Call 623-930-3549 for information.

The Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., will also hold a Big Read program during October. Call Sarah at 623-930-3844 for details on dates and times.



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A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents / August - September 2008

Primary Election Sept. 2, early voting Aug. 2-29

This Sept., voters will be selecting the city's mayor as well as council members from the Sahuaro, Cactus and Yucca districts. Residents citywide will have the opportunity to vote for the mayor, while citizens living in the three specific council districts will vote for their respective council member.

The city's early voting site is at the Glendale Adult Center, located at 5970 W. Brown St., open Aug. 4 through Aug. 29, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with the exception of holidays.

Legislation passed last year allows the county to maintain a permanent early ballot request list. This list enables voters to receive an early ballot for each election in which they are qualified to vote, without having to request the ballot each time. Voters may still vote at their respective polling locations if they opt not to receive an early ballot.

More than 25,000 Glendale voters opted to be on the permanent list to receive an early ballot. However, voters who are not on the list may still request an early ballot.

Voter registration forms are available at the following locations:

- Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
- Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.
- Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.
- Glendale City Hall (1st floor lobby and Office of the City Clerk, 4th floor), 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

Residents also can register to vote or request early ballots at www.servicearizona.com, however, the last day to request an early ballot by mail or phone is Aug. 22.

For more information or to request a mail-in ballot for the upcoming election, call Glendale's Election Hotline at 623-930-2296 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/elections or call Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511 or visit <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/web/elections.aspx>.



Ballet Under the Stars kicks off season in Glendale Sept. 18

Ballet Arizona kicks off its season of Ballet Under the Stars in Glendale on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m., at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area. Glendale residents will have the first opportunity to enjoy the popular free

performance, which is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy an amazing cultural experience in a beautiful outdoor setting. Bring blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy this magical, free performance. For more information, visit www.balletaz.org or call 602-381-0184.



Water/ Sewer rates adjust in October

Beginning in October, residents' water and sewer rates will be adjusted. For potable water, the average single-family customer using 12,500 gallons of water per month will see an increase of \$3.01. On the sewer side, the average single-family customer discharging 7,400 gallons per month into the sewer system will see an increase of about \$3.20.

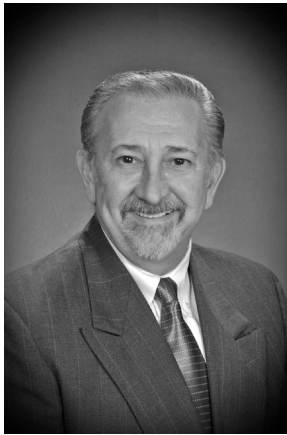
With conservation in mind, the less water customers use, the less of an increase will be seen in your monthly bill.

The city continues to find ways to minimize cost, while maintaining water quality and high customer service. In comparison to other Valley cities, Glendale's rates will continue to fall in the middle range. The average overall services bill will increase by about \$7.61.

For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com, or call the Utilities Department at 623-930-2700.

See an abandoned grocery cart in your neighborhood?
1.800.THE.CART to have it picked up.





A message from Councilmember Goulet... Glendale Avenue redevelopment

For many years Glendale Avenue was lined with car dealerships and known as “Auto Row.” While these businesses served the city well for many years, the Mayor and City

Council are now embarking on a new chapter for our namesake street. Enhancing the vitality of the Glendale Avenue corridor and creating a vibrant city center by creating strong neighborhoods and quality economic development have long been considered Council Strategic Goals. To that end, we are now embarking on what will certainly be some great opportunities.

This past spring, the Mayor and Council visited several cities that have revitalized their city cores, to gather information and conduct research. Meeting with officials and staff from such cities as Portland, Pasadena and Denver gave us some exciting and new ideas to bring to the table for discussion. Our goal is to develop a comprehensive vision and plan of action for Glendale Avenue from 43rd to 67th avenues. Ideas will first be discussed and evaluated at workshop sessions in August. Public forums will then be scheduled to get input from residents and business owners in the fall. We encourage all Glendale residents to take part in this process and join in the discussions. We truly want to hear what will draw people downtown to keep this area vibrant while serving day-to-day citizen needs. Retail and residential opportunities and complementary land uses will be topics you can help us with during the forums.

We are already making progress toward this goal. There has been some recent public and private investment in the area which meets the city’s new vision. The vacant Toyota dealership on 47th Avenue has been demolished and will be replaced with a new \$41.9 million city courthouse. A Fresh & Easy Market is coming to 51st Avenue. It will provide convenient day-to-day shopping opportunities. A new Fire Station is under construction at 52nd and Lamar avenues and over \$4 million in downtown streetscape improvements were added last year in addition to a 600 space parking garage with space for retail businesses. New town homes are under way in Catlin Court and just a few blocks to the west at 62nd Avenue, Southwest Ambulance has opened a new location. Coming later this fall to the corner of 67th Avenue will be a new shopping center. Glendale Mercado will offer retail, restaurants and services.

The revitalization will be a turning point for our city center. It will offer a fresh vision of downtown as the center of a vigorous and growing community. Open houses will be your opportunity to let us know what you would like to see. Please watch for dates and locations and join us at one of the public forums - and let your voice be heard.

Be wise, use street smarts!

Whether you’re 18 or 80, the best weapons against street crime are alertness and common sense.



Know the BIG THREE!

- **Stay alert and tuned into your surroundings, wherever you are.**
- **Stand tall and walk confidently.**
- **Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave quickly.**

Tips for Walkers

- Choose busy streets and avoid passing vacant lots, alleys or deserted construction sites. At night, stick to well-lit areas.
- Don’t walk or jog alone. Take a friend or neighbor along if possible.
- Get to know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Find out what stores and restaurants are open late and where the police and fire stations are located.
- Carry your purse close to your body with a firm grip on it. Carry a wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.

Tips for Drivers

- Always lock your car and take the keys, even if you’ll only be gone a short time.
- When you drive, be on the lookout for any problems that affect the neighborhood’s well-being -- abandoned cars, missing signs, malfunctioning traffic lights, reckless drivers or poor street lighting. Follow up and report any problems to the appropriate authorities.
- Keep your car in good running condition to avoid breakdowns and becoming vulnerable to passers-by.
- Always park in a well-lit area that will still be well-lit when you return.

For more tips or further information, contact your Community Action Team at 623-930-3380.

Happenings

September

- 1..... Labor Day (city offices closed)
- 2..... Primary Election (City Council meeting vacated)
- 6..... Teddy Bear Day, Historic Downtown Glendale
- 9..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16..... City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 23..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

October

- 4..... Fire Prevention Day & Parade, Historic Downtown Glendale
- 11..... Fiesta Glendale, Historic Downtown Glendale
- 13..... Columbus Day (city offices closed)
- 18..... Front Porch Festival, Historic Downtown Glendale

City Council meetings for October were not available at press time. For more information on events, call our Visitor Center at 623-930-4500, or check out VisitGlendale.com

AVP Crocs Tour Sanderson Ford Glendale Best of The Beach Sept. 25-27

The AVP Crocs Tour Sanderson Ford Glendale Best of the Beach Invitational is returning to Glendale on Sept. 25-27. The event will feature the top 12 individual men and the top 12 individual women on Tour and will be played at Westgate City Center, Arizona’s premiere sports and entertainment complex, located at Glendale Avenue and Loop 101.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.avp.com/glendale, by phone at 800-919-6272 or in person at Just Sports (Westgate location only). Ticket pricing packages range from a \$20 general admission seat to \$100 VIP party deck accommodations that include shade and hospitality.



HOAs receive CASH for grass

West Plaza and Villa Glendale are the first two homeowner associations to receive rebate checks for replacing grass areas with low water-use-landscape. The Glendale Water Conservation Office offers a rebate of up to \$3,000 to homeowner associations, businesses and multi-family common areas for removal of unwanted grass. The rebate program requires participation in a water budgeting process to track and monitor landscape watering. For more information on how to qualify, visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation or call the Water Conservation Office at 623-930-3596.



In your neighborhoods... Emergency home repairs for low-income residents

The city of Glendale utilizes federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide much-needed emergency repair assistance to qualified, low-income families and elderly who are Glendale residents. Some of the most requested calls for service during the summer months include repairs to existing air conditioning or evaporative coolers.

The city’s Emergency Home Repair Program utilizes a non-profit partner, Community Services of Arizona (CSA) to provide emergency repair services. Examples of the types of repairs allowed include electrical, mechanical, plumbing and roofing. To qualify, applicants must own and occupy the residence, and meet income requirements based on family size and program criteria. Funding is limited, and repairs are approved on a case-by-case basis depending on the type and severity of the emergency.

For more information, or to apply for assistance, please call CSA directly at 480-963-6276, extension 215.

At your parks... Punt, Pass & Kick Competition events for ages 8-15

This national skills competition measures punting, passing and placekicking skills in both boys and girls divisions, ages 8-15. Winners from each of the four local competitions will advance to the sectional competition held Nov 2. The top four boys and girls in the sectional competition throughout the state will advance to the Team Championships at the University of Phoenix Stadium during the Arizona Cardinal vs. Minnesota Viking game on Dec. 7.

For details on dates/locations and preregistration call 623-930-2043 or 623-930-2841, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

