

■ At your Libraries...

Authors @ the Teague

Mystery novelist Deborah Crombie, on a book tour this summer, will be stopping in the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, to discuss her 12th novel in the Duncan Kincaid/Gemma James series about a Scotland Yard detective superintendent and his sergeant. Her newest novel, "Where Memories Lie," is hitting store shelves in June. A Texas native, Crombie lived in Scotland and England before returning to reside in her home state. She returns to the British Isles several times a year to keep her mystery settings and plots current. Her newest book will be available for purchase at the signing. Call 623-930-3431 for more information.

Free teen fun @ the library

The Glendale libraries have a wide range of activities to keep teenagers, ages 12-18, out of the hot July Arizona weather! Foothills Branch is running a series of DIY workshops – making a bracelet on July 22, beauty tips on July 24 and creating CD clocks on July 30. Summer Shape Up classes of Jiu-Jitsu and yoga are also happening at Main Library and Foothills, along with video game tournaments and design classes at all three libraries.

Non-stop activities for kids @ the library

Well, we exaggerated a little, but children and preschoolers have many options of entertaining and educational programs and activities to excite and expand their minds. Age-appropriate story times, science programs, book groups, story telling, magic shows, animal programs, crafts and project classes, movies and more!

To find out more on these activities and other happenings for teens and youths, call the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., at 623-930-3537, Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave., at 623-930-3837, and Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave., at 623-930-3437.

Canyon country: california condors in Arizona

Arizona Game and Fish Condor Biologist Kathy Sullivan talks about these amazing birds brought back from the brink of extinction at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 17 at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. She will describe the obstacles condors face in the wild, and discuss what you can do to help conserve these prehistoric giants. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

Need your "Unexplained" fix?

This popular series, The Unexplained, is back in its regular summer slot at the Main Library on Thursdays at 7 p.m. To find out upcoming topics, call 623-930-3573.

■ At your parks...

What in the WORLD is happening on July 26?

Breaking records! Do you have what it takes to break a Guinness World Record? Give it your best shot at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center's 2nd World Records Day on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m. This event will showcase a variety of established world records that are just waiting to be broken! This free event will be held in the Coyote Room at the center, located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Foothills Family Swim Night June 21

On June 21, between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center will be specially reserved for families to enjoy the aquatics center. Swimming will cost just \$3 per person. Parents/guardians must accompany children. For more information, call 623-930-4600.

Bring the whole gang to Free Swim Fridays at select Glendale pools

Thanks to sponsor Arizona Physicians IPA, every Friday, between June 6 - July 25, Glendale kids 17 and under can swim for free at the following pools:

- 1 - 4 p.m. at Cardinal Pool – 6350 W. Glendale Ave.
- 1 - 5 p.m. at O'Neil Pool – 6448 W. Missouri Ave.
- 1 - 7 p.m. at Rose Lane Aquatics Center – 5003 W. Marlette Ave.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation office at 623-930-2820.

Happenings

July

- 3..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
Special Patriotic Performance
- 4..... Independence Day (city offices closed)
- 4..... Glendale's 4th of July Celebration, 6 p.m.
Glendale Community College
- 10..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
- 17..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
- 24..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*

The City Council will be on summer recess during the month of July.

August

- 12..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.*
- 26..... City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.*
- 26..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.*

***Events take place in Downtown Glendale. For more information on events, call our Visitor Center at 623-930-4500, or check out VisitGlendale.com**



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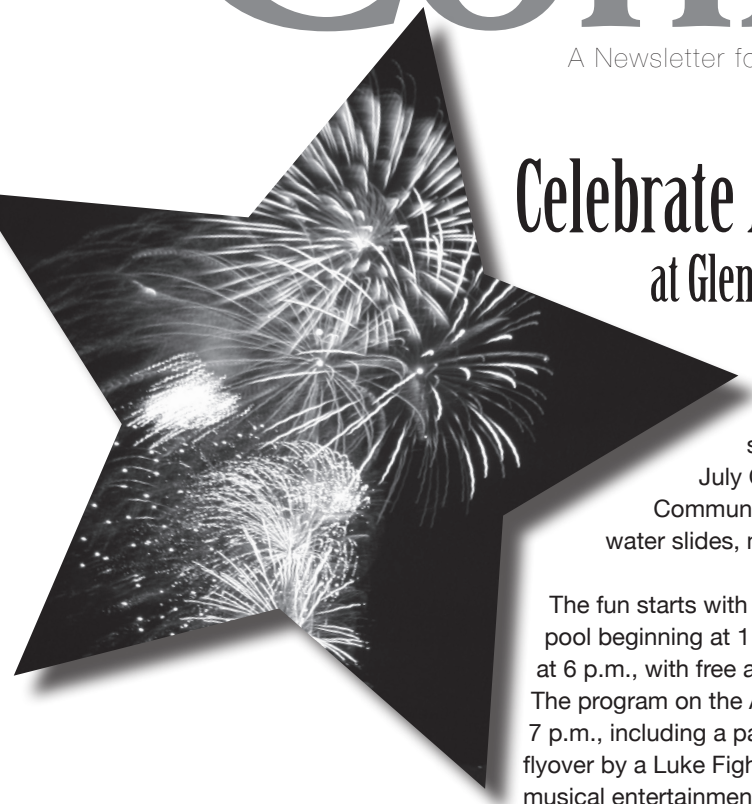


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Celebrate America's birthday in style at Glendale's 4th of July Celebration

Get fired up for July 4th fun! Celebrate America's birthday in style at Glendale's 4th of July Celebration at Glendale Community College with hot dogs, water slides, music and fireworks.

The fun starts with free swimming at the GCC pool beginning at 1 p.m. Gates open for the event at 6 p.m., with free admission and free parking. The program on the APS Main Stage begins at 7 p.m., including a patriotic salute and an F-16 flyover by a Luke Fighter Squadron, followed by musical entertainment.

The awesome fireworks display is scheduled to begin at 8:40 p.m. Entertainment for children will include a juggler on the kid's stage. Parents can keep little ones cool and happy with an inflatable water

slide, or other inflatable games that will be available for a small fee.

Bleacher seating is available inside the stadium, as well as acres of grass for blankets and lawn chairs throughout the college grounds and at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Coolers will be permitted inside the stadium, but subject to search upon entry. However, glass containers and alcohol are prohibited. Food and beverages will be available for purchase during the event, as well.

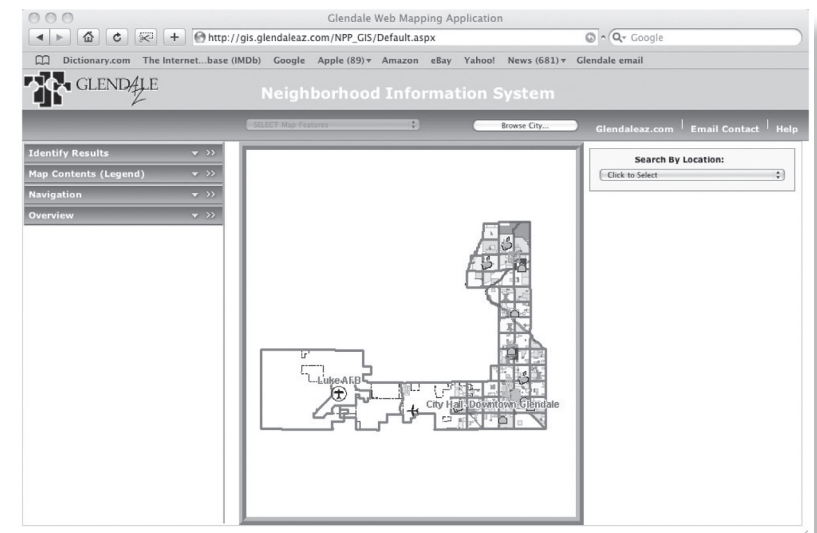
For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events. Glendale's 4th of July Celebration is sponsored by APS, KTVK News Channel 3, The Arizona Republic, Snaple AOX, Diamond Resorts, KOOL, KMLE and JAMZ.

New online neighborhood page offers city statistics and maps right at your fingertips

A powerful research tool now is available online! Glendale's new Neighborhood Information System allows all visitors, who log on to the city's Web site, at www.glendaleaz.com, direct access into a new page full of useful data. On the city's home page, click on the Neighborhood Information System link under the header 'Glendale Essentials.'

When you enter the new page, you'll have the opportunity to download a user guide. Once you're on the Neighborhood Information System page, you can access park locations and amenities, statistics from the police and code compliance departments, zoning designations, census tract data, links to local schools and other maps of Glendale neighborhoods.

More information will be continuously added to this "one-stop" information site, so visit often. If you have a question or a comment about the page, you can send an e-mail to: neighborhoodgis@glendaleaz.com.



A message from Councilmember Steve Frate... Stay Safe This Summer



Summer is here, and with it comes the extreme temperatures we have in Arizona. June is "National Safety Month" and it is a good time to think about protecting yourself in the high temperatures.

Each year in Maricopa County, we lose an average of 53 lives to heat-related deaths. Countless animals suffer in the summer heat, with no shade and not enough water.

Hikers underestimate the severity of the summer sun and don't bring enough water for their trek. Tragically, we continue to lose babies and children left in cars with the windows closed, where temperatures can exceed 140 degrees within minutes. All of this is preventable.

With temperatures consistently at 100 degrees or higher, the Glendale Fire Department wants residents and visitors to stay safe, and know the dangers extreme heat conditions cause. Following these simple tips will help you survive the heat:

- Do your daily exercise and yard work early, and avoid being outside from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water before, during and after any outside activity.

- Limit soda, caffeine, and alcohol during any outside activity.
- Wear a hat, and apply sunscreen to prevent sunburn.
- Never leave children or pets inside of an unattended vehicle.
- Know the symptoms of heat exhaustion – nausea, general weakness, dizziness, and body cramps. Cooling off, preferably indoors, and hydrating your body may relieve this condition.
- Be familiar with the symptoms of heat stroke; they include hot flushed skin, dizziness, nausea, cramps, and sometimes unconsciousness. This condition may require immediate medical attention.

You can help play a big role in other ways to keep our community safe as well:

- Be aware the summer sun can turn weeds and dead plants and trees into dry kindling, and make efforts to remove it.
- Take a moment to fasten your seat belt, and also be sure to secure babies and children properly in car seats. Don't wait for tragedy to happen to you and your family.
- Think about water safety all year round. The truth is, water safety is always in season, so remember, "always watch those little ones around water."

Be safe. You can make a difference in your community!

For more tips on personal safety from the Glendale Police Department, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/police and click on 'Prevention and Education.'

Neighborhood Watch: Take a stand

Neighborhood Watch is a program in which citizens and police work in partnership to improve the quality of life in Glendale's neighborhoods. A Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. It is about empowering you, the residents of Glendale, to help reduce your chances of being victimized by crime through education and teamwork.

It really works! Today's society is becoming more transient, thereby producing communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children involved in many activities that keep everyone away from home. An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a prime target for burglary. No matter where you live, a comprehensive Neighborhood Watch program offers numerous benefits for your area. Such programs instill a greater sense of security, well-being, and reduce the fear of crime



in your neighborhood. Simply put, Neighborhood Watch helps instill a greater sense of community, by putting the 'neighbor' back into neighborhood.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect by participating in Glendale's Neighborhood Watch program:

- Reducing the risk of being a crime victim
- Being better prepared to respond to suspicious activity
- Increased information on issues that impact your neighborhood
- Obtaining Neighborhood Watch signs
- Getting to know your neighbors
- Reducing the fear of crime and making your neighborhood more liveable

Interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch or rejuvenating an existing one? Contact your Community Action Team at 623-930-3380 to learn more today!

Summary of upcoming municipal rate adjustments

You will soon see a rate adjustment on your water/sewer and sanitation bill.

Sanitation Rates

Beginning in July, residents' sanitation rates will be adjusted for the first time in three years. The rate adjustment is due to increasing equipment, operating and fuel costs. For example, equipment costs have risen 21 percent since 2005, and fleet operating costs have risen 53 percent. In addition, fuel has increased by 70 percent in the last five years.

The residential sanitation rate will increase from \$14.90/household per month to \$16.30/household per month.

Water/Sewer Rates

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

The city is committed to providing safe, reliable water and sewer services that meet customers expectations. Some of the projects in the works include water treatment plant improvements, replacement of aging pipes in the water distribution and sewer collection system, construction of sewer/odor control stations and improvements to security at water and wastewater facilities.

In comparison to other Valley cities, Glendale's rates will continue to fall in the middle range. The average overall city services bill will increase by about \$7.61.

For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com



Do you know how to safely dispose of unused medications?

There is growing evidence that throwing out or flushing prescription and non-prescription medications, including health products, may have a harmful effect on the environment. Over the past few decades, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of new human and veterinary drugs, and personal care products introduced into the marketplace. These drugs and products are adding to the array of chemicals and other substances present in the environment. For the past 20 years, scientists and environmentalists have been aware of pharmaceutical traces in the environment.

When prescription or over-the-counter drugs are thrown into the garbage, or flushed down the sink or toilet, their chemical components may be added to the water supply or soil. The presence of these substances in the environment is emerging as an important national and international issue. Although the concentration levels of these products in the environment are very low, they may be enough to cause adverse effects in the environment and to human health. There are also concerns over the effects of medications ending up in drinking water sources.

You can help lessen the impact of these risks by disposing of drugs in a responsible way:



- Do not put out-of-date or unused medication down the toilet or sink.
- Check to see if your pharmacy has a drug recycling program that disposes of unused or expired drugs in an environmentally safe manner.
- Alternatively, take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers.
- Mix the prescription drugs with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds or kitty litter, and put them in impermeable, plain containers such as empty cans or sealable bags. This will further ensure that the drugs are not diverted or accidentally ingested by children or pets.
- Throw these containers in the trash.

For more information, call Glendale's Water Quality Lab at 623-930-3885 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources.