

■ At your parks...

Summer sports, workout opportunities for kids, teens

Looking for a way for your child or teen to stay active this summer? Look no further. Glendale has plenty of activities to keep kids occupied and entertained during those long, hot months. Free activities include open gym time and weight room access, and sports clinics are offered at very reasonable rates; information is listed below. For more details and additional recreational opportunities, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820. Registration is now available online!

Free Open Gyms & Weight Rooms

Gyms and weight rooms at the following locations are open to those ages 13 and older. No registration or fee is required, but dates/times are subject to change. INFO: 623-930-2841.

Open Gyms: *Basketball and volleyball use only*

- Glendale High School: June 9–July 11 M–TH 1–4 p.m.
- Cactus High School: June 9–July 11 M–TH 12:30–3:30 p.m.
- Ironwood High School: June 9–30 M–TH 1–4 p.m.

Weight Rooms:

- Glendale High School: June 9–July 11 M–F, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., 4–6 p.m.
- Cactus High School: June 9–July 11 M–F 8–11 a.m., 4:30–6:30 p.m.
- Ironwood High School: June 9–July 11 M–F 8–11 a.m., 4–6 p.m.
- Copper Canyon High School: June 9–July 18* M–F 8–11 a.m., 4–6 p.m. (closed June 30–July 4)

■ At your Libraries...

‘The Unexplained’ Series: Thursdays June 5-Aug. 28

The Unexplained Series is a summertime staple in the auditorium of the Main Library, every Thursday evening at 7 p.m., beginning June 5 through Aug. 28. Look for interesting, off-beat, inexplicable topics to amaze and delight adult audiences. For more information, call Anne at 623-930-3573.

Literary Lunch: a family affair

Take a break from the fast-food joint! Bring your lunch to the Main Library and enjoy listening to a fun, fast-paced book while you eat! Bring the whole family! Children age 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult, however.

The Literary Lunch reads an entire book over the five-day-week, Monday-Friday on the following weeks: June 2-6; June 16-20; July 7-11; and 21-25. It takes place 12:30-1 p.m., in the Storytime Room of the Main Library. For more information, call Carolyn at 623-930-3537.

Summer sports clinics

For additional information on any of these camps/clinics, call 623-930-2841. Hurry! Space is limited.

Basketball Clinic:

June 9–July 10, 5 weeks (Coed, ages 6-15)
Glendale resident: \$40 • Non-resident: \$48.
Cactus High School, 6330 W. Greenway Rd.

Lacrosse Camp:

June 9–26, Mon. & Wed., 8–10 a.m.
(Coed, ages 8-14)
Glendale resident: \$35 • Non-resident: \$42
Bonsall Park Hockey Rink, 59th Ave. & Bethany Home Rd.

Wrestling Camp:

June 20–July 2, Mon., Wed. & Fri., 10–11:30 a.m.
(Coed, ages 8-14)
Glendale resident: \$30 • Non-resident: \$36
Kellis High School, 8990 W. Orangewood Ave.

Volleyball Camp:

July 8–July 17, Monday-Friday (Coed, ages 9-18)
Glendale resident: \$40 • Non-resident: \$48
Kellis High School, 8990 W. Orangewood Ave.

Film buffs! Join us for ‘Reel Talk’ Saturdays at 1 p.m.

If you’re a movie lover, Foothills Library is the place to be this summer on Saturdays at 1 p.m. Film teacher Jeannie Berg leads a free viewing and discussion series featuring award-winning films, one from every decade from the 1930s to the present.

Foothills Branch Library is located at 19055 N. 57th Ave. For more information, call 623-930-3844. Upcoming dates and films:

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| June 7 | Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939) not rated |
| June 14 | The Lost Weekend (1945) not rated |
| June 21 | High Noon (1952) not rated |
| June 28 | Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner (1967) rated “G” |
| July 5 | Kramer vs. Kramer (1979) rated “PG” |
| July 12 | Gandhi (1982) rated “PG” |
| July 19 | Good Will Hunting (1998) rated “R” |
| July 26 | The Pianist (2002) rated “R” |



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Summer reading program @ Glendale libraries

What could be better than curling up with a good book indoors when the weather turns hot? Winning prizes just for reading! You can win great prizes with the Summer Reading Program at Glendale libraries, which begins May 27.

Cool prizes and fun programming will mean an entertaining summer for kids under 18, with “Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark!” sponsored by the Arizona Diamondbacks and *The Arizona Republic*.

Children can participate by reading on their own or having books read to them. For every 20 minutes of reading or listening, 50 pages or one book, a child advances one space on the game board. Every 10 spaces, a prize is awarded. Upon reaching the finish line, the child brings the game board back to the library to receive a free ticket to a D-backs game! In addition to a ticket to a baseball game, youngsters will receive prizes for reading—an interactive sticker, rubber duckie, horse puzzle and a barrel of monkeys game. Summer activities at Glendale’s three libraries will include many free family-friendly activities including magic and puppet shows, live animal programs, literary lunches, book discussions, movies as well as crafts and other hands-on activities for all ages.

Teens, ages 12-18, can also take part in a reading program designed specifically for them. This year’s teen summer program has a musical theme. Harkins, Chipotle and Sonic are providing

Sweet music fills the night air for Summer Band Concert Series Thursdays @ 8 p.m., June 5 — July 24

This long-standing Glendale tradition keeps getting better every year! Join the Summer Band for free performances hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department in the amphitheater in Murphy Park, located at 5850 w. Glendale Ave., every Thursday at 8 p.m. beginning June 5, through July 24.

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.

some of the prizes. To qualify for a prize, teens must read 6 hours or 600 pages. They complete the program at the end of 24 hours or 2,400 pages. Teens can participate in bonus drawings for prizes by writing brief reviews of the books they read. Some of the fun programs teens will enjoy include video game tournaments, Battle of the Bands: Digital D.J., summer shape-up classes, babysitting classes, cooking, crafts, journaling and video game design.

“Reading Alfresco” is the theme for this year’s adult reading program. The adult program offers drawings for reading and picnic-related prizes. Participants enter a weekly drawing for each book read; after finishing six books, readers are entered into a grand prize drawing, which will take place at each of the three libraries. This year’s grand prize is a picnic basket with a gift card to A.J.’s Fine Foods. Everyone who completes the program receives an insulated lunch tote.

To find out the dates and times for all the free programs, pick up the summer reading and program schedules at any Glendale library or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library and click on “Library Programs and Events.”

For more information, visit or call your closest library:
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



For more information, call 623-930-2042 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

A Message from Mayor Elaine Scruggs... Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission



My Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) was created to enhance leadership and develop community pride among Glendale's youth. MYAC is 50 high school students who reside in Glendale and attend public and private schools in our city and the surrounding area. Each MYAC member completes community service projects, attends City Council meetings and serves on a MYAC subcommittee. As the school year comes to a close,

we have reason to celebrate the accomplishments of the teens who served on MYAC during the current school year.

Every year these teens inspire all of us with their abilities as well as their fresh insights and perspectives. This year, members of MYAC created a public service announcement (PSA) about graffiti prevention that will be shown in Glendale schools and on Glendale Channel 11. The PSA stresses the negative impact that graffiti has on the image of any community and emphasizes that other useful projects could be funded with the amount of money that a city spends cleaning up graffiti (see article at right). Our current MYAC members also organized a toy drive for Andrea's Closet, a program at Banner Thunderbird Hospital where pediatric patients who complete a treatment or procedure are able to choose a toy as a reward for their bravery.

MYAC is rich in tradition with numerous activities that take place each and every year. 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 11 and focuses on positive contributions of local teens. During Glendale Glitters, MYAC members manage the snow fields, where Arizona children are given the unique opportunity to play in real snow. MYAC members partner with Cerreta Candy Company to raffle off a 300-pound chocolate heart during the Chocolate Affaire. This year the Cerreta family donated a giant chocolate football instead in recognition of the Super Bowl taking place in Glendale. Other traditional events include the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the Holiday Angels Program.

We are currently accepting applications for next year's commission and they are 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.

Get involved! Graffiti removal and prevention



Did you know the Glendale Police Department has implemented a new program called Together Against Graffiti (TAG)? TAG is a collaborative effort designed to educate, prevent, remove and enforce the laws related to graffiti, unfortunately a common blight in our community.



The program builds a working relationship between the Police Department, the County Attorney's Office, Code Compliance, Graffiti Busters, schools, homeowner's associations and the media. Using this coalition of different departments within the city, the program educates the community about graffiti and also provides an anonymous tip-line where citizens can earn a reward by turning in the people responsible for the graffiti. The program also ensures that these arrested subjects are prosecuted to the extent of the law and that the subjects participate in publicly covering up the graffiti in a timely manner.

If you have any information about a graffiti vandal, you can report them and claim a reward by calling 623-262-7327. (Reports can be made anonymously.)

Check out new anti-graffiti PSA on Glendale 11



The high school students involved in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) have teamed up with Glendale 11's Cary Pfeffer to create a new anti-graffiti public service announcement, which began airing on Glendale 11 in April. The 30-second PSA, aimed at preventing graffiti vandalism, is targeted to teens and highlights the penalties they can face. For a complete program guide for Glendale 11, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11

2008 Neighborhood Leadership Forum & Spark Awards

Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.
Saturday, June 28, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Are you a Glendale resident who is interested in neighborhood issues? If so, you're invited to a free workshop and breakfast focusing on issues affecting our community. You'll have the opportunity to meet and network with other neighborhood leaders and elected officials from the city. Recipients of the "Spark Awards," the city's annual neighborhood leadership awards, also will be announced. Don't miss this educational opportunity! To register, call the RSVP line in the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2125 or e-mail leadership@glendaleaz.com.

Election dates to remember!

Election day will be here before you know it, so make sure that you're prepared. Glendale's Primary Election will be held Sept. 2, and if necessary the General Election will take place Nov. 4.

District seats up for re-election are Sahuaro, Cactus, Yucca and the Mayoral at-large seat.

Here are important dates to mark on your calendar for the elections:

- July 31** Early/sample ballots available
- Aug. 4** Last day to register: Primary Election
- Aug. 22** Last day to request early ballot by mail/phone
- Sept. 2** Primary Election
- Oct. 6** Last day to register: General Election
- Oct. 24** Last day to request early ballot by mail/phone
- Oct. 31** Last day to vote early in-person at City Clerk's Office
- Nov. 4** General Election

For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/clerk, or call 623-930-2252.

Happenings

June

- 3..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 8..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.
Historic Downtown Glendale
- 10..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.
Historic Downtown Glendale
- 17..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 19..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.
Historic Downtown Glendale
- 24..... City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.
Historic Downtown Glendale

July

- 3..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.
Special Patriotic Performance
Historic Downtown Glendale
- 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.
Historic Downtown Glendale
- 17..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.
Historic Downtown Glendale
- 24..... Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.
Historic Downtown Glendale



**The Glendale City Council
will take its summer recess
during the month of July,
and will reconvene
Aug. 12.**

For more information on events, call our Visitor Center at 623-930-4500, or check out VisitGlendale.com

Understanding Your Monthly Sewer Charges

Each year during the month of May, your sewer charge is recalculated based on your actual water usage billed during the prior winter months of January, February and March. All customers have a water meter to determine water consumption, however, there is no way to measure how many gallons each customer sends into the sewer system.

It is estimated that 90 percent of all water used in a single-family home during the three-month winter averaging period goes into the sewer system and that the remaining 10 percent is used for drinking, cooking, landscaping and other outside uses. In dwellings other than single-family homes, it is estimated that 95 percent of the water goes into the sewer system.

Wastewater collection and treatment services cost millions of dollars annually. Changes on your sewer bill can be attributed to the difference between your 2007 and 2008 winter water use average. An appeal can be made on the basis that a higher than normal amount of water was used due to outdoor watering and/or a leak during the average period.

Appeal requests are accepted within 60 days of the May billing. Those who submitted an appeal for 2006 and 2007, which were approved for multiple years, need not file a new appeal for 2008. New accounts established during the average period will not have a full three-month winter average; therefore sewer charges for those accounts will be based on a typical average for similar property types.

Sewer appeal forms are available on our Web site; www.glendaleaz.com. The form is located under the Finance Department 'Forms' link. Sewer appeal forms can also be requested by contacting our Customer Service Office at 623-930-3190.