

At your libraries...

Myriad musical performances at Glendale libraries

(see library locations listed below)

Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Foothills ~ Flutasia: A Musical Quartet: Featuring flutists Karen Thomasson, Nora Welsh, Criscell Roberts and Rebekah Lowe.

Join us at this concert appropriate for the whole family, to experience traditional holiday favorites, as well as some classical selections. Roadrunner Room. Info: 623-930-3846

Dec. 21, 2 p.m., Foothills ~ An Afternoon Of Classical Cello: Enjoy relaxing melodies performed by cellist Stephen Chavez. (Lobby)

Info: 623-930-3846.

Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Main ~ Campanillas del Sol Bell Choir: A holiday favorite returns. This 14-member handbell choir was founded in 2000 by Roy and Jennie Blomquist. The audition-only group rings both secular and non-secular music. Because the group is so popular, it is advised to come early for a seat. (Auditorium) Info: 623-930-3573.

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Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Main ~ Holiday Best of Jam:

The library's Acoustic Jam has fine amateur musicians who are ready for the "big" stage! They will join favorite Glendale Coffeehouse performers to the Live at the Library stage. Guaranteed to be an evening of merriment with guitars that will banish any seasonal blues. (Auditorium) Info: 623-930-3573.

Looking for a unique gift? Library cookbook benefits charity

Here's a gift for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list: a Glendale Library Cookbook! Library employees and volunteers have compiled their favorite recipes to publish the first edition of "From Books to Cooks: Serving It Up! at Glendale Public Library." The cookbook is priced at \$10.00, and proceeds go to the Glendale Public Library Charity Fund. It can be purchased at the check out desk of any Glendale library. For more information, call Anne Caltabiano at 623-930-3569.

At your parks...

Start planning now for your summer job

Its that time of year again....time to start planning to be a lifeguard next summer. It pays to plan ahead! Many people begin to think about their summer jobs too late, inquiring about a lifeguard job in April or May. Unfortunately, that is way too late to get on board for summer. Glendale's Lifeguard Training classes begin in November, and wrap up at the end of March.

For all the details on lifeguard training classes and prerequisites, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation, or call 623-930-2820.

Youth Sports Registration

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for the upcoming youth sports season Dec. 1-26. Late registration, with additional fees, runs Dec. 29 - Jan. 2. (Please be aware of city holidays which occur during this timeframe.)

The spring sports season begins in mid-February and will include flag football, cheerleading, basketball, box soccer, t-ball and kickball. Youth sports build strong bodies and give children teamwork and social skills to be used throughout their lives.

For more information contact 623-930-2820 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Adaptive Recreation Advisory Committee

Increasing demand for recreational opportunities for disabled children and teens has recently led to the creation of a citizen committee called the Adaptive Recreation Advisory Committee. The committee is determined to provide the most adaptive recreation programming possible to include opportunities for everyone regardless of abilities.

The Adaptive Recreation Advisory Committee met for the first time in September. The committee reviews current programming and explores future opportunities. They decided to add dance and art classes to the existing adaptive recreation program and developed a vision statement. The vision statement for the committee is, "Expand the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's program to include more opportunities for children and youth of all abilities."

The committee meets monthly at the Glendale Adult Center with David Seid, recreation manager and Katherine O'Connor, recreation coordinator, as staff liaisons. Learn more about the committee by calling the Adult Center at 623-930-4321.



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Mark your calendar for these holiday happenings in Glendale...

Jingle Bell Hike to Santa | Saturday, Dec. 6, 9-11 a.m.

Thunderbird Conservation Park 67th Ave., north of Deer Valley Rd.

FREE! Visit with Jolly Ol' St. Nick at the midpoint in this moderate two-third-mile, round-trip hike. Wear hiking or tennis shoes and be sure to bring water and your camera, but please leave pets at home. For more information, call 623-930-2038.

Free holiday concert | Sunday, Dec. 7, 2:30 p.m.

Ocotillo Hall, Midwestern University 19555 N. 59th Ave.

Enjoy the "Sounds of the Season" at this free holiday concert featuring the Arizona Winds and the Arizona Arts Chorale. This annual program will include a variety of band and vocal holiday favorites, plus a holiday sing-along. For more information, call 623-572-3353 or visit www.azwinds.com or www.arizonaartschorale.org.

Holiday at the Ranch | Saturday, Dec. 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area 59th Avenue & Mountain View Road

Experience a hometown holiday and a seasonal atmosphere in the historic setting of this 17-acre ranch! Enjoy family activities, entertainment, special tours & exhibits, and more, including tours of two historic houses decorated for the holidays, a gingerbread house exhibit presented by the Arizona Culinary Institute, gingerbread craft-making activity, roving entertainers, and the "Let it Snow" play area. Bring an unwrapped toy for a community toy drive. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Dress warm for winter fun! For more information, call 623-930-4200.

Glendale Glitters means fun holiday lighting weekends in December

On Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 5-20 downtown Glendale will be aglow with 1.5 million sparkling lights, and Murphy Park will be filled with entertainment, arts and crafts, delicious food and horse-drawn carriage rides. Each weekend has a special theme with all kinds of fun for all ages. Events take place 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events or call 623-930-2299.

Dec. 5-6, Gingerbread Nights: Enjoy family fun all about gingerbread, including a gingerbread house, a gingerbread house building competition, both amateur and professional, as well as fairy tale performances and all sorts of treats to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Dec. 12-13, Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights: Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in Murphy Park, which will be packed with music, lights and excitement. Entertainment will include performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances.

Dec. 19-20, The Spirit of Giving: The holidays are a time of generosity, so what could be better than a whole weekend recognizing those who give back to our community? It'll do your heart good to get into the spirit of giving by paying tribute to those selfless organizations who make our community a better place to live.



LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Main Library
5959 West Brown Street
623-930-3530

Foothills Library
19055 North 57th Avenue
623-930-3830

Velma Teague Library
7010 North 58th Avenue
623-930-3430

www.glendaleaz.com/library

A Message from Mayor Elaine Scruggs...



Over the past several years I have written about how your contributions to **From the Heart** help non-profit agencies provide essential human services to those in need. In the past few months I have had an opportunity to personally witness the power of this incredible program.

Many of you know that my dad passed away in June. Throughout his life, Dad looked for ways to help others. Whether he was loaning out tools from his well-stocked garage,

helping someone remodel or repair their home, or unhesitatingly writing a check, Dad was always there for those in need.

We all know there are folks who prefer to contribute to a special cause "in lieu of flowers." When thinking of which organization to direct family and friends' contributions to in honor of Dad, **From the Heart** seemed the perfect choice. **From the Heart** helps many organizations, diverse in their missions, and reaches far into our community. Sounded just like Dad.

The fact that the BHHS Legacy Foundation matches all contributions to **From the Heart** by 50 percent made the choice even better. My dad was definitely good with finances; 50% return on an investment would be right up his alley.

Through the generosity of family and friends (including some of you reading this column), close to \$7,000 has been received in honor of Dad. That money will multiply into more than \$10,000 once the Legacy Foundation match is applied. This spring a group of community members will volunteer their time to review applications and decide how those funds, and the rest of this year's contributions, will be awarded to organizations that serve Glendale residents. I am humbled and proud at the same time to know so many will be helped in Dad's memory.

I would like to encourage you to also consider naming **From the Heart** in situations when you give your family and friends a suggestion of what to send "in lieu of flowers or gifts." What can be better than giving a donation that will multiply by 50% and make a difference in the lives of hundreds.

Please visit our city website, glendaleaz.com, for more information on **From the Heart**. You will find it listed under "Quick Links" on the left side of the website's opening page.

Thank you for your continued generosity to make life better for countless Glendale residents.

You're Invited

Mayor's 2009 State of the Business Community Address
at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Luncheon
Thursday, January 8, 2009
Ticket Info: 623-937-4754

'Tis the season to stay safe!

'Tis the season to be busy, rushed and in some cases, let your guard down, so the Glendale Police Department's Community Action Team wants to remind residents of a few safety tips to keep you and your family safer this holiday season.

- Shoppers are among the biggest targets for criminals. Don't become overburdened with too many bags, which could make you an easy target. Make several trips to your car to drop off packages. The best place to store them is the trunk of your car so they are out of sight. Keep your car locked at all times.
- When walking through parking lots, be aware of your surroundings. Try to go shopping with a partner. Walk with confidence! Do not look like a victim!
- After the holidays, do not discard empty boxes that announce your new gifts (i.e. DVD players, TVs, cameras, video games, etc.). Some burglars will drive through the neighborhood to spot what has been thrown away so they can determine which house to target. Break the boxes down and throw them in your trash or recycle can so that they are not visible.
- If you are going out of town, make sure your home appears as if someone is there. Install dusk to dawn sensors or timers on your inside lights and porch lights. Have a neighbor pick up your mail, newspaper or door hangers or you can have the delivery service hold them while you are away.

For more information, call 623-930-3380, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/police.



Glendale honors Arizona Little League state champions

The city of Glendale recently honored the Arrowhead Little League All-Star Team for winning the 2008 Arizona State Little League Baseball Championship. Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs recognized the players individually and presented a proclamation to team manager Jim Harte (far right) during the Sept. 10 City Council meeting. The team from Glendale, comprised of 12- and 13-year-old boys, won the state tournament last month that featured the top 14 Little League teams from throughout Arizona.



Volunteers needed for tax prep assistance to benefit low-income, elderly residents

Could you donate a few hours of your time to make a difference in the lives of Glendale residents?

The city is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation for low income and elderly residents. The good news is, you don't need accounting or previous tax preparation experience, as training will be provided. Volunteers are needed to be site coordinators, tax preparers, screeners, greeters and interpreters. The hours are flexible and CPE credits are available.

In Glendale, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site, located at 6010 N. 57th Dr., is being coordinated by Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). The focus of this site will be to assist low-income individuals and families who may be able to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), but are unable to afford tax preparation services. Last year, volunteers helped hundreds of Glendale families boost their income by helping them claim the EITC.

- If you are interested in volunteering to help low income families at the DES site, contact Kelly McGowan by Dec. 31 at 602-542-6536 or via e-mail: kmcgowan2@azdes.gov
- To assist elderly residents, join the AARP Tax-Aide Team. All the AARP services will be offered at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. Volunteer for AARP by calling 888-687-2277, visiting www.aarp.org/taxaide or e-mailing aztaxaide@yahoo.com. AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS.

Happenings

December

- 2 City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 5-6 Gingerbread Nights Holiday Weekend*
- 9 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12-13 Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights Holiday Weekend*
- 16 City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 19-20 Spirit of Giving Holiday Weekend*
- 23 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve (city offices closed – half day)
- 25 Christmas Holiday (city offices closed)

January

- 1 New Year's Day (city offices closed)
- 3 Glendale's Fiesta Bowl Gridiron Jam*
- 5 Tostito's Fiesta Bowl, University of Phoenix Stadium
- 17 Glendale Glitter & Glow, 4-10 p.m.*
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (city offices closed)

(January City Council dates were not available at press time)

For more information on events, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500. *Events take place in Historic Downtown Glendale

Catch football fever! Fiesta Bowl events in Glendale

Now in its third year in Glendale, the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 5 will match up two of college football's greatest teams. Along with the gridiron action, the game brings a multitude of festivities that Glendale residents can enjoy.

Mark your calendars for one or all of the events listed below, which are all open to the public. For details on these events, call 480-350-0911. Some events charge admission. More information is also available on www.glendalestgotgame.com.

Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Date: December 27, 2008

Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)

31st Annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship presented by University of Phoenix

Time: Preliminaries – 11:00 a.m., Finals – 6:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, January 1, 2009

Location: University of Phoenix Stadium

Glendale's Fiesta Bowl Gridiron Jam*

Time: 4 – 10 p.m.

Date: Saturday, January 3, 2009

Location: Downtown Glendale

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Brings You College Football's Biggest Party

Time: Noon

Date: Monday, January 5, 2009

Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)

Stadium Club presented by Bar-S Foods

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: Monday, January 5, 2009

Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)

38th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Date: Monday, January 5, 2009

Location: University of Phoenix Stadium

***Look for more information on Glendale's Fiesta Bowl Gridiron Jam in next month's issue of the Connection.**

