

## At your libraries...

### It's raining authors!!

It's not really raining authors, but Velma Teague Branch has a flood of wonderful authors stopping by the downtown branch for their Authors @ the Teague series. Here is the list of upcoming appearances you won't want to miss:

- Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. Kerrie Droban, Running with the Devil: The True Story of the ATF's Infiltrations of the Hells Angels.
- Nov. 12, 1 p.m. Larry Karp, The King of Ragtime
- Nov. 15, 2 p.m. Brent Ghelfi, Volk's Game

For information on authors and their books, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

### Live at the library returns

This fall, Glendale Main Library's award-winning free performing arts series, Live at the Library, kicks off the newest season of extraordinary entertainment. For two decades musicians, dancers, lecturers, poets, actors and assorted artistic performers have brought Glendale a veritable feast of cultural and enriching experiences. Upcoming entertainers include folksinger/storyteller Rik Palieri; nu-jazz, Latin, soul performer Quetzal Guerrero; Rocky Mountain Celtic duo of Willson & McKee; "Blues Man" Steve Chesborough; steel drums/marimba percussionist Paul McDermand; Step's Junk Fund brings together percussive movement and music with non-traditional instruments; and the Dane Johnson Trio, with more unusual instruments. For additional details, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

### Library offers great resource for students: online tutoring

Parents, are you frustrated trying to help your kids with their homework? Don't despair! Glendale Public Library is offering live online tutor assistance in various subjects, including math, science, language arts, social studies and test preparation. The only requirement is a valid Glendale library card.

- Subject-specialist tutors will be available seven days a week, in both English and Spanish, from 1-10 p.m., at the library's Web site, [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library). Sessions can last five or ten minutes or even an hour. There are no session limits.
- Students can access the site from school, home or inside the library. Just click on "Research Tools," then "Education, Testing and Homework Help." "HelpNow" is the first link on the screen.
- Students can tackle the toughest assignments with HelpNow's easy-to-use whiteboard. Sessions can be saved and printed, to refer to later.

### Don't miss "Can't Stop, Won't Stop: The Elements of Hip Hop"

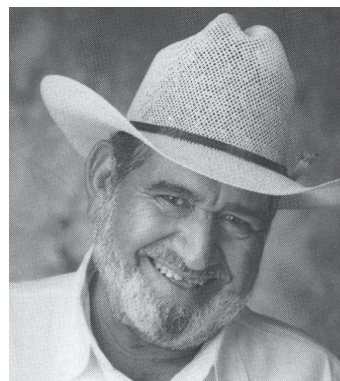
They said it would never last, but more than 30 years later, the hip hop cultural movement is still going strong. Discover its beginnings, when young people gathered in the parks and on the streets of New York City to create art forms that would transcend economics, race and religion.

On Nov. 8, between 1-4 p.m., visit the lawn of Glendale Main Library and join a host of DJs, b-boys, b-girls, muralists and hip hop enthusiasts as they gather to commemorate one of the most exciting and influential arts and cultural movements of the 20th Century.

Scheduled artists include: The Escape from Sun City Collective, featuring: DJ Smite, Johnny D, and DJentification; DJ Darrell D; muralists Pablo, & Lalo, and other special guests. The event is hosted by DjayClene and funded by the Glendale Arts Commission.

Call 623-930-3566 for more information. (In case of inclement weather, event will be moved to the Library Auditorium.)

## At your parks...



*Enrique Banda, longtime youth baseball coach for Glendale Parks and Recreation.*

### 3rd Annual Enrique Banda Memorial Softball Challenge

On Saturday, Dec. 6, the city of Glendale will host the 3rd Annual Enrique Banda Memorial Softball Challenge. Enrique Banda was a volunteer youth baseball coach for Glendale for more than 30 years. Tournament proceeds will go to support the Parks and Recreation youth baseball/softball scholarship fund. The scholarship fund gives kids the opportunity to participate in the summer activities that they may not be able to do otherwise, which was so important to Banda.

Form a team and help us increase opportunities for the Glendale youth! All men's or co-ed teams that register will need to submit rosters. The tournament format will be a one-pitch, double-elimination, ASA rules. Awards will be given for first through third place in each division. For more information, call Mike at 623-930-2841.



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# Glendale Connection

A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents / October - November 2008

## All that glitters is gold! Glendale Glitters Spectacular Nov. 28-29

*Awarded Best Festival in Arizona*

The city's favorite holiday tradition, Glendale Glitters, was awarded azcentral.com's Critic's Pick for Best Festival for 2008! Don't miss this year's opening weekend on Nov. 28-29, from 5-10 p.m. each evening. Free admission and free parking mean you can bring the whole family and not break the bank!

The exciting stage show counts down to the lighting ceremony on Friday evening, beginning at 6 p.m. You won't believe your eyes as you take in the stunning display of 1.5 million lights illuminating twelve blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale.

Visitors of all ages will delight in multiple stages of entertainment, food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a



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children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 17, from 5-10 p.m. each evening. (See box for additional weekend entertainment).

Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend is sponsored by APS, Diamond Resorts, KTVK Channel 3, KMLE, KOOL, 101.5

Jamz and *The Arizona Republic*. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).

## Shop Glendale this holiday season and all year long

Did you know that buying a pair of shoes at Arrowhead Town Center, purchasing the perfect collectible in Downtown Glendale or grabbing dinner at your neighborhood restaurant can help fill library shelves with new books, replace the playground equipment at your local park or ensure your streetlights are always on? That's right...spending in Glendale is not only convenient, it helps make our community a great place to live.

The Glendale Office of Tourism is pleased to debut Shop Glendale 2008! This program encourages residents and visitors to choose Glendale as the location to spend their shopping, dining and entertainment dollars in an effort to bolster the economy. The program also promotes spending in Glendale so that tax dollars used to support city services continue to grow.

Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, businesses from across Glendale will offer special discounts and promotions to shoppers who spend their dollars in Glendale. For information about the campaign and for a list of participating merchants, visit [www.visitglendale.com/shop](http://www.visitglendale.com/shop).

## Glendale Glitters

The holiday magic continues with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday listed below, from 6-10 p.m. each evening.

Dec. 5-6: Glendale's Gingerbread Nights  
Dec. 12-13: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights  
Dec. 19-20: Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend



## A message from Councilmember Yvonne Knaack...Did You Know?

With everyone's busy schedules, I wanted to share some quick points that I hope will be helpful.

### Did you know:

- Residents living on corner lots are required to maintain their property and the city rights-of-way to the curb. Plants that are within 30' of any corner where two or more streets intersect must be maintained at a height of thirty inches or less to prevent a visual obstruction for cross traffic.
- Anyone 18 or older can participate in the programs and use the facilities at the Glendale Adult Center. For more information, call 623-930-4321.
- We encourage residents to call the Graffiti Busters Hotline at 623-930-3080 to report graffiti on public rights-of-way. It is the individual's responsibility to remove it from private property.
- The Water Conservation Office has rebates of up to \$750 available to help homeowners with the cost of converting grass to low water use landscape. For more information, call 623-930-3760.
- The Glendale Fire Department conducts free car seat inspections by appointment. Please call 623-930-SEAT to have a certified car seat technician check your child safety seat.
- The Code Compliance Department relies on citizen's calls for service. If you feel a property in your neighborhood is in violation of a city ordinance, call 623-930-3610 to report it. Please have available the exact address and type of violation as well as your name and telephone number. Your identity is completely confidential.
- It is a violation of city ordinance to place bulk trash out earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled pick-up week. Failure to comply can result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident. For more information, call 623-930-2660.
- Maricopa County Environmental Services handles mosquito, bee and green pool complaints on vacant property. Call 602-506-6616 to report these.
- Yard sales are limited to three within a twelve-month period and can be no more than 48 hours in duration. Yard sale signs cannot be placed in the public rights-of-way. This includes sidewalks, street sign posts, light or utility poles. Call 623-930-3610 to report excessive yard sales.
- City codes regulate noise nuisances including excessive dog barking or howling that disturbs the peace and quiet of neighborhoods. For more information, call 623-930-3610.
- Rental homes are required to be licensed by the city of Glendale and registered with Maricopa County. For more information, call 623-930-3190 for detailed information.

## Prevent theft of your vehicle's catalytic converter

The theft of catalytic converters is becoming a serious problem both locally and nationally. They are targeted both as a source of parts for reuse in other vehicles, and as a salvage item for precious-metals recovery. Rises in metal costs inside the United States during recent years have led to a large increase in converter thefts, encouraged in part by a resale price for converters that approaches two hundred dollars.



Several factors make catalytic converters attractive to the thief. First, it's a valuable exterior auto part that can be stolen without entering the car, the trunk or the engine compartment. Second, any catalytic converter generally will not have identifying markings, characteristics or serial numbers that can link it directly back to a vehicle or owner. Lastly, it can be removed while relatively hidden from view under the vehicle.

Glendale's Police Department recommends the following:

- If you must park on the street, try to park in a well-lit area.
- Activate your alarm system when your vehicle is left unattended (some alarm systems can accommodate an additional alarm sensor that can be placed on the catalytic converter).
- Engrave your catalytic converter with either your Driver's License number or the vehicle's registration plate number. This procedure can greatly aid in the recovery and return of the converter as well as assist on the prosecution of such a theft.
- Many auto repair and muffler installation shops can "tack" weld the converter's nut and bolt assembly, making it much more difficult to remove the converter and significantly increasing the time it would take to steal it.
- If you see anyone working underneath a parked vehicle late at night or earlier morning hours and it looks like a catalytic converter theft is in progress, call 9-1-1 and report the situation immediately.

## Arab American Festival Nov. 1-2



The 1st Annual Arab American Festival will be held in downtown Glendale Nov. 1-2, noon to 9 p.m. at Murphy Park. This free event is sponsored in part by Glendale's Diversity Committee.

The two-day festival will gather all multi-cultural communities to celebrate their heritage, folklore and traditional foods. There will be children's activities and live entertainment, including music, folklore, belly and fire dancers, as well as a fashion show. Murphy Park will be filled with more than 70 vendors selling foods, products, and services from various cultures.



For more information, visit [www.AAA-us.com](http://www.AAA-us.com) or call 602-412-1525.

## Catlin Court Historic Home Tour Nov. 8

The Catlin Court Historic Home Tour will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is only the second time Catlin Court homes have been opened to the public. The tour will feature eleven historic homes throughout Glendale's quaint, downtown community. Additional activities include free carriage rides and a vintage car show. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the gate. For more information about the Catlin Court Historic Home Tour, visit [www.catlincourthometour.com](http://www.catlincourthometour.com).



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## More Residents Need Help During Economic Downturn

Demand for social services increases during a recession and your neighbors need your help. Help is available to residents who may be facing difficult times, thanks to city utility customers' continued support of Glendale's From The Heart Program.

\$179,000 was recently distributed to local non-profit agencies that will fund a variety of family support programs.

The money was donated by city utility customers -- who donated to From The Heart by adding \$1 to their monthly utility bills -- businesses and through a financial grant provided by the BHHS Legacy Foundation. Legacy provides a 50-cent match for every dollar donated to From The Heart, and the foundation will continue to match funds that are donated to the program in 2008.

Since its inception in 1997, Glendale's From The Heart program has made a significant impact on residents' lives. To date, more than \$1.5 million has been distributed to social service agencies serving our residents. One hundred percent of all money collected goes directly to providing services to citizens.

Making a From the Heart donation is easy. Glendale utility customers can add \$1 to their monthly utility bill payments. If you don't receive a utility bill, or you want to donate more than \$1 per month, you can donate online at [www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart](http://www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart) or you can mail or bring a check or money order made out to From the Heart in any dollar amount to: City of Glendale, Customer Service Office, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, 1st Floor, Glendale, AZ, 85301.

## Glendale collects cell phones for America Recycles Day

Time to clean out the drawers for those old cell phones! In celebration of America Recycles Day Nov. 15, Glendale has developed a special cell phone-recycling program, which will run the entire month of November.

The public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at Jobing.com Arena at Gate 3 on the Northwest corner of the building, or at any of Glendale's three public libraries. After the cell phone collection, the West Valley Advocacy Center will arrange for the phones to be recycled. Once the cell phones are refurbished, the phones will become available for victims of stalking and domestic violence. (However, residents should be aware that the city does not recycle cell phones through its traditional recycling program.)

According to the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, cell phones are replaced approximately after 18-months of use. It was estimated that 200 million phones were disposed of in 2005. With toxic elements found in cell phones, it is important to keep cell phones out of landfills.

For more information, contact Glendale's Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

## Happenings

### November

- 4.....City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 8.....Holiday Open House & Historic Home Tour\*
- 11.....Veteran's Day (city offices closed)
- 18.....City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 25.....City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27-28 ..Thanksgiving Holiday (city offices closed)
- 28-29 ..Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend\*

### December

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

Events in italics are held in Historic Downtown Glendale. For more information on events, call our Visitor Center at 623-930-4500, or check out [VisitGlendale.com](http://VisitGlendale.com)