

At your libraries...

Special evenings mean fun for families all month long! (See library locations below.)

Oct. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. (Foothills) "Ahoy, Matey!"

Storyteller Layne Gneiting will create an evening of pirates and adventure in which families can put together their own ship in a bottle. All ages are invited to the storytelling. Sign-up is necessary for the ship in a bottle activity, geared for ages 6-11. Call 623-930-3837 for information or to register.

Oct. 27, 7 p.m. (Velma Teague - Council Chambers) "Reptile Adventure" with Rich Ihle

- Get up close and personal with dinosaur-like lizards and serpents. Expect the weird, unusual and unexpected! The evening is guaranteed to be both fun and educational. No registration required. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.

Oct. 28, 7 p.m. (Main) "Creepy Crawly Zoo"

- Tony Gustin brings his famous traveling exhibit of captive creepy crawlies and takes you into the world from which they came. Hissing cockroaches, predatory beetles, giant millipedes will be on display. Learn why a stink bug stinks. Look out for the assassin bug! Is it a tree branch or a walking stick? Find out what else lurks in your own back yard. Children, ages five and under, must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is required. Call 623-930-3537 for more information.

These programs are part of the project What E.L.S.E. (Enhancing Life Skills/Experiences) Is Happening @ the Glendale Libraries, is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

- **Main Library**
5959 W. Brown St.
623-930-3530
- **Foothills Branch Library**
19055 N. 57th Ave.
623-930-3830
- **Velma Teague Branch Library**
7010 N. 58th Ave.
623-930-3430

In your neighborhoods...

YOU ARE INVITED!

What: Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhood (GAIN) Night

Where: Your Glendale neighborhood

When: Saturday, Oct. 11

Why: A good neighbor is one of the most effective crime prevention tools ever invented!



GAIN activities will take place all over the city. Contact your local neighborhood group or HOA to learn more. For more information regarding GAIN, contact Chuck Eberspacher at 623-930-2498 or e-mail ceberspacher@glendaleaz.com.

At your parks...

Wiffle Ball World Series back in full swing Oct. 18

Who needs hardball when you can play wiffle ball like you did as a kid in your back yard? The 14th Annual Wiffle Ball World Series returns to Glendale's Sahuaro Ranch Park Oct. 18. For either competitive or recreational tastes, the tournament offers a blast for everyone!

Round-robin play is followed by elimination tournaments in both divisions. All teams are guaranteed four games and tournament shirts. The entry fee is \$75 per team, and the registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 10. For more information or to register, call 623-930-2841.

Don't miss GlendOberfest at the Ranch Oct. 31

Free! Games, contests and candy await you at the annual GlendOberfest, at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 59th Ave. and Mountain View Rd., 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 31. This fun event features carnival-style games, on-site trick or treating, Halloween parade, live entertainment, EggHaunt and the 'Sinister Sinema' haunted house presented by ASU at the West Campus. Everyone is encouraged to dress up. Bring your unfinished jack o' lantern for the pumpkin decorating contest. This event is a great alternative to traditional door-to-door trick or treating, so bring the kids and have fun! SPECIAL Post Event Concert, 9 to 10 p.m., featuring Arizona's ultimate KISS Tribute Band - Kissmania! Rock out, dressed up as your favorite KISS band member. Don't miss it! For more information, call Jen at 623-930-2042 or e-mail jgodbehre@glendaleaz.com.

Lend a Helping Hand...at GlendOberfest!

We rely heavily on volunteers and sponsors to help us implement our quality programs. We could use your help! Volunteer groups, clubs and individuals all are welcome. For more information, call Krystal at 623-930-2038, or e-mail klolson@glendaleaz.com.



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Glendale Presents Fun Family Events in October



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in downtown Glendale on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 4-10 p.m. as the city presents Fiesta Glendale!

Bring the entire family for a fun-filled day in Downtown Glendale! Fiesta Glendale offers free admission and free parking. Two stages of entertainment will feature some of the Valley's top entertainment, such as Folklore y Cultura, Cascabel, mariachis as well as other performers that represent elements of Hispanic history and culture. The event will include craft artisans, jewelry booths and other family activities, including children's amusement attractions and make-and-take crafts. And, of course, there will be a delicious assortment of traditional Hispanic food vendors and a beer garden.

Murphy Park is located in Historic Downtown Glendale at 58th and Glendale avenues.

For more information and the entertainment lineup, call the Special Event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events. Fiesta Glendale is sponsored by APS, Diamond Resorts, Big Red and Squirt.

Catlin Court Front Porch Festival returns Oct. 18.

Enjoy Arizona's beautiful fall weather in downtown Glendale at the 14th Annual Catlin Court Front Porch Festival on Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy arts, crafts, antique displays and demonstrations on the front porches and lawns of Catlin Court's quaint bungalows. Start at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up the event map, a goodie bag and win a prize! For more information, call 623-931-0339.



Glendale's annual fire parade marches down Glendale Avenue Oct. 4.

The Glendale Fire Department will host the 26th Annual Fire Prevention Parade sponsored by Southwest Gas, in downtown Glendale on Oct. 4. The ever-popular parade will begin at 10 a.m., traveling west on Glendale Avenue from 52nd to 58th avenues. It will feature fire vehicles, clowns, scouts and much more! The parade will end at Murphy Park, where families will find a fun safety fair, which will include food vendors, arts and crafts, safety information booths, live music, attractions for the kids and a static display of fire apparatus from around the state. The fair will be held between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, call the Fire Department at 623-703-1571, or visit www.Glendaleaz.com.

Happenings

October

- 4.....*Fire Prevention Parade*
- 7..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 11.....*Fiesta Glendale*
- 11..... GAIN Night
- 13..... Columbus Day (city offices closed)
- 14..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18.....*Front Porch Festival*
- 21..... City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 28..... City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

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.....*Glendale Glitters Spectacular*

A Message from Mayor Elaine Scruggs... Luke Air Force Base and the West Valley Partners



On July 9, Luke Air Force Base hosted a change of command ceremony to say goodbye to General Noel "Tom" Jones and welcome a new leader of the 6th Fighter Wing, Colonel Kurt F. Neubauer.

Colonel Neubauer was previously the Commander of the 11th Wing, Bolling Air Force Base in Washington D.C. He has served in numerous operational flying and staff assignments. He is a command pilot with over 3,350 flying hours in the

F-16, including combat operations over Iraq. Colonel Neubauer has told us that he is elated to return to Luke and has already reached out to establish positive and productive relationships with the west valley communities.

As the largest fighter wing and only active duty F-16 training base in the world, Luke Air Force Base makes a very significant contribution to the security of our nation and the economy of our state. Luke has also been an extremely important partner to our community and to all Arizona cities. It goes without saying that we need to do everything within our power to protect both the ability of the Base to continue with its crucial responsibility now and in the future.

In the fall of 2006, Glendale took a lead role in forming the West Valley Partners, a coalition of fourteen West Valley communities, including the city of Phoenix and Maricopa County. The West Valley Partners' purpose is to band together to protect the long-term viability of Luke's mission. The West Valley Partners established a contract with a federal lobbyist to ensure Luke Air Force Base's interests are represented and protected in Washington D.C. and at the State Legislature. My office is responsible for the oversight of the coalitions' strategic plan and serves as the liaison to the consultant firm - Hyjek & Fix, LLC.

Since the West Valley Partners were formed, our consultants have worked tirelessly to protect Luke's mission and keep us informed of any actions that may have an effect on the future of the base. The West Valley Partners recently released Luke Forward, an 8-minute documentary about the importance of the base which highlights its impact on our nation, state and communities and its long-term mission capabilities. You can see Luke Forward on Glendale Channel 11.

Besides being our nation's protectors, the men and women stationed at Luke AFB are also our neighbors here in Glendale. As you see them in stores, at your children's schools, in your churches and temples, at sporting events and throughout our community, please thank them for their selfless service.

SOAP Works!

The Glendale Police Department has taken a proactive approach to the issue of registered sex offenders in our city. We have implemented a program whereby an officer is assigned to a level 2 or 3 registered sex offender and makes random visits to that offender on a monthly basis to assure accountability and compliance. The program, entitled Sex Offender Address verification Program (SOAP), has significantly decreased the number of sex offenders that move into Glendale, while the average monthly amount of offenders leaving the city has increased.

Sex offenders have always lived in our communities, but because of Megan's Law, law enforcement is now able to share that information with residents. Additionally, programs like SOAP make it very difficult for a sex offender to be non-compliant with the law in any fashion. The Glendale Police Department has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may or may not live. Unless court-ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he/she chooses.

As a member of our community, it is your right to receive notification of a level 2 or level 3 sex offender that has moved into your surrounding neighborhood. Notification flyers are delivered for this purpose as mandated by A.R.S. 13-3825, Community Notification Sex Offenders law. You can also now sign up for free e-mail notifications to alert you of any changes. To sign up for these e-notices go to www.glendaleaz.com/police/sexoffenderinfocenter.cfm.

Although there are a variety of Web sites that claim to provide this information to you, Glendale Police encourage you to go with a law enforcement site first, as these are more frequently updated. For further information, contact Glendale's Sex Offender Notification Case Manager at 623-930-3784.

Want to learn how to go green? Just BAG IT!

Gas prices are still high, but you can save some green by going green. Just BAG IT (Bus and Gus Individual Training)! Learn how to travel on Valley Metro or Gus Bus 1, 2 and 3, by taking the free class offered to Glendale residents and employees who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus.

Some of the lessons include how to read a bus book; plan a trip; use the computer to plan a trip; find the closest bus stop; exit and enter a bus (physically challenged included); signal the stop you need; purchase the best value bus ticket, i.e., monthly, daily, reduced, etc.; and tender fares when getting on the bus.

Classes will be held on Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Class times are 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., and sessions are held at the Glendale Adult Center in room 102, located at 5970 W. Brown St. For more information, call Barb Caviness at 623-930-2035.



Free landscape classes for homeowners

Glendale's Water Conservation Office is offering these upcoming free classes at the Glendale Main Library, located at 5959 W. Brown Street. Call 623-930-3760 to register today!

September 30: Understanding Your Landscape Watering System – Learn how to water properly by understanding the basics on how your drip irrigation and sprinklers work (6:30-8:30 p.m. in the large meeting room)

October 9: All About Grass – How to care for and maintain your lawn with tips on proper installation and watering of winter lawns. (6:30-8:30 p.m. in the large meeting room).

October 29th: Landscape Plants for Small Spaces (6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium)

November 1: Saturday Landscape Workshops in the Outdoor Classroom (Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, south entrance of the Library)

- 8-9:15 a.m. – Walk and Talk in the Garden: Ask author Mary Irish garden-related questions during a guided garden walk.
- 9:15-10:30 a.m. – Cactus Care 101: Learn about proper cacti and succulent care from the 'Cactus Doctor.'
- 10:30-11:45 a.m. – Pruning of Trees and Shrubs: Learn proper timing and techniques for pruning your trees and shrubs from Jo Miller, Water Conservation Program Manager

Fall household hazardous waste pick-up

The city of Glendale is providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste. Residents can have their waste items picked up from their home, by making an appointment between Sept. 29 and Oct. 24. The actual collections will be handled Oct. 20 through Nov. 7.

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and wood stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, motor oil and filters, car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are **unacceptable** are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes. There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5-gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents.

To make your appointment call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

Remember: the last day to schedule your appointment for pick-up is Oct. 24!



Neighborhood Commissioners honored at the Neighborhood Leadership Forum in June, pictured from left: Councilmember Lieberman, Vice Mayor Martinez, Councilmember Goulet, Councilmember Knaack, DeLoy Salazar, Betty McDonald, Kimberly Allen, Mayor Scruggs, Larry Flatau and Councilmember Frate.

Interested in getting more involved? Become a board or commission member

Community participation is a cornerstone to the city of Glendale's success. From volunteerism to providing valuable feedback to our elected officials and city leaders, our residents play an essential role in shaping our city. Key components to our reputation of devoted citizen involvement are the city's Boards and Commissions, which assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact our community. These citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific issues with both short- and long-term implications, and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

The city encourages you to consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's 18 boards and commissions. The time commitment for each of the boards and commissions varies, but most meet at least once a month for several hours. Preparation for meetings and special meetings sometimes require an additional time commitment.

A three-hour basic training program is required for those who have expressed a desire to serve and who have completed an application. Once training is completed, we will be able to consider your application as vacancies occur.

For additional information, meeting locations and how you can become involved, please call 623-930-2249 or stop by the Council Office located in City Hall on the fourth floor, 5850 West Glendale Ave., to pick up an application.