



The Family Bike Ride Rolls through Glendale April 22 – Earth Day!

The City of Glendale is gearing up for the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 22 at Sahuaro Ranch Park (59th Ave. & Mountain View). Join hundreds of riders on Earth Day for wonderful weather and great exercise. This ride is FREE for all ages and skill levels! The ride will feature three routes – short (6 miles), long (15 miles) and extended (23 miles). Bicyclists will take a leisurely ride through neighborhoods that highlight Glendale bike lanes and pathways. The extended route also showcases the 63rd Avenue pedestrian/bicycle bridge.

The ride begins at 8 a.m. and all riders must be on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at rest stops along the routes. Helmets are required for all participants. If you need a helmet, they will be available at the event or recycle your old helmet for a new one while supplies last.

New this year is a Bike Rodeo at the park for young riders to learn about bike safety on a mock course.

There will also be a bike check-up station, bicycle safety information, health and wellness booths, music and kid's activities. The first

500 riders that register and attend will receive an event t-shirt and all riders that complete the ride will receive a keepsake medal. In addition, all registered riders are eligible to enter to win a NEW BIKE to be raffled off at the park after the ride. Register at GlendaleAZ.com/FamilyBikeRide.cfm. INFO: 623-930-2940 or transportationinfo@glendaleaz.com



Travel Green in Glendale: Bike to Work/School



Calling all residents of Glendale!

Simply Travel Green and ride your bicycle to work/school any day during the week of April 15 – 21, post it on Facebook (facebook.com/GlendaleAZ) with a photo and short story of you riding your bicycle and tag the city of Glendale so we can see you in action! You will be entered into a random drawing for gift cards and freebies! INFO: 623-930-3508 or mlongoria@glendaleaz.com

The Giving Tree: Desert Tree Care Class April 18

Just in time for Arbor Day, this class will cover basic tree care. Trees provide us with so many benefits, from cleaning our air to keeping us cool. Protect our leafy friends by learning about proper selection, planting and maintenance. Join us for this free class held at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) on Wednesday, April 18 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Register at 623-930-3760 or greenliving@glendaleaz.com. Find additional class information at www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation/classesandeducation.cfm.

Free Medication Disposal Day April 28

The Glendale Police Department, CVS Pharmacy and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted. Glass containers, inhalers, intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes cannot be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood borne pathogens. Join us on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the CVS Pharmacy Parking lot at 18591 N. 59th Avenue (southeast corner of Union Hills and 59th Avenue). INFO: 623-930-4044

Spectacular Spring Book Sale April 28

Foothills Branch Library, Roadrunner and Hummingbird Rooms (19055 N. 57th Ave.)

Join us Saturday, April 28 for our semi-annual book sale! A huge assortment of books and media with something for everyone will be on sale from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room. A cash-only, buck-a-bag sale will run from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Hummingbird Room, with bags provided by the library. Please note that the sale begins two hours before the library opens. INFO: 623-930-3830

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A Message from Councilmember Joyce V. Clark

Let's Make a Good First Impression

I'm a senior now but I remember as a child that whenever my Mom knew we were going to have visitors to our home her first words were, "Kids, go clean your rooms." Mom wanted everything to be neat and tidy when our visitors arrived.

Why reminisce? Because it has its own lesson for us today. We all love Glendale or it wouldn't be our home of choice. Every day Glendale has visitors whether they are attending a sporting event, shopping or looking for their next forever home. Just as my Mom wanted to make a good first impression so, too, should we.

How can we make sure Glendale is neat and tidy for our visitors? We tend to forget about or even ignore Code regulations regarding our properties.

One of these is monthly loose trash collection. Immediately after having loose trash picked up, some residents put out a new pile that sits in front of their homes for nearly a month. Please remember to save your loose trash and to only put it out a few days before collection.

Another is front yard parking. If you park on your front side yard it must be on an improved surface. For those who have paved or poured concrete in their entire front yard you cannot park on more than 30% of that surface. Just as my Mom wanted to make a good impression for her visitors, it is up to each of us to make sure Glendale is neat and tidy for our visitors.

Is Your Property in a Designated Flood Hazard Area?

Did you know some parts of Glendale are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as being in a special flood hazard area (SFHA)? Properties in these areas are required to purchase flood insurance as part of their home mortgage. However, other sections of the city are subject to flooding that are not shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

Glendale's Engineering Department has copies of the updated FIRMs for the entire city and can let you know if your property is in a special flood hazard area and may be able to let you know if flooding has been reported in your area in the past. The city's Engineering department also has copies of the most recent FEMA elevation certificates for some structures within the city as well as the updated floodplain ordinance on file.

All properties within Glendale can obtain flood insurance whether or not you are in a designated flood area. Remember, most standard homeowners' policies do not cover flood loss. INFO: 623-930-3630 or to submit an electronic request go to www.glendaleaz.com/engineering/mapsandrecords.cfm

Writer in Residence: Write On! Collaborate, Create and Share with Amy K. Nichols April 9

*Glendale Main Library, Creative Space
(5959 W. Brown St.)*

Join us on Monday, April 9 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Brainstorm ideas for a tandem story, then break into smaller units and create something one sequence/one writer at a time to create a cooperative fiction piece. Make it surreal, make it scary, make it thought-provoking; but make it fun! Share your creations at the end of class. Ages 12-18. Registration is required. INFO: 623-930-3556

Childsplay Theatre: Maddi's Fridge April 21

*Foothills Branch Library,
Roadrunner Room (19055 N. 57th Ave.)*

Join us Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. – noon. Make sure to attend this live theater performance! Based on the book by Lois Brandt, this heartwarming and humorous play teaches us what it means to be a good friend and how to let honesty, empathy, and laughter help us help one another. Recommended for grades K-6, audience members of all ages are welcome. Please note that the library lobby will open at 10:45 a.m. for seating, while the library opens at noon. INFO: 623-930-3837

Name Your Game: Classic Board and Card Games for Adults April 26

*Velma Teague Branch Library,
Meeting Room (7010 N. 58th Ave.)*

Join us on Thursday, April 26 from 6 – 8 p.m. to play card games, board games and word games. Snacks, rules and score-keeping are provided. Bring friends and family or meet new friends. Feel free to bring your own game to teach others. Call if you want to be sure there will be someone available to play or teach your game. INFO: 623-930-3446

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