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It's Census Time – Make Glendale Count!



Every 10 years a census is conducted to count each person living in the United States. The next Census Day is April 1. 2020. This is Glendale's once in a decade chance to make sure that everyone in our city is counted.

Every person counted represents over \$3,000 annually in state and federal funding for important programs that serve Glendale residents like public safety, education, roads, and health care. When members of our community go uncounted, that funding could go to other cities and states.

The census also determines election districts, so being undercounted means that Glendale will not receive its fair share of representation in the state and federal government.

You should know that Census data is completely confidential and by law cannot be shared with any other government agencies, including law enforcement. Beginning March 12,

you can respond to the census online or by phone. Check your mailbox for instructions from the United States Census Bureau. If you haven't already completed your questionnaire, take 10 minutes to complete it now. Those 10 minutes will have a lasting impact on our community for the next 10 years.

Whether you're a lifelong resident or have recently moved to Glendale, a millennial or a baby boomer, you count. Make sure everyone in your household gets counted by completing the census questionnaire. It's important, quick and safe.

Visit www.glendaleaz.com/census for more information about the census and how you count for your community.



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: 623-930-3656 or to submit an electronic request go to www.glendaleaz.com/engineering/mapsandrecords.cfm

Free Medication Disposal Day April 25

The Glendale Police Department, CVS Pharmacy and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) 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, intrave-

nous solutions, injectables and syringes cannot be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood borne pathogens. Join us on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will be in the CVS Pharmacy Parking lots at 5125 W. Olive Ave. (southwest corner of Olive and 51st Ave.) and 18591 N. 59th Ave. (southeast corner of Union Hills & 59th Ave). INFO: 623-930-2540

A Message from Vice Mayor Ray Malnar



Recycling Dilemma

In the 1990s, the City of Glendale implemented its first city-wide recycling program. For many years, there was consistent demand for the bales of recycled refuge produced by the program. However more recently, it has become apparent that what was once a robust environmentally preserving enterprise for local governments has turned into a major cost concern. As a result, the City Council has requested the Field Operations Department to study our Recycling Program to provide information

on the market, benefits, costs and any recommendations to improve the program in Glendale. There will also be opportunities for public input via surveys and public meetings.

Recycling has been recognized as the responsible way to help preserve our environment. However, with the changing economics of recycling, it is critical that we rethink how we accomplish that. For example, plastics marked with a number 5 or higher on the bottom of the container have no market at the present time. However, there are still many items that can be recycled, such as paper, cardboard, tin and aluminum containers, plastic water bottles and jugs marked with 2 or lower on the bottom of the container.

The information gathering phase of the study will provide Council accurate information to make informed decisions. For those recycling materials that cost more to recycle than they are worth, the public and Council will need to decide if they want to continue to pay for them and determine other possible changes to the system.

Please stay tuned and provide your feedback on this issue to City staff and Council.

Ray Malnar, Vice Mayor Sahuaro District

Monsoon Tree Pruning

Be prepared this monsoon season. In this class, a certified Arborist will share the do's and don'ts of tree pruning for successful summer trees. Join us for this free class held at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) on Saturday, April 18 from 10 – Noon. Register at http://bit.ly/MonsoonTreePruning 623-930-3760 or greenliving@glendaleaz.com. Find additional class information at www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation

Fervor Records Presents Music Business Summit April 4

Main Library, Auditorium (5959 W. Brown St.)

Join indie label Fervor Records and their incredible panel of industry experts as they discuss insights and challenges in the ever-changing business of music on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Main Library. Panel discussions include topics on marketing, music clearance, breaking into the business, learning from music supervisors, and an open Q&A period. Head to fervormusicbizsummit.com for all the information and to register! INFO: 623-930-3600

Spectacular Spring Book Sale April 25

Foothills Library, Roadrunner Room & Hummingbird Room (19055 N. 57th Ave.)

Don't miss our semi-annual book sale on Saturday, April 25! A huge assortment of books and media 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 and a limit of two bags per person. Proceeds benefit your library INFO: 623-930-3600

Seed Library

Main Library, Auditorium (5959 W. Brown St.)

Calling all gardening novices and experts alike! Glendale Public Library has started a new Seed Library with 14 varieties of seeds, from sweet corn to sunflowers! Check out and keep up to 3 different packets of seeds every 7 days. Stop by any of our four locations to select the perfect seeds for your garden. Seeds are sourced from Native Seeds/SEARCH and provided by Glendale Water Services Department– Conservation & Sustainable Living Division. INFO: 623-930-3600

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