

City Continues Tech-Forward Service, Embracing New Social Distancing Reality

The city of Glendale recently launched SmartGov, a new portal for local businesses. The portal allows for an online and socially distanced option to apply for and renew local business licenses. Glendale is proud to add this new option to their list of tech-forward services for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

Glendale's boom in tech-forward services includes a bus tracking app for the Glendale Urban Shuttle (GUS), a redesigned website, GlendaleOne and more. With SmartGov now added to the mix, local business owners can manage their business licenses in an efficient and socially distanced way.

Like many of the new tech-forward services, SmartGov speeds up the transaction process for new and existing businesses. However, local business licenses can still be applied for at Glendale City Hall without creating an online SmartGov account.

Applying for or renewing a business license with this new service is as easy as creating an online account in the city of Glendale's SmartGov portal. Established businesses will use an access code supplied by the city of Glendale to link the new online account to their existing license. Businesses that are interested in this service should email taxlic@glendaleaz.com or contact Customer Service at 623-930-3190 with any questions they may have.

Phase two of the SmartGov portal will include electronic plan submissions and reviews for businesses and residents. It is expected to launch in late 2021.

For more information on the city of Glendale's use of SmartGov, contact Lori German, economic development communications program manager, at lgerman@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2986.

The Spring Green-Living Class Series is Live and Virtual

City of Glendale Water Services Department is offering a free, virtual class series to help Glendale residents create a more water and energy-efficient home and yard. There are two classes in March, both classes are from 5:30 – 7 p.m.: Program Your Irrigation Controller (Wednesday, March 10) and Rainwater Harvesting (Wednesday, March 24). INFO & REGISTRATION: www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation or 623-930-3596

Water Today, Water Tomorrow!

Reminder that the city of Glendale has slight increases of 6.5% for water rates and 5.5% for sewer rates for 2021. This amount was reflected beginning in January. This money will be used to reinvest in our drinking water and wastewater systems, which includes modernizing treatment plants and replacing aging infrastructure. It will ensure we continue to have a safe, reliable and high-quality drinking water source now and for decades to come at a modest cost. For the average customer, the estimated increase should be approximately \$4.00 per month. Urban irrigation users will also see a slight increase beginning in April. INFO: www.glendaleaz.com/live/city_services/water_services/rate_info



*Carol Migray, Owner of
The Cottage Garden and
chairperson of
Paris in the Spring.*

Paris in the Spring Event March 13

You won't need to set foot on an airplane to experience Parisian style! Visit Glendale's Paris in the Spring event on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for a worldly experience at an affordable price: free! This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris. Bring along your beret and enjoy entertainment, a French Market, shopping and dining, all with a Parisian theme! Start at the Arizona Information Center located at Memory Lane Trinkets and Treasures (5836 W. Palmdale Ave.) to pick up the activity list. INFO: www.visitdowntownglendale.com



A Message from Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff

For the past two years, I have worked in close coordination with our Public Facilities, Recreation, and Special Events team to design and finalize the installation of a double-facing electronic sign at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center. Financed exclusively by Cholla District funds, this new,

elevated sign will help facilitate increased exposure to local traffic traveling along Union Hills Blvd., which will help residents to stay informed on what types of sports, activities, and events are taking place at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center at any given time.

Located at 5600 W. Union Hills Drive, Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center is a full-service, recreation and aquatics center serving the Glendale community. The Center provides education, recreational, fitness, and social activities through classes, special events, and ongoing Center activities. Select areas and programs are free to Glendale residents. Recreation Memberships may be purchased for access to additional opportunities (there are no joining fees or contracts).

With the presence of COVID-19, necessary restrictions and safety guidelines have been put in place at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center. It is possible that some of the activities and events typically offered at this time of year may not be available for the time being to ensure the continued safety of guests and staff. We appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate the situation.

For further information on what Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center has to offer, I encourage you to visit their website at www.glendaleaz.com/foothillsrec or speak with staff at 623-930-4600.

Sign Up for the “Neighborhood Legislative Link” Program

Monday, January 11, 2021, marked the 1st Regular Session of the 55th Legislature. Each year, hundreds of bills that impact our neighborhoods and individual residents are introduced, debated and signed into law. City of Glendale Public Affairs staff have created the “Neighborhood Legislative Link” program to inform our communities of the most up-to-date information on proposed legislation and committee hearing schedules which provide residents an opportunity to share their input and feedback to their legislators. Residents are invited to sign up for the city’s “Neighborhood Legislative Link” program – through which they can receive updates throughout the legislative session – by contacting Deanne Torres at 623-930-2813 or DTorres@GLENDALEAZ.com.

Diverse Voices at the Glendale Public Library

Starting this spring, watch for some new choices by fresh voices appearing on the Glendale Public Library’s shelves. Thanks to a \$4,000 “Diverse Voices” grant, we’ll be adding more novels, memoirs, and non-fiction gathered from across cultures and viewpoints and from around the globe. While the grant-purchased materials will be housed at the Main Library, additional copies will be available at all of our other library locations. Now more than ever, the library is for everyone.

This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



REMINDER! IN GLENDALE AND ACROSS ARIZONA, TALKING OR TEXTING ON A CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING IS PROHIBITED UNLESS THE DEVICE IS IN A HANDS-FREE MODE.

Please put your phone down and keep your eyes on the road.

INFO: www.azdps.gov/handsfree or <https://bit.ly/36SqrkK>

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