

THE CONNECTION

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July is Smart **Irrigation Month**

Did you know in the Southwest, a household's outdoor water use can be 60% or more? Most of this water is used to irrigate the landscape. To celebrate Smart Irrigation Month, the Glendale Main Library (5959 W Brown St.) will be hosting a water tower in July made up of 120-gallon water jugs to demonstrate

the typical water use the average person uses each day. Join the celebration by picking up water-saving freebies and resources, including the Smart Home Water Guide to help you check for leaks: www.smarthomewaterguide.org

Ditch Your Lawn, Switch to **Desert-Friendly Landscapes**

Summer is the best time for removing Bermuda grass. Did you know Glendale water customers can receive a rebate for converting grass into desert-friendly landscapes? Single-family residential customers can receive up to \$750. Businesses, HOAs, and multi-family customers can receive up to \$3,000. Non-residential customers are also required to participate in the Landscape Water Budget Program. Bare soil and artificial grass/turf do not qualify for the rebate. Sign up for a free consultation to receive installation and maintenance advice. INFO: visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation or call 623-930-3760.

Be Prepared this Monsoon Season

Monsoon season can bring strong winds and rainfall that will carry pollutants into our communities. Pollutants such as dirt, trash, chemicals and pet waste flow into our basins, rivers and washes, where they can have harmful effects on people and the environment. Do your part to help keep pollutants off of our streets. Remember, only rain in the storm drain! For tips on how to help prevent stormwater pollution, visit http://bit.ly/GlendaleEnvironmentalProtection.

Glendale Dial-A-Ride Available to all Glendale Residents

Glendale Dial-A-Ride is a low cost, convenient curb-to-curb transit service providing service throughout the City of Glendale.

The service is available to everyone, and all vehicles are wheelchair accessible. Same day service is available Monday – Friday. Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday service is available with advance reservations. ADA paratransit service is also available for eligible residents, based on fixed-route schedules.

Fares listed are for one-way rides. Exact fare is required.

•	Seniors (65	and older)	\$2
•	Riders with	Disabilities	\$2

- · Riders with Disabilities
- Junior (age 6 13) \$2
- General Public (age 14 64) \$5
- Children (age 5 & under) Free

Groups of 4 or more paying passengers:

- · Seniors, Disabled, & Junior \$1
- · General Public \$3

INFO: 623-930-3500 or www.glendaleaz.com/transit

Downtown Glendale Celebrates Christmas in July

Celebrate the joy of the season early on Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. Start at the Arizona Information Center (5836 W. Palmaire Ave.) to pick up the activity list and walking map. Many of the renowned boutique stores, specialty shops and iconic eateries will feature festive treats, holiday gift ideas and merry make-and-take crafts. You can also visit with Santa Claus! The event includes a Back-to-School Supply Drive to benefit the Glendale Elementary School District. INFO: www.visitdowntownglendale.com

FREE SPLASH PADS IN GLENDALE!

HEROES PARK – 83rd & Berridge Lane

O'NEIL PARK - 6448 W. Missouri Avenue

May 28th – August 7 | Open daily | 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

August 13 – September 5 | Open Saturday & Sunday | 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

INFO: 623.930.2820



A Message from Councilmember Ray Malnar Managing Feral Cats in Glendale

Last year, members of the Glendale City Council provided funds to assist with the cost of a feral cat maintenance program called Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR). It is administered through the Animal Defense League of Arizona. The purpose of TNR is to control the population and negative behaviors of feral cats. Left unchecked, feral cat colonies multiply rapidly and impact the quality of life in a neighborhood.

It is illegal to harm, abandon or dump a cat in someone else's neighborhood, public property, or the desert. It is a violation of state statue ARS 13-2910A to intentionally harm any animal. Therefore, a properly functioning TNR program is necessary to control feral colonies.

There are scores of volunteers who manage feral cat colonies in Glendale. However, there is a misconception about how colonies are maintained. A critical part of the program is daily monitoring, feeding, and trapping of cats. Some residents have the mistaken belief that feeding feral cats causes more problems. The fact is that once a colony is sterilized, properly monitored, and provided daily food, the negative characteristics of fighting, spraying and destructive behaviors of looking for food and predation are nearly eliminated. If not managed, the colony multiplies and returns to bad behaviors. Feral cats will not go away if they are not fed. Feral cats are territorial and will find other destructive means to find food within their territory.

If you would like to learn more, volunteer, or ask for help with feral cats please reach out to the Animal Defense League of Arizona at 602-265-7729 or www.adlaz.org.

Crisis Assistance Programs Provide Aid

The city of Glendale offers several excessive heat-related programs, which include a Glendale emergency home repair program and utility assistance. Utility assistance is offered through the Community Action Program (CAP) office for qualifying residents. For more information, visit: www.glendaleaz.com/assistance.

The emergency home repair program helps low-to-moderate income households in need of repairs such as AC unit or evaporative cooler repair. The city partners with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona to offer this program. For additional information, contact Habitat for Humanity by phone at 623-583-2417 ext. 108 or visit habitatcaz.org/neighborhood-revitalization/ehr/.

Oceans of Possibilities Still Await with Summer Reading!

It's not too late to dive into adventure at the Glendale Public Library! Explore the "Oceans of Possibilities" found in books with Maricopa County Reads. Earn points to win prizes by reading, completing challenges and attending programs and performances. Prizes include books, food, park passes and more!

Summer Reading 2022 is open to all ages at **MaricopaCountyReads.org**. Don't miss the boat – this voyage ends on August 1.

Plant-Based Food Art: Amazing Appetizers! with Melanie Albert

Sunday, July 10, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Velma Teague Library Meeting Room

Learn five fun ways to create eye-catching, plant-based appetizers that will wow your family, your friends, and even yourself.

Melanie Albert, creator of the "Plant-Based Food Art Movement," will share her simple chef techniques while demonstrating how to make avocado tartare and hummus.

Enjoy food that's easy, beautiful, healthy and delicious! Registration is required.

This program is funded by the Maricopa County Library District.



Glendale Public Library Hours

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