

Rainwater Harvesting May 1

Rainwater – it's free, fresh and filling! Soak up all the benefits and enhance your landscape with passive rainwater techniques. Clint Culberson and Michael Gettens with Galaxy Gardens will share how to direct rainwater to your plants by creating a series of berms, basins and swales. Sponsored by the city of Glendale Water Services Department, Conservation and Sustainable Living Division. Join us Monday, May 1 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) in the auditorium. REGISTER: www.eventbrite.com/e/rainwater-harvesting-in-person-tickets-472754610767?aff=ebdsoporgprofile and include an email address.

Understanding Your Monthly Sewer Charges

You may notice a change in the monthly sewer fee in your water bill each May. For most customers, this fee does not change. For some, the fee may decrease and for some, the fee may increase. Every year the City of Glendale re-calculates customer's sewer usage based on their water use billed January – March. If you are aware of high water use during this period that may be due to a water leak or outside watering, you may be eligible for an adjustment of this fee. To seek an adjustment, you must file a Sewer Appeal with our Customer Service Department. The Sewer Appeal Form can be found on our website at <https://form.jotform.com/91425584176160>. Appeals are accepted for a period of 90 days after the May billing.

Examples of typical sewer appeals are of the following nature:

- Leaks (January – March bills)
- Filling a new pool or the draining and refilling an existing pool (January – March bills)
- Outdoor watering during the winter months typically associated with larger than normal landscaping (this type of appeal is typically valid for three years)

New residents or customers who do not have a full three months' winter water usage will be assigned usage based on the average of all customers with a similar type of property. Please call our Customer Service Office at 623-930-3190 with additional questions.

City of Glendale Blood Drive May 18

The city of Glendale is committed to helping our blood supply meet the demands and we hope you can help. Please join us on Thursday, May 18 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be stationed at Murphy Park. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. We are still experiencing a severe shortage in AZ and every donor matters. Be a Hero and sign-up today! To make an appointment visit www.donors.vitalant.org, Sponsor Code: Glendale. INFO: Katrina Eaton, 602-770-4675 with Vitalant or Ali Waelchli-Brooks, 623-930-2467 with city of Glendale.

Glendale's Mother's Day Celebration and Book Drive May 13

Show your mother how much you love and appreciate her with a special day in Historic Downtown Glendale from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 13. Start at the Arizona Information Center (5836 W. Palmdale Ave.) to pick up the activity list and walking map. Join us for make and take activities, artist demonstrations and fun photo ops. Enjoy shopping at unique boutiques and specialty shops. Have lunch at one of the iconic eateries. Historic Downtown Glendale businesses support numerous organizations throughout the year. This event's recipient is the Glendale Public Library. Event attendees are encouraged to bring new or gently read books to the Arizona Information Center. INFO: www.VisitDowntownGlendale.com

Foothills Recreation & Aquatic Center 360 Youth Summer Program

The Foothills 360 Summer Camp runs June 5 – July 28. Give your kids, ages 6 – 11 an exciting summer at this popular, supervised summer camp program. We will provide fun, age-appropriate programming in a variety of ways in our facility. All Foothills 360 sessions are drop-in programs and participants may come and go at their own will. Kids will enjoy gym games, rock wall, arts & crafts, guest speakers, theme weeks, swimming, group activities and more. This Monday – Friday summer camp program fills quickly! Space is limited and available on a first-registered, first-served basis. Sign up begins April 1 (resident) and April 8 (non-resident). The cost for each 5-Day Camp (per week): \$110 for residents, \$145 for non-residents. INFO: 623-930-4600



A Message from Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff

The rate of homelessness has steadily increased in cities across the United States, and Glendale is no exception. I often hear from residents on a variety of issues associated with homelessness. The City Council recently adopted a solicitation ordinance focused on traffic and pedestrian safety on our roadways. It is now unlawful to approach drivers stopped in traffic or

stand in the median to ask for money. The ordinance also makes aggressive panhandling, asking for money at a bus stop or within 50 feet of an ATM or 25 feet of a business unlawful.

To simplify the process for seeking information about services available or reporting unlawful panhandling or an encampment, we have implemented a Homeless Services tab on the City of Glendale home page.

City officials routinely hear from residents asking how they can help. Under the Homeless Services page, there is a dedicated section with resources including information on volunteering with organizations that have a proven track record of housing and employment placements, as well as addressing the root cause of a person's situation.

Lastly, if you know someone who is experiencing homelessness and needs services, you can refer them to the Norton and Ramsey Social Justice Center 24/7 line at 623-207-8902 or they can visit in person at 7031 N. 56th Ave. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Alternatively, you can enter the information into a Glendale One service request and someone on our Community Service Team will follow up with them.

African Music & Arts Village at the Library

Explore African music and culture at the Glendale Public Library with South African recording artist Baba Shibambo! Your journey begins at the Main Library with a concert showcasing traditional African music, storytelling and dance on Monday, June 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Then try your hand at playing indigenous instruments at a series of workshops for kids, teens and adults from Tuesday, June 6 through Saturday, June 10 at all four of our library locations. Participants can even perform with Baba Shibambo at the grand finale concert on Sunday, June 11 from 2-3 p.m. at the Main Library! Become part of our village as we celebrate the rhythms and harmonies that hold traditional societies together. Visit gplaz.org/events to register and view workshop dates, times, and locations. This program is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant.

All Together Now: Summer Reading Is Back!



School's out and the heat is on! Summer is here, which can only mean one thing: it's time for the Glendale Public Library's Summer Reading program! Get ready to join the fun by signing up for "All Together Now: Todos Juntos Ahora" at www.maricopacountyreads.org between June 1 and August 1.

It's simple! Just log your reading minutes on the website as you go. When you hit milestones like 250, 500, 750 or 1000 minutes, head over to any Glendale Public Library location to claim your well-deserved prizes! These include food coupons from Peter Piper Pizza, Lou Malnati's and Raising Cane's; Arizona State Park passes; Phoenix Mercury tickets; free books and more. Prizes are available while supplies last.

The best part? Everyone is invited to participate, regardless of age or reading preference. That's right, whether you're a bookworm or an audio-book aficionado, all reading counts! Don't forget to finish the program to be automatically entered into a grand prize drawing for amazing rewards from Childsplay Theatre, Harkins Theatres, LEGOLAND Arizona, and Arizona SEA LIFE Aquarium.

So, what are you waiting for? Visit www.glendaleazlibrary.com for more information about Summer Reading 2023 and get ready to embark on a summer of reading, prizes and adventure!

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