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Glendale Family Bike Ride Rolls through Glendale for Valley Bike Month April 14





The City of Glendale is gearing up for the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 14 at Sahuaro Ranch Park (59th Ave. & Mountain View). Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise. This ride is FREE for all ages and skill levels! The ride will feature three routes – short (7 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., all riders must be on the road by 8:30 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. There will be two bike check-up stations, bicycle safety information, health and wellness booths, a coffee truck, music, games & activities for kids. 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 www.GlendaleAZ.com/FamilyBikeRide.

INFO: 623-930-2940 or transportationinfo@glendaleaz.com



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Rhythm & Blues at LiVE! April 13

Join us for live music, food trucks, yard games and live art installations. This month's event, **Rhythm & Blues**, will take place on Saturday, April 13 from 5 – 9 p.m. Gates open at 4 p.m., and you can find us in Downtown Glendale @ The Lot on 57th Avenue & Glenn Drive. INFO: www.GlendaleAZ.Com/Events

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), flood plain, or floodway? Properties in these areas are required to purchase flood insurance as part of their federally backed home mortgage. However, other sections of the city are subject to flooding that is not shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

Glendale's Engineering Department has copies of the current FIRMs and Flood Information Studies (FIS) for Glendale and can let you know if your property is in an SFHA, floodplain, or floodway and if flooding or a local drainage problem is known or has been reported to the city in your area in the past. The city's Engineering department also has copies of the most recent FEMA elevation certificates for some structures, Letters of Map Revisions (LOMRs), and Letters of Map Amendments (LOMA) within the city as well as the current floodplain ordinance on file.

All properties within Glendale can obtain flood insurance whether you are in a designated flood area or not. Remember, homeowners' policies do not cover flood loss. INFO: 623-930-3656 or go to **glendaleaz.com** and search "flood zone determination."



A Message from Vice Mayor Ian Hugh

Join Vice Mayor Ian Hugh and Mayor Jerry Weiers on Saturday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Alpha Nation's Egg-xtravaganza at Rose Lane Park, 5003 W. Marlette Avenue in Glendale! This is a FREE community event. Registration is required. More information can be found at Alpha Nation's Facebook page.

Nearly 30,000 plastic Easter eggs will be scattered across the park. Children will be divided into groups according to age to ensure the safety of all participants. In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt, there will be food trucks onsite, raffles for both kids and adults, bounce houses, and make sure to bring your camera to get a photo of your child with the Easter Bunny! Don't forget your Easter Basket to collect all those eggs as baskets will not be supplied. The egg hunt begins at 12:00 p.m. so we are encouraging everyone to get there early to allow plenty of time for parking.

During the Christmas season, Vice Mayor Hugh and Mayor Weiers hosted Alpha Nation's "Toy Joy" event in Downtown Glendale where more than 5,000 gifts, including board games, dolls, and bicycles, were handed out to local children. The event was a huge success, and we are happy that Alpha Nation is holding their Egg-xtravaganza in Glendale!

The city of Glendale's motto is "Improving the lives of the people we serve every day" and we are grateful for partnerships with great organizations like Alpha Nation that allow us to do just that!

Annual Sidewalk Sale in Historic Downtown Glendale April 13

Head to Historic Downtown Glendale for sales galore on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Start at the Arizona Information Center (5836 W. Palmaire Ave.) to pick up the activity list and walking map. Shop–Eat–Repeat! INFO: www.VisitDowntownGlendale.com

Glendale Parks and Recreation Announces New Mobile Recreation Program

The Glendale Parks and Recreation department is excited to announce their new mobile recreation program, REC on Wheels, which will deliver outdoor recreation activities and programs to parks across the city. Check it out and join us for outdoor fun! **www.glendaleaz.com/reconwheels**

Share Your Library Story!

National Library Week is Sunday, April 7 through Saturday, April 13, and we need your help to celebrate all month long! We're interested in hearing about your experiences with the Glendale Public Library. Whether it's a memorable moment, a positive impact on your life, or a simple appreciation, share your stories with us throughout April.

Visit **gplaz.org/tellyourstory** to fill out the form or grab a paper version at any Glendale Library location. You can also include pictures, videos, or audio recordings to enhance your submission.

As a token of our appreciation, participants will receive a small thank-you gift. Your stories contribute to showcasing the library's role in the community!

Grow the Urban Forest April 22

Trees are our allies! Come learn about the benefits of trees, and how to plant, water, and prune them. Certified Arborist, Cathy Rymer, will share all the basics of proper tree care and overview a list of trees suitable for our region. Join us Monday, April 22 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) in the auditorium. To attend, please register at **linktr.ee/glendalecsl**.



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