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## **BUILDING PERMITS ON THE RISE IN GLENDALE; SPECIAL PERMIT “101” TRAINING FOR RESIDENTS**

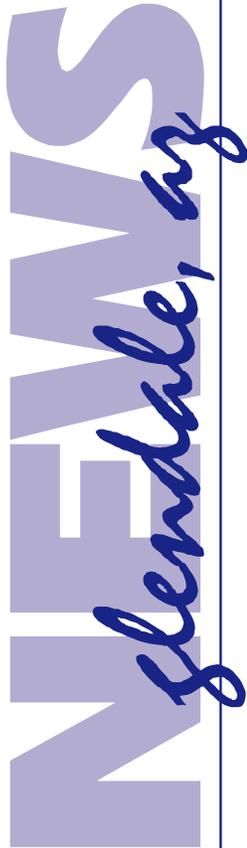
**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Spring remodeling is in the air, especially for Glendale residents. The Building Safety Department is noticing a remodeling permit boom, which has resulted in a 45 percent increase in residential permits and 154 percent increase in solar permits.

To help raise awareness on the permit process and also celebrate Building Safety Month, Glendale’s Building Safety Department is offering a special permit 101 class to teach residents how to get a permit for your construction project, an explanation of why permits are necessary, how to fill out the required paperwork and what the possible costs are associated with these projects.

The class is Wednesday, May 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Glendale City Hall, second floor, room 2C, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. There is no cost and parking is available in the adjacent garage. To reserve a spot in the class, call 623.930.2800 or email [rhuggins@glendaleaz.com](mailto:rhuggins@glendaleaz.com).

Instructors Adam Venetis and Randy Huggins with Building Safety will educate homeowners about when a permit is necessary. For example, basic projects such as painting, tiling and replacing broken windows do not require permits. However, permits are required for modifying electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and irrigation systems.

For the more adventurous homeowner looking to build a patio, carport or room addition, the city has free handouts filled with sample plans. A homeowner



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can also use the sample plans in the guide as their map to build their new addition.

Another popular improvement area that will be covered in the class is the conversion to solar systems from traditional electric. An interest in solar permits has been soaring in the last few years as homeowners recognize the renewable energy benefits. The solar permit rise is also a testament to the commitment of Glendale residents practicing green living.

As we celebrate Building Safety Month, Glendale is joining the nation to promote the use and understanding of building safety areas.

“Building safety experts inspect homes and buildings to ensure that the places where you live, learn and work are safe,” said Deborah Mazoyer, Glendale Assistant Deputy City Manager. “We are thrilled to see a boost in building permits and recognize that residents are understanding the importance of safety and seeing our goal of protecting the community.”

For more information on the free permit class or general information on how to obtain a building permit, call 623.930.2800 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/buildingsafety](http://www.glendaleaz.com/buildingsafety).

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