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GLENDALE HELPS YOU PRESERVE AND CONSERVE LEADING UP TO EARTH DAY

Glendale, Ariz. — More than one billion people in 192 countries take part in annual Earth Day events. From Cairo to Beijing, Melbourne to Rome, Rio to St. Louis, communities everywhere stand united in their effort to increase awareness and appreciation of the Earth's natural environment. Glendale is helping you to make the world a better place with "Project PC: Preserve and Conserve."

Earth Day is April 22 and five city departments have come together to provide a variety of ways for community members to preserve and conserve as part of Earth Day events. Participate in clean-ups, conserve resources at home, do your part to recycle or enjoy an activity. The following activities are offered by the Glendale Volunteer Program; Glendale Parks, Recreation & Library Services; Glendale Transportation; Glendale Sanitation and Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program:

- **March 28: Arbor Day**

Join us for Glendale's annual Arbor Day celebration at 8:30 a.m. Students from Desert Mirage School will participate by reading poems, showcasing their Arbor Day posters and planting new trees at Desert Mirage Park, 87th and Maryland Avenues. Comments from Mayor Weiers and Councilmember Chavira will be shared. For more information, call 623-930-2044.

- **March 29: Our Valley's Water Story: From Watershed to Showerhead**

Learn about the history and diversity of the Valley's water supply from 9 a.m. to noon at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. The city's Conservation and Sustainable Living Office is coordinating this program. For more information call 623-930-3760.

- 9-9:25 a.m. History and Diversity of Our Water Supply
- 9:30-9:55 a.m. Drought: Back to the Future
- 10-10:25 a.m. Learn About What's Trending in Water Conservation
- 10:30-10:55 a.m. Questions and Answers
- 11 a.m.-noon Glendale Xeriscape Garden Tour and Refreshments

- **April 2: *STEM @ the Library: The Wonders of Water**

Children ages 7-12 can learn about the water cycle, water chemistry, and the importance of water conservation in this hands-on workshop held from 4-5 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Registration begins March 19. Call 623-930-3537 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm> for more information or to register.

- **Through April 12: *STEM @ the Library: Celebrate the Earth Poetry Contest**
Poets of all ages are invited to submit a poem to our “Celebrate the Earth” Poetry Contest. Winners from the Youth, Teen and Adult age categories will be published on the library’s webpage. Please visit the library or click here for contest rules and regulations. All three Glendale libraries are participating: Main, 5959 W. Brown St.; Velma Teague, 7010 N. 58th Ave.; Foothills, 19055 N. 57th Ave. For more information or to enter, call 623-930-3537 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm> for more information or to register.
- **April 13: Glendale Family Bike Ride**
Join hundreds of cyclists for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave. This year features an extended route showcasing the 63rd Ave. Pedestrian/Bike Bridge, making the ride 6, 15 or 23 miles. The first 500 riders that pre-register (online or via mail) and participate will receive a t-shirt. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event (\$10). Pre-register at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/transportation/GlendaleFamilyBikeRide.cfm> or call 623-930-2940. On-site registration will begin at 7 a.m. the day of the ride. The ride begins at 8 a.m., and all riders must be on the road by 9 a.m.
- **April 14: *STEM @ the Library: Rule Your World Terrarium**
Become the ruler of your own little world! Curious kids ages 7-12 assemble a closed ecosystem in a soda bottle, then observe and learn about the water cycle, plant life cycles and more from 4-5 p.m. at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. By Earth Day, you might know if the water you flush today will land on your Grandma’s tomatoes in Illinois. Registration begins March 31. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3837 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.
- **April 16: Getting Crafty with Miss Janet!**
Join in the fun and make an Earth Day seed-planting craft with Miss Janet to keep or give as a gift. Crafters younger than 6 years old will need an adult helper. 3:00 p.m. The program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. For more information, call 623-930-3437 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.
- **April 17: Reduce Your Outdoor Water Use: Programming Your Irrigation Timer**
Watering efficiently is the easiest way to reduce your water bill and conserve this valuable resource. This class provides hands-on instruction on how long and how often to run your water system as well as practice setting timers using actual timers. Held from 6-7:45 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library Large Meeting Room, 5959 W. Brown St., and is coordinated by the city’s Conservation and Sustainable Living Office. Registration is required. To register, call 623-930-3760 or email bpatrick@glendaleaz.com.
- **April 19: Skunk Creek Clean Up**
Be a volunteer and help others clean up an area of Skunk Creek between 51st and 57th avenues from 7 to 10 a.m. The clean-up will be held in conjunction with Earth Day Events taking place world wide. Meet at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., at 7 a.m. and bring a pair of gloves, hat, sunscreen and wear sturdy/durable shoes. For information, call 623-930-4600.

- **April 20-26: Travel Green in Glendale – Bike to Work/School**
Calling all residents of Glendale! Simply Travel Green and ride your bicycle to work/school any day the week of April 20-26, post it on Facebook (facebook.com/GlendaleAZ) with a photo of you riding your bicycle and tag the city of Glendale so we can see you in action. You will be entered into a random drawing for gift cards and freebies! For information, contact 623-930-2032 or sadams@glendaleaz.com.
- **April 22: Earth Day Picnic**
Celebrate Earth Day at the library! Festivities will include a puppet show, picnic, craft, parachute playtime and more from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Call 623-930-3437 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm> for more information or to register
- **April 24: *STEM @ the Library: Your Own Little World: Terrariums!**
Teens ages 12-18 will create their own self-sufficient “mini-world” with live plants, rocks and other décor items of their choice from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Registration is required and begins on April 7. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3437 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.
- **April 26: New River and Trail Clean Up**
Glendale and Peoria parks and recreation staff, along with volunteers, are teaming up to gather at New River to clean the river corridor from Beardsley to Pinnacle Peak roads. Volunteers will comb nearly 75 acres of river bottom scouring for debris such as tires, paper, plastic bottles, old cans, couches, wire, clothing, cardboard and many other items. Other city departments participating include sanitation, police, fire and neighborhood partnerships. For more information, contact Mike Gregory at 623-930-2652 or mgregory@glendaleaz.com.
- **April 29: *STEM @ the Library: Tiny Explorers**
How Does Your Garden Grow? This storytime and activity for toddlers, ages 18-36 months and their caregivers, focusing on science, technology, engineering or math will be held at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Toddlers meet 10:15-10:35 a.m. and preschoolers meet 10:45-11:15 a.m. Storytime Room. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3537 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

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