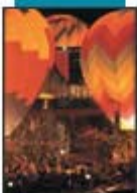




## Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

We all take pride in our property and the appearance of our neighborhoods and community. We are offended when someone purposely defaces property where we live, work and travel. Graffiti is an extremely difficult problem that all cities have to deal with.



The city of Glendale spends a substantial amount of time and money making sure that we remove graffiti as quickly as possible. In 2007/2008 we have budgeted nearly \$250,000 in our Field Operations Department just for graffiti removal. This does not include all of the money that is spent on graffiti by other departments, such as Police, Code Compliance and Transportation. Any time that you see graffiti in our city please call the graffiti busters hotline at 623-930-3080 or ([Click Here](#)) to report it on-line. Our graffiti busters team will make every effort to remove the graffiti as quickly as possible.

In addition to graffiti removal, we are also always searching for new ways to effectively combat graffiti. We have implemented a new program through our Police Department called Together Against Graffiti (TAG). TAG is a collaborative effort designed to educate, prevent, remove and enforce the laws related to graffiti. Part of the enforcement component involves paying rewards up to \$250 for information that leads to the arrest or identification of a graffiti vandal. If you have any information about a graffiti vandal you can turn them in and claim a reward by calling 623-262-7327. Reports can be made anonymously.

We are working hard and contributing a lot of our resources to combating graffiti. Please help us in our efforts by reporting all graffiti activity or involve yourself in other ways like joining neighborhood watch. Graffiti is a complicated problem for all cities to have to deal with, but with your help I believe that we can make a difference.

*Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or [mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com), if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.*