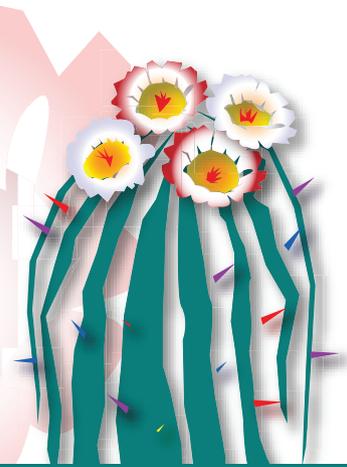




Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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Volunteers needed for Fruit Gleaning at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Volunteers are needed to help pick citrus at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 12. Parking is available at 59th Avenue and Mountain View.

The project is part of the Glendale's Citizen Ad-Hoc Event Advisory Committee campaign called, "It's Our Time to Shine." With Super Bowl XLII right around the corner on Feb. 3, committee members are encouraging residents and business owners to participate in a variety of community volunteer projects that will make Glendale "shine."

Volunteers who participate in events that are part of the "It's Time to Shine" campaign will receive a commemorative tee-shirt and be invited to an appreciation event tentatively scheduled for April 2008.

Volunteers will be picking grapefruits and oranges, which will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. If you would like to volunteer, call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at (623) 930-2915. [Read more.](#)

Sahuaro Ranch Park is always looking for year-round volunteers as well. Opportunities include leading guided tours, helping with animal care, being part of an event and more. Come be a part of our team. To volunteer, call (623) 930-4206.



2008 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award Nominations. The City of Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is requesting nominations for the 12th annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. The nominations are due by March 7, 2008.

The prestigious Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award was developed by the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals and organizations to historic preservation efforts in Glendale. It is named after Ruth Byrne, who was the recipient of the 2002 award.

Only nominations relating to historic preservation efforts in the City of Glendale will be eligible. Awards may be given to more than one individual and/or group if several worthy nominations are received. Recipient(s) of the award will be decided March 27, 2008, at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The award will be presented at the May 13, 2008, City Council meeting. For more information or to download an award nomination form, [click here.](#)

Glendale University Graduate Class - Economic Development. It's undeniable—the image of Glendale has changed dramatically in the last five years. No longer known as just a bedroom or residential community, the city is now a destination spot for tourists, sports fans and shoppers. Now, Glendale residents, who are also Glendale University 101 graduates, can learn how a city creates and executes a successful economic development plan to attract corporate headquarters, quality office facilities and upscale retailers through a new civic education class on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. in room 102.

In this session, attendees will hear how Glendale attracts businesses to the city, as well as retains those already here, in order to provide quality employment and increased tax revenues to pay for vital city services. [Read more](#) about Glendale University and the new on-line enrollment process.



Around Town

Live at the Library. Join us for Glendale's Live at the Library, a free performing arts series, at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On Jan. 10, Acoustic Eidolon will perform "musical poetry" with a double-necked guitar and cello. [Read more.](#)

"The Family Affair." If there is a newborn baby in your house or one is on the way, do not miss the spectacular "A Family Affair," a maternity and pediatric health fair for new and expectant families. The free event will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, January 12 in the meeting room wing at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Banner Thunderbird Medical Center's Women and Infants Services and Children's Center is co-sponsoring the fair.

Enjoy fun and helpful "mom and baby" tips, growth and development information, child safety and health resources, exhibitor booths, product demonstrations, activities for children, instructive speakers and more!

For more information about the fair, call Karleen Lee at (602) 865-5908.

Ask the Dog Trainer. If you have a dog, or are thinking of getting one, do not miss "Ask the Dog Trainer" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 in the meeting room of Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Gail Meserve, a local dog trainer/behaviorist, will be on hand to talk about life with dogs.

No dogs are allowed at the program. Reservations are not required for this free program. Call (623) 930-3431 for more information.

That Thursday Thing! "Glendale's Top Chefs." On Thursday, January 17, from 5 - 8 p.m., come hungry and enjoy a culinary event in downtown Glendale – "Glendale's Top Chefs." Many shops will have extended evening hours and you'll have an opportunity to sample "Glendale's Top Chefs," the eighth edition of Historic Downtown's cookbook.

Visitors will begin their culinary journey at the Glendale Visitor Center where they will receive a list of merchants who have recipes highlighted in the book. Participants will then go on a culinary journey to pick up the recipe labels to complete their cookbook. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Join us as we celebrate the life and ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. with a special luncheon on January 18 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This year's keynote speaker will be poet, author and professor Nikki Giovanni. For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here.](#)

Juried Art Show. The Juried Art Show will be held at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Jan. 19-Feb. 17. Enjoy original art works, ranging from paintings to sculpture, created by Arizona artists. This free show will be held Wednesdays – Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 12-4 p.m.

Get Hooked. . .on Crocheting. The Desert Crochet Guild presents "Get Hooked!" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Participants will receive a hands-on demonstration of the basics of crochet in this free three-hour program. All skill levels are welcome. Supplies will be provided. Call (623) 930-3431 for more information.

Antique Tractor & Engine Show. Come and enjoy antique engine displays and demonstrations, tractor pulls and a tractor parade at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Feb. 9-10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The event will also feature food and beverages, as well as kids' rides for a nominal fee. For more information, visit www.aedgeta.org or call (623) 435-3955. Admission is \$5 for adults, and kids age 12 and under are free.

Literally, tons of fun at Touch-a-Truck. The entire family will enjoy the 8th Annual Touch-a-Truck event! Trucks and large vehicles take center stage Feb. 23, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave.

It's a great opportunity to see, touch, interact with and learn about big trucks and the functions they serve. Bring your camera to get some fun snapshots of your child sitting in the driver's seat of an 18-wheeler! For more information on this free event, call (623) 930-2044.

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