



# Barrel District Network News



Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

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**Glendale Installs New Flashing Yellow Left Turn Arrows at 59th and Olive Avenues.** Glendale's Transportation Department will modify the existing traffic signal at the intersection of 59th and Olive avenues that will change how drivers can make left turns and improve safety. Once the signal is modified, a driver will only be able to make a left turn with a green arrow, during the peak hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

This is called a '*protected left turn.*' During off-peak traffic hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., the intersection will run a '*permissive left turn*' with flashing yellow arrows. A traffic study revealed that there are approximately 2,200 pedestrian crossings each day at this intersection. One of the first steps for improving the intersection involved re-striping the intersection; new 'X' boxes were put in place to keep drivers a little further back from the intersection to give pedestrians a larger buffer zone from the vehicle traffic.

The signal improvement will allow traffic and pedestrians to move more safely through this highly-traveled intersection. With so many pedestrians and vehicles in this area, Glendale Transportation staff has made a concerted effort to implement enhancements, including securing \$2 million in federal funding to install raised medians and additional streetlights in the next few years.

The new signal is expected to be operational on Feb. 26. For further information on transportation in Glendale, [click here](#), or call 623-930-2940.



**Vice Mayor Knaack Spotlights Coyotes Charities on "Glendale Today."** Glendale Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack in her new edition of the TV show "Glendale Today" highlights the Coyotes Charities organization and how it gives back to the community by supporting non-profit groups that promote healthcare, education, cultural arts and sports-related programs for children. Coyotes Charities is the philanthropic division of the National Hockey League's (NHL) Coyotes team that plays in Glendale. The Vice Mayor's guests are Anthony LeBlanc, co-owner and President and CEO of the Coyotes and Kimberly Trichel, Executive Director of Community Relations for Coyotes Charities. Some of the organizations discussed that benefit include Banner Thunderbird and Phoenix Children's Hospitals, St. Mary's Food Bank and St. Vincent DePaul, Habitat for Humanity, the Yarnell firefighters, Special Olympics and youth hockey programs in Glendale and throughout the Valley.

Knaack, who represents the Barrel District in Glendale, also discusses how residents and fans can get involved in fundraising such as the popular 50/50 raffle at the games and how non-profit organizations can apply for grants. Efforts include year-round events like the Coyotes Golf Classic, the Celebrity Waiter dinner and the Charity Telethon, all of which are staffed by volunteers.

The show begins airing Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. "Glendale Today" is produced by staff from the city-owned TV station Glendale 11. The show will air daily on Glendale 11 as well as online via the city's video library at [www.glendaleaz.com/video](http://www.glendaleaz.com/video) and exclusive segments can be found on the city's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11](http://www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11).

For more information about the new TV show, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11).

**Also on Glendale 11 — A New Edition of "Glendale Insider"** The new edition of the "Glendale Insider" features several recent events happening in Glendale including the top tourism advocate for Arizona teaming up with Glendale to kick off joint efforts to promote the 2015 Super Bowl, an exciting new mobile app from the Glendale Convention & Visitor's Bureau to help residents and visitors find the best places to eat, shop and explore and a new exhibit at Gallery Glendale in Westgate City Center.

Television and online viewers can also learn how to avoid the most common city code violations on their property and view an archery demonstration on a proposed city archery range. Other stories in this edition feature Glendale Fire conducting a mock disaster drill at Mountain Ridge High School, a ground-breaking for a new Glendale business, the NPL Construction Company, and a memorial tribute to Ronin, a Glendale Police K-9 killed in the line of duty last summer.

The “Glendale Insider” can be seen on Glendale 11 at various times throughout the day or each individual story can be seen on the city’s YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11](http://www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11). For more information about Glendale 11 or the new TV show, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11).

**Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau Kicks Off Operation Women Warrior Drive.** The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau in partnership with Soroptimist International of the Kachinas of Glendale kicks off the annual collection drive to benefit Operation Women Warriors and the Military Family Support Group beginning on March 14.

The Military Family Support is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization which sends 350+ care packages each month overseas of much needed supplies to the troops in every branch of the military. The Operation Women Warriors project will send specialized care packages to female soldiers stationed overseas. Needed items include bulk hard candies, travel-sized hair shampoo and conditioner, moisturizing shower gel, Q-tips, facial lotion with sunscreen, foot cream, SPF lip balm, personal hygiene products, cough drops, shower loofahs and hair bands. A full list of needed items is listed at [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com).

Donations can be dropped off March 14 through April 18 at the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, Glendale and Bitz-ee Mama’s Restaurant located at 7023 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glendale. For more information, visit [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com) or call 623-930-2955. For more information about the Soroptimist International of the Kachinas of Glendale, visit [www.sikachinas.org](http://www.sikachinas.org).

## Around Town

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**Council Meetings and Workshops.** To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Paris in the Spring French Market.** Stop by the Glendale Visitors Center to pick up a walking map and event info for the Paris in the Spring French Market on Saturday March 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140. Enjoy the Vintage Market, fine food, art show, antiques and shopping.

For more information, [click here](#).

**The Center Dance Ensemble: The ABCs of Dance.** Children should put on their dancing shoes and get ready to be introduced to the art of movement in this fast-paced, high-energy workshop that focuses on dance styles, terminology and interpretation, Monday March 24, 4:30 p.m. at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Presented by The Center Dance Ensemble this fast-paced, high-energy event, designed for children ages 5-11 years old, but all ages are welcome. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

**STEM @ The Library: Tiny Explorers.** A story-time and activity for toddlers and preschoolers focusing on science, technology, engineering and math with a theme.

**Tuesday, March 25 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

**10:15 to 10:35 a.m. for toddlers, ages 18-36 months, and their caregivers**

**10:45 to 11:15 a.m. for preschoolers, ages 3-5 years, and their caregivers**

This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For information, call 623-930-3537.

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