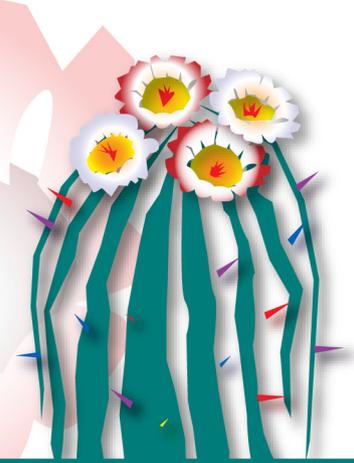




Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

March 19, 2010

Barrel District Town Talk

Wednesday, March 24
5 to 7 p.m

Glendale Adult Center
5970 W. Brown St.
Palo Verde Room

For more information [click here](#)
or call (623) 930-2250.

2010 Census. The 2010 Census is underway and the city of Glendale is asking residents to complete their questionnaire and mail it back by Census Day – April 1, 2010. The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution to be completed every ten years.

It is vital to our city to obtain an accurate count of every person living in Glendale! Information gathered from the Census will establish each state's Congressional representation. It will also help plan for the needs of communities, and determine the distribution of federal funds to local, county and state governments. These funds help pay for streets, parks, youth and senior programs, libraries and bus service. About half of Glendale's annual operating budget depends on census data.

The 2010 Census form is the shortest in U.S. history – consisting of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. Responses are confidential and are used to produce statistics. Please participate in the Census, the future of Glendale is in our hands! [Read more.](#)



Glendale Family Bike Rodeo and Summer Safety Fair, Saturday, March 20. In partnership with several City of Glendale Departments (Police, Fire, Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Code Enforcement), Valley Metro and Classic Rock 100.7 KSLX radio, the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni of Glendale (CPAAG) is presenting the 2nd annual CPAAG Summer Safety Fair, sponsored by Target.

Families can learn about everything from fire, home, and personal safety to water safety. Smoke house demonstrations and child fingerprinting will be available.

Staff from the City Transportation and Police Departments will instruct children ages 5 to 13 on bicycle safety at the Family Bike Rodeo. Participants will go through an obstacle skills course featuring five interactive learning stations. Individuals will learn how to ride safely and receive tips

on what to do in real life situations. All riders must wear helmets! Parents must sign a waiver for each child who participates. Each child will receive a certificate of completion for basic bicycle training, along with reflectors and glow in the dark bracelets.

These events will be held together on March 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Target shopping center, 10404 N. 43rd Ave. For more information call (623) 670-5710.

Glendale Police Receive Federal Funding to Upgrade Communications System. Glendale Police have received a federal appropriation of \$1 million to replace outdated dispatch and record management operating systems. The new state-of-the-art technology will enhance officers' response to 911 calls, improve the tracking of crime statistics, field reporting and sharing vital information with law enforcement agencies at both the state and federal levels.

The department's current Computer Aided Dispatch, referred to as 'CAD', and the Record Management System or 'RMS' are more than 20 years old. They are electronic tools used by Glendale Police 24/7 and heavily relied on by 911 dispatchers to get information from citizens and prioritize the response of officers. The RMS is a system that houses all police report information and is used to track crime statistics and trends.

The Glendale Police and Intergovernmental Programs Departments worked with the city's federal liaisons, U.S. Congressman Ed Pastor and U.S. Congressman Trent Franks, to obtain the funding as part of the federal FY 2010 budget. Glendale Police will install and implement the new system in stages over the next year and a half.



Sahuaro Ranch Park Main Entrance Closure

The main entrance to Sahuaro Ranch Park at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road will be closed March 22-25 for completion of pipeline construction.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Main Library Recession Response Classes Continue. If you are still on the job hunt, try checking out what Glendale Public Library has to help you. The city's Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., is offering the following free computer classes and workshops for job seekers. For a list of classes through July, visit the glendaleaz.com/library and click on "Recession Response." For more information, call 623-930-3531.

Spring Training at Camelback Ranch. Glendale is the spring training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox. Take in a game today through March 31 at Camelback Ranch–Glendale, 10710 W. Camelback Road.

- Facility and ticket information - [click here](#)
- Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District - [click here](#)
- Cactus League Spring Training - [click here](#)

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Over 150 performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling will entertain at Glendale Parks and Recreation's two-day Folk & Heritage Festival.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Attendees are welcome to enjoy the entertainment on six stages and participate in free workshops, on topics such as ukulele techniques, mountain dulcimer, beginning autoharp and banjo led by accomplished entertainers.

This unique festival includes family entertainment, historic Sahuaro Ranch site tours, blacksmith demonstrations and a children's stage and activity area. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission and most activities are free. To volunteer or for more information, call (623) 930-4200.

Glendale's Green Festival/Family Bike Ride. Glendale's Green Festival is teaming up with the Glendale Family Bike Ride on Saturday, March 27 and both events are bigger than ever! This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to get a little exercise and learn about water and energy efficiency, alternative transportation, going solar, and many other green-living practices. The annual Glendale Family Bike Ride will kick off the green-themed event at Sahuaro Ranch Park at 8 a.m. For a list of activities and classes, [click here](#).

Acoustic Jam Session. Players can bring their acoustic instruments and play round-robin style, while the audience just needs to show up! The Acoustic Jam Session takes place at 6:30 p.m. on March 31 at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Spring Book Sale at Foothills Branch Library. Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., is gearing up for its semi-annual book sale, which will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10. The Spring Book Sale will be held in the meeting rooms and has something for everyone.

Expect to find fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, and even videos, recorded books and CDs, depending on donations from the community. The tables are jam-packed with bargains and treasures ranging from Dr. Seuss to Aristotle. The final hour becomes a shopper's dream, with \$1.00 bags. The library supplies the bag, and bargain hunters can fill them with whatever is left. For more information, call (623) 930-3849.

Shred it & Forget it. As tax season comes to a close, discard your unwanted personal paperwork and old tax records at this free shred event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 17 at the Target parking lot, 43rd and Peoria avenues.

The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with Target Corporation to provide residents with an opportunity to combat identity theft, the fastest growing crime in the United States. Bring up to three standard-size file boxes of old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents containing personal identifying information to have shredded on site.

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