



# Barrel District Network News



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**Fuel Use Reduced by 129,000 Gallons.** With gas prices flirting with the \$4 mark, the city of Glendale's three-year move to reduce gas consumption will help blunt the pain at the pump for the city's fleet of just over 1,200 vehicles.

Over the past three years, the city has reduced the number of vehicles it operates by 106. It has also downsized 200 vehicles from V-8 to more fuel efficient 4 cylinder models, and has 300 vehicles that can operate on E85, a fuel mixture of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent unleaded gas. E85 currently costs \$2.71 per gallon, significantly less than unleaded gas.

The fleet vehicle reduction, along with other city moves, has resulted in 1,245,000 fewer miles driven and a 129,300 gallon reduction in fuel used. That could calculate to a half million dollar savings.

Other moves by the city include piloting the use of hybrid vehicles and creating a motor pool of 21 vehicles taken out of regular service. The motor pool gives city departments access to vehicles on an as-needed basis without having to maintain the full operation costs of having a dedicated vehicle. The motor pool was a large factor in the city's ability to reduce its fleet of vehicles from 1,414 in 2009 to 1,209 currently.

Another factor in the city's efforts to reduce fuel consumption is its rigorous maintenance schedule. Factors like proper tire inflation and clean air filters affect a vehicle's gas mileage. For tips on how you can reduce your personal gas consumption, [click here](#).

**Glendale Family Bike Ride this Sunday.** Join hundreds of riders this Sunday for great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the ride begins at 9 a.m. This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

Riders who arrive early can take advantage of a Health & Wellness Fair with multiple vendors on site, offering free services such as blood pressure checks, nutrition information, helmet safety checks and much more.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

The event is sponsored in part by REI, Valley Metro and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride) or call the Glendale Transportation Department at 623-930-2940.

**28th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival, April 9-10.** The city of Glendale's 28th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 9-10.

The jazz headliners, Randy Brecker and John Abercrombie, are both renowned artists that will amaze audiences. Headlining the Blues stage are Curtis Salgado and Shemekia Copeland.

While the music takes center stage during Glendale's longest-running music festival, there is much more to see and do, as the event will also feature craft artisans and delicious food and beverages, including wine tasting by Kokopelli Winery. In addition, two artists will work on-site, giving event attendees an interactive, one-of-a-kind experience to add to the musical performances.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 10. Admission is free. The preferred parking fee is \$10. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

Sponsors for the event include APS, *The Arizona Republic*, ABC15, Kokopelli Winery, the Phoenix Coyotes, Pacific Monarch, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Sedona Pines, Residence Inn/Springhill Suites and Adina Holistics. [Read More.](#)

**Glendale's YouTube Channel Tops 100,000 Views!** In the world of social media, the city of Glendale has reached a milestone with 100,000 videos being viewed in less than two years. The popular site, [www.youtube.com/myglendale11](http://www.youtube.com/myglendale11), includes more than 200 videos featuring city programs, events, services and marketing promotions. Since June 2009, Glendale's online viewers have watched more than 4,500 videos a month.

Councilmember Knaack uses YouTube to share clips from her Glendale Today shows. You'll find an e-book download demonstration ([click here](#)) and a clip from a Glendale Police Canine training ([click here](#)).

Besides YouTube, the city has two other video resources: An online video library accessible 24/7 with archive availability and the city's award-winning cable television station, Glendale 11 TV, on Cox Channel 11 and live streaming online at [www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11)

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[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

**Residents' Input Sought For GO Transportation Program.** The 7th Annual GO Program Open House will be held from 4:30-7:00 p.m., April 13 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions on such projects as the Light Rail, Grand Avenue, the Northern Parkway, Loop 303, and the Grand Canal and New River bicycle paths. For more information call 623-930-2940.

**Live at the Library.** Join us for one of the West Valley's most popular monthly musical series – Live at the Library. The series is held on the fourth Thursday of the month and begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On April 28, Young Sounds of Arizona, composed entirely of middle school and high school age students, presents "The Magic of Jazz, the Freshness of Youth" for an unforgettable evening of jazz music. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

**Shred It & Forget It.** Glendale's Community Action Teams are proud to partner with the Target Corporation and Cintas Document Management Company to offer free document shredding to the community to help combat identity theft. Credit card offers, tax returns, medical bills and old bank statements should be shredded rather than simply thrown in the trash. The "Shred It & Forget It" events offered throughout the year offer a fast, convenient, drive-thru service where you can bring up to three standard-size file boxes of documents for secure shredding. The next event is Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Target located at 10404 North 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until the shred trucks are full. For more information on identity theft and "Shred It & Forget It," call (623) 930-2571. [Read more.](#)

**National Take Back Day.** The Glendale Police Department is coordinating a one-day collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation's homes. The "National Take Back Initiative Day" will be on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at **two** Glendale locations! We will be at the Target parking lot at 10404 North 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (Peoria & 43<sup>rd</sup>) and in the parking lot at Cabela's at 9830 West Glendale Ave. Glendale's collection sites will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is the opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2571.

**Glendale Summer Band.** Sponsored by Glendale's Office of Special Events, the free eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. during June and July, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes. The series will feature a special patriotic performance on June 30 in celebration of Independence Day.

For more information, [click here](#) or call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299.

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