



Barrel District Network News



Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale Wins Age Friendly Community Award. The City of Glendale was recently honored for connecting people of all ages through intergenerational programs and activities as part of the region's first age-friendly community competition. The city received the award at the "All Ages, One Region" conference hosted by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) at the Glendale Civic Center. MAG Vice Chair Michael LeVault, mayor of Youngtown, presented the award.

Mayor LeVault noted that 20 nominations were submitted by communities from around Arizona. The city of Glendale will receive promotional materials and technical assistance to enhance the good work underway in their community.

Goodyear Councilmember Joanne Osborne, chair of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC), and Mesa Councilmember Christopher Glover, HSCC vice chair, presented certificates to the remaining four finalists, the cities of Peoria, Scottsdale, Surprise, and Tempe.

Nominations received for the community competition are posted online in the "Community" section at www.Connect60Plus.com. Resources are also available on the website to assist communities in becoming more age-friendly.

Historic Downtown Glendale Businesses "Paint The Town Purple" To Join Fight Against Cancer. The Annual Glendale Relay for Life will be held April 26-27, 2014 at Ironwood High School. Historic Downtown Glendale businesses and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau have formed a team called "Glendale's Angels" consisting of business owners, advocates and fans of Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court.

Recognizing that almost everyone has been touched by cancer in some way, the downtown Glendale businesses have decided to make a difference by walking in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. At the fundraiser, team members will camp out overnight and take turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society in the world's largest fight against cancer. The public is invited to attend. The event kicks off with the opening ceremony at 6 p.m. on Saturday April 26, followed by a survivors lap and luminaria ceremony.

In support of Relay for Life, business owners have "painted" Downtown Glendale and Murphy Park purple with ribbons displayed on gas lamps located throughout the area. The ribbons will be on display through April 28. Other activities include luminaria decorating events to honor and celebrate loved ones impacted by cancer.

In addition, Business Proceeds Days will be held at Bitz-ee Mama's Restaurant tomorrow (April 12) from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Papa Ed's Ice Cream on April 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. During these events, 20 percent of the proceeds from the day's sales will be donated to Relay for Life Glendale.

For more information on the Glendale's Angels Team and Relay for Life Glendale, visit <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/GlendaesAngels>.



Glendale Community Band Brings Music to Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings.

Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 48th season beginning June 5 in downtown Glendale.

The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. June 5 through July 24, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn drives. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its inspiring renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family, or bring your friends and neighbors. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts. The series will feature a special Patriotic performance on Thursday, July 3, in celebration of Independence Day, as well as other themes each week.

The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride and Glendale Rotary Club. For more information, call Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Around Town

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

Gallery Glendale at Westgate Hosts Glendale Union High School District Student and Faculty Art Show. April features the Annual Student Art Show of the Glendale Union High School District (GUHSD) at Gallery Glendale at Westgate on Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

Student and faculty art from all 10 of the district's schools will be featured and many pieces will be available for sale. The exhibit features 92 student and approximately 25 faculty entries.

To celebrate the arts in the district, an awards reception, open to the public, will be held from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, April 11 where various awards will be presented to the student artists as determined by a panel of judges. Light appetizers will be served, and the Thunderbird High School Jazz Combo and Independence High School piano students will entertain attendees.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is located at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd. For more information about the GUHSD exhibit, please contact Kimberly Baron at 623-435-6097.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is a free public art gallery made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. For more information on Gallery Glendale, [click here](#).

Local Author Shobhan Bantwal Joins Book Discussion at Velma Teague Library. The 58th Avenue Book Group is hosting award-winning local author Shobhan Bantwal at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. She will be participating in a discussion of her novel, "*The Unexpected Son*," and issues facing women of India.

In "*The Unexpected Son*," Vinita Patil's life in suburban New Jersey is disrupted by a shocking letter from Mumbai. Her supposedly stillborn son from a college affair back in India is still very much alive and in dire need of her help to stay that way.

Bantwal moved from southwestern India to New Jersey following her arranged marriage to a man residing in America. The mother of one daughter, she holds two master's degrees and now lives in Phoenix. Her writing has won The Golden Leaf Award, the National Indie Excellence Award and various other awards and honors.

Copies of "*The Unexpected Son*" will be available at the Velma Teague Library's reference desk.

For more information on Bantwal, visit www.shobhanbantwal.com. For more information on the 58th Avenue Book Group, call 623-930-3431. For information about the Glendale libraries, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

Annual Pet Expo Has Moved To Sun Valley Animal Shelter. The Sun Valley Animal Shelter is taking a giant leap forward and hosting the west side Pet Expo on Sunday April 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 7150 N. 110th Ave. In previous years, Phoenix Pet Expo could be found at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. It has now moved to the east valley and Sun Valley Animal Shelter of Glendale will carry on the Pet Expo tradition in the West Valley. Vaccinated pets are welcome.

Visit over 55 Pet Rescue adoption booths, retail booths, low cost vaccinations and microchips, kid friendly booths and yummy food booths. A raffle which includes items valued at \$250 or more and discounted favorite pet products will be held. There will be goodie bags for the first 100 adults and 100 children. Many pets including dogs, cats, birds and horses will be available for adoption. Some of the organizations and businesses taking part in the event include: Angels for Athletes, Children of Veterans Foundation, Soldier's Best Friend, AZK9, The Pet Club, Lorenzo's Dog Training, Bark Busters, Burgers Amore, The Grilled Cheese Truck, Kettle Heroes, Kona Ice, Papa Ed's with Frosty Paws for dogs and Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium.

For more event information [click here](#), or call 623-872-7941.

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