Barrel District Network News

Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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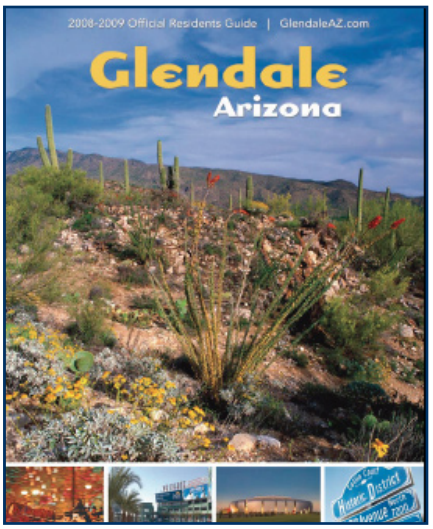

2008/2009 Official Residents Guide. Looking for the best parks to visit, helpful neighborhood programs or cool family events in Glendale? Look no further than the Glendale 2008/2009 Official Residents Guide, which gives residents the answers they want one page at a time.

Copies of the guide are available at the Glendale Visitor Center and all three Glendale libraries. In addition, 25,000 guides will be inserted in The Arizona Republic in Glendale zip codes.

The Official Residents Guide features information on neighborhood amenities and important community services; locations for Glendale's parks and libraries; and a comprehensive phone directory. The guide will also help families plan fun events through 2009 with dates and family activities listed, including the city's signature festivals, such as the immensely popular Glendale Glitters and the Chocolate Affaire.

To request a copy of the Official Residents Guide, call (623) 930-4500.

Boards & Commissions Recruitment Fair. Are you looking for a way to get involved in your city, but don't know where to start?

If so, you can begin by attending the city of Glendale's Advisory Boards and Commissions Recruitment Fair from 6 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at the Glendale Civic Center Annex, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

The city's 18 citizen advisory groups serve an integral role in helping shape the community, from local historic preservation initiatives to transportation projects. Residents attending the recruitment fair will have the opportunity to learn more about each board and commission, as well as speak with city representatives.

High school students living in Glendale can also get involved by applying to serve on either the city's Library Advisory Board or Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

The time commitment to serve on an advisory board varies, but most meet at least once a month for several hours. Preparation for meetings and special meetings sometimes require an additional time commitment. Membership is usually for two years. A three-hour basic training program is required for residents who have completed an application to serve on a board or commission.

For more information click here or call (623) 930-2814.

Glendale Government Services

Free Summer Arts Camp. From June 30-Aug. 7, children and teens will have the opportunity to attend a unique Summer Art Camp at Historic Sahuaro Ranch. Classes include *Recycle-Re-use-Re-create, Can you Draw an Apple With your Eyes Closed? and Write and Illustrate Your Own Book.* Parents will not want their kids to miss out on this wonderful art experience at Historic Sahuaro Ranch taught by gifted artists. Register soon, workshops for ages 6-9 are already full! Click here for a full description of each workshop.

City Construction Project Status. Curious about a city construction project? Visit the Glendale Engineering Department's Construction Project Status page on the Web. This site includes basic information about neighborhood, park, street, water and sewer projects and more. Click here to visit the site now. For more detailed information about these projects, call the Engineering Department at (623) 930-3630.

Around Town

Authors at the Teague Series – Betty Webb. A journalist turned mystery writer, Scottsdale-resident Betty Webb will be at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 26. She will be discussing her fifth Lena Jones novel, "Desert Cut."

Jammin' at the Library. The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 30 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. In fact, knowing how to play an instrument is not essential to having a good time at this free monthly gathering. Everyone is welcome! Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

Glendale Garden Festival. The Glendale Garden Festival will be held May 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden surrounding the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Join us for interactive garden art activities, go green information booths, entertaining presentations and activities for people of all ages. Adults can learn from the experts about tree care, low-water-use gardening, water harvesting and more. Children can participate in a variety of fun, hands-on activities in the garden and attend a puppet show and magic show about water in the desert.

The first 100 people at the event will receive a free plant and everyone will receive a special water conservation canvas bag. Click here for more information and a schedule of Garden Festival activities.

"Join Hands Day" Cleanup Project on May 3. Groups of volunteers and individuals are needed to help with a neighborhood cleanup effort to observe "Join Hands Day" on Saturday, May 3 from 7 to 11 a.m.

Volunteers will help with a variety of outdoor, cleanup projects in the "Heart of Glendale" neighborhood, which runs from Glendale to Grand avenues between 51st to 57th avenues.

Volunteers should bring work gloves, plenty of water and sunscreen. Volunteers should meet in the morning at the Glendale Community Center, 5401 W. Ocotillo Road.

Join Hands Day gives volunteers the opportunity to reach out to people they don't know, to connect generations and develop new relationships between youth and adults. Communities across the country will be participating by organizing improvement projects.

To participate, please RSVP by May 1 by calling the City of Glendale Community Volunteer Program at (623) 930-2915.

Star Watch Saturday. Explore the universe from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at Thunderbird Park, 59th Avenue north of Deer Valley Road. The Saguaro Astronomy Club will have some amazing telescopes available for free public viewing and will be answering questions. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, flash light and walking shoes. Please park in designated areas only. For more information call (623) 930-4701.

That Thursday Thing! The Cat's Pajamas. Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers and put on your most comfy pajamas as Downtown Glendale celebrates with a Pajama Party on Thursday, May 15 from 5-8 p.m. The May event marks the final *That Thursday Thing* of the season, so don't miss out! For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500, come by in person to 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140, or click here.

Spark Award Nominations. The Glendale Neighborhood Commission encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the community or improved our neighborhoods for a 2008 Neighborhood Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to May 15, 2008.

Click here for more information including a list of nomination categories and a downloadable nomination form.

Summer Reading Programs Return May 27. Glendale Public Library is offering a reading program for every member of the family, from babes in arms to seniors. To find out the dates and times for all the free programs, pick up the summer reading and program schedules at any Glendale library. Read more.

Click here for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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