



Barrel District Network News



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Thank you to all the Barrel residents who took time to attend my "Chat" last Saturday. It was great to have an opportunity to discuss the many topics that were brought forward.

Glendale Approves Federal Funding Plans to Assist Residents. Glendale will receive approximately \$2.7 million in federal funding for assistance to Glendale residents through public service programs such as homeless prevention, domestic violence assistance and services for seniors and youth. In addition, these funds will also assist with many physical improvement projects and continue to provide funding that helps revitalize the downtown infrastructure and remove blighted, underperforming structures.

Glendale City Council approved the submission of the FY 2012-13 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recommendations and Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Glendale receives CDBG and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds from HUD, while HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds are received from the Maricopa County HOME Consortium. The CDBG program is designed to assist low- and moderate-income individuals by revitalizing neighborhoods and creating employment opportunities through economic development. The HOME program is designed to assist low- and moderate-income individuals by providing quality housing. The ESG is designed to assist with the prevention of homelessness and assist homeless individuals and families to move toward self-reliance.

The Annual Action Plan identifies needs, goals and priorities for the funding decisions, and will cover the time period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. To review the Annual Action Plan and the CDBG recommendations, [click here](#).

Glendale Celebrates Another Successful Season of Special Events. From twinkling lights in November through musical notes in April, downtown Glendale is packed with high-quality, family-friendly entertainment throughout its festival season, and this year more and more people enjoyed the festivities.

Glendale's festival season, which includes seven festival weekends, drew a total attendance of 425,000, about an 8% increase over the previous year. Part of what drives that attendance number, in addition to advertising, word-of-mouth and reputation, is editorial coverage. Television media coverage on all of the festivals totaled 166 stories, had a publicity value of \$203,000, reaching an audience of 4.4 million around the Valley and state. In addition, the Glendale Chocolate Affaire was covered by media all over the nation.

There are accolades to celebrate, as well. Glendale Glitters was named one of the top five festivals in the state of Arizona by AAA's Highroads Magazine. The Glendale Glitters Spectacular event was an officially-sanctioned state Centennial event, as was the Glendale Chocolate Affaire. For more information on Arizona's Best Festivals® [click here](#).

Mother's Day Celebration. Free flowers and special gifts await Mom on her special day, thanks to Glendale's downtown merchants. On Saturday, May 12, Moms can browse the unique shops and eateries of downtown Glendale, building their own bouquet as they go.

Start the day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140, to pick up a map, and while supplies last, gift bags and free flowers just for Moms. Several area merchants will also offer free flowers so that after a day of browsing and shopping, Moms will have flowers for a beautiful bouquet to take home and enjoy for days to come. The Mother's Day Celebration also features special deals, gift ideas, and activities.

The Mother's Day Celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information [click here](#) or call 623-930-4500.

Thunderbird Conservation Park – New Trail Names Project. Glendale is working on renaming the trails for Thunderbird Conservation Park. After years of having the trail names consist of “H” and a number, the proposed names will be relevant to the trail and make them easier to distinguish from one another. Proposed names include Coach Whip, Flatlander, Ridgeline and Desert Iguana. [Click here](#) to check out all the names and give your feedback!

New Blog Features Music from the Glendale Public Library. Music lovers, take note. The Glendale Public Library has recently launched a new, interactive music blog focusing on musical genres ranging from Delta Blues to music of the Caribbean, folk music in the United States, Arizona’s musical legacy and more.

[Click here](#) to find the blog “Spotlight on Music.” Visitors to the Foothills Branch Library can also link to the blog by scanning the QR code in the library’s music area with a smart phone.

For more information stop by the Foothills Library at 19055 N. 57th Ave. or call 623-930-3868.

Scavenger Hunt Participants to Visit the Best Sites and Find Unique Items in Glendale. Get ready for an exciting adventure through Glendale Saturday, May 19. The Where’s Glendale! Scavenger Hunt will begin in downtown Glendale’s Murphy Park at 58th and Glendale avenues. Check in will be at 8:30 a.m. with the hunt beginning at 9 a.m.

Participants will explore 21 stops throughout Glendale, including recreation facilities, parks and local businesses. Teams will travel the streets of Glendale hunting for unique locations and items throughout the city. Participants will obtain clues by participating in physical activities or solving puzzles, while racing against the clock.

Only 20 teams will be accepted. The entrance fee is \$80 per team/vehicle. All road/public safety regulations must be followed at all times, and a liability release waiver must be signed prior to participation.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, along with a Best Decorated Scavenger Hunt Vehicle Contest where the winner receives a car detailing kit.

To register, call 623-930-2820. For more information, call 623-930-2046.

Around Town

Glendale Spark Award Nominations – Deadline May 25. The Glendale Commission on Neighborhoods encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization who has made a commitment to the Glendale community or helped to improve our neighborhoods. The categories include: Business Support & Community Involvement, Community Partner, Neighborhood Leadership and Young Leaders on the Move. [Click here](#) for nomination forms and more information.

Watering your Landscape. The Watering Your Landscape class provides hands-on instruction on how long and how often to run your water system. Participants gain practice setting actual irrigation timers. This class will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. While the classes are free, pre-registration is required. All members of the public are welcome to attend, although energy-saving devices are available for Glendale residents only. To register for the free classes, call 623-930-3760.

Child Safety Presentation at Foothills Library. Glendale police officers, detectives and CSI technicians will be joined by McGruff the Crime Dog at the Foothills Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., on May 23rd from 10 a.m. to noon to speak with parents, guardians and educators about child safety. The event is part of a national campaign called Take 25, created by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Glendale law enforcement personnel will be on hand to fingerprint children, give out balloons and stickers and offer tips to parents on speaking to their children about safety. Take 25 campaign encourages parents to take 25 minutes to speak with their children about ways to prevent abduction, and offers 25 ways to make kids safer at home, on the Internet, at school and “out and about.”

Live at the Main Library. Enjoy the internationally-celebrated Mississippi-meets-Chicago blues team of Dave Riley and Bob Corritore showcasing a set of pure roots blues featuring rich vocals, down home guitar and sweet blues harmonica from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 24. Live at the library is held at the Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale. For more information on this free program, call 623-930-3573.

Citizen Police Academy. The Citizen Police Academy is a free program designed to offer residents and business owners a chance to learn, hands on, about many police operations, such as the use of canines, crime scene investigations, and tactical operations. [Click here](#) for more information. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than Friday, May 25 for the class beginning August 8.

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