



Barrel District Network News



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Glendale Community Band. Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 46th season beginning June 7 in downtown Glendale.

The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. June 7 through July 26, 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 Glendale Summer Band, conducted by John Faris, is the longest-running community band in Arizona. The ages of the volunteer band members span several generations. The band was formed in 1966, originally playing at O'Neil Park, and moving to Murphy Park when the amphitheater was built.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family, or bring your friends, neighbors, the whole gang! 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 June 28 in celebration of Independence Day.

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

Dignity Health to Build Medical Campus in Glendale –Grand Opening Slated for Early 2014. Dignity Health, the parent organization of Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center has announced plans to develop a 35-acre medical campus in Glendale.

The campus will become the centerpiece of Dignity Health's recent West Valley expansion. It will be anchored by a 60,000 square-foot hospital that is expected to open in early 2014. An initial \$44 million investment for the campus will include construction of an emergency department, a 24-bed inpatient hospital with two operating rooms, and dedicated space for diagnostic services. It expects to employ about 200 people. The hospital also has the capacity to expand to 200 inpatient beds as demand grows.

The medical campus and hospital will feature new approaches to healthcare via its onsite collaboration with Dignity Health partners. Dignity Health has vigorously built business relationships with non-profits and healthcare businesses in order to provide the best and most financially efficient options for patients.

The medical campus, located near the Loop 101 and Glendale Avenue, will begin with construction of the emergency hospital, followed by the development of additional outpatient services and a medical office building. [Click here](#) for more information.

2012 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. The Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award was presented to Ron Short at a recent Glendale City Council meeting for his dedication to the preservation of Glendale's historic heritage.

The Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award is presented on an annual basis to individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to historic preservation activities in Glendale. The award is named after Ruth Byrne, a long-time Glendale resident, who has worked tirelessly for many decades to support and further the preservation of Glendale's history.

Since his retirement from the city of Glendale in 2010, Ron has emerged as an influential advocate for historic preservation in the private sector. In his current role as Vice President of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society, Ron has been an instrumental part of a very dedicated group of people who educate and promote Glendale's heritage.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the award and Mr. Short's contributions.

Free Live Music At the Glendale Libraries. Fans of bluegrass, Americana and folk will love the free live musical performances at the Glendale Public Libraries in June.

Musical entertainment at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue includes:

- Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m. – Mark Greenleaf, popular folk songs; and Retrofolk, folkgrass.
- Tuesday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. – The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style with fellow musicians. An audience is always welcome.

Summer sounds at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street include:

- Thursday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. – The Main Library Coffeehouse welcomes Three Legged Dog, bluegrass and roots music.
- Wednesday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. – The Acoustic Jam Session. Bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style. Audience welcome.
- Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. – Live @ the Library. Phoenix-based Americana musician Joe Bethancourt has been an Arizona musical mainstay for decades, while his albums have earned four-star reviews from Rolling Stone and Billboard magazines. Performing mostly on the banjo and guitar, Bethancourt also plays 65 different musical instruments, including a cittern, Celtic harp, lute and Ozark mouth bow.

For more information about the free music programs at the Foothills Branch Library, call 623-930-3844. For information about the programs at Glendale Main Library, call 623-930-3573.

Around Town

Aquatics Centers Open June 2. It's hot out there and Glendale's pools are getting ready to cool you off this summer beginning June 2. With features like a lazy river, slides, lap pools, diving areas, aquatic playground, zero entry pools, splash areas, and most important, cool and refreshing water, it's like an ultimate water park experience.

Glendale has two aquatics centers to explore this summer. The Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., will be open Monday-Thursday from 1-5 p.m., Friday from 1-7 p.m., Saturday from 12-5 p.m. and Sunday from 12-4 p.m. The Rose Lane Aquatics Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave., will be open every day from 1-5 p.m.

Entrance fees for both centers for Glendale residents are \$2.50 for ages 3-17, \$5 for adults and \$3 for adults 55 and older. Non-resident rates are \$3.50 for ages 3-17, \$6 for adults and \$5 for adults 55 and older. Ages 2 and under are admitted for free. Swim passes offering reduced rates on the entrance fees are available and provide 15 entrances valid for the entire summer. The passes for Glendale residents are \$33 for ages 3-17, \$70 for adults and \$40 for ages 55 and older. The passes for non-residents are \$49 for ages 3-17, \$86 for adults and \$71 for ages 55 and older. The passes can be used at either center.

Both pools also offer swim lessons and lap swimming. Southwest Ambulance has provided a \$5,000 grant to offer free swim lessons to children. For more information on all the aquatics programs, [click here](#).

Foothills 360 Summer Program. Foothills 360 Summer is back this year through Aug. 3 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Children will enjoy this popular, supervised, summer program for kids ages 5-11 with rock-wall climbing, swimming (once a week), art projects and active games. Three-day or five-day programs are available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Space is limited and available on a first-registered, first-served basis. Three-day: \$66/week (nonresident \$83/week). Five-day: \$100/week (nonresident \$135 week). Call 623-930-4608 for more information.

Summer Film Viewing and Discussion Series. "Exceptional, Inspirational, and Determined: Favorite Biographical Films of the Famous" is the theme of this year's summer film viewing and discussion series Saturdays at 1 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Film scholar, Jeannie Berg returns for a seventh year with the popular, free "Reel Talk Film Series."

On June 2, *The Miracle Worker* (1962) starring Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke will be featured. Twenty-year-old Annie Sullivan struggles to teach the blind, deaf, and mute seven-year-old, Helen Keller, to communicate with a world she can neither see nor hear.

Simple Savings Energy Class. The Simple Savings energy classes provide Glendale residents with free devices to improve energy efficiency in their homes, including a programmable thermostat, 4-pack of CFL's, and a high-efficiency showerhead. The energy-saving devices are funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. Class is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 5 at the Foothills Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Registration is required. [Click here](#) to register or for more information.

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