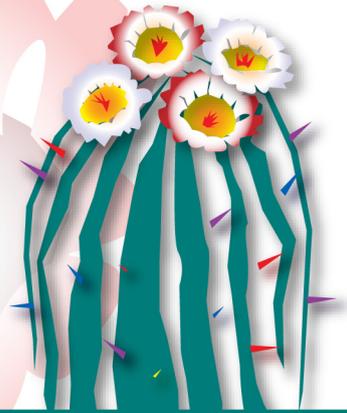




# Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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## Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area Tours

Keeping the history of early valley settlement alive, the [Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area](#) features original buildings dating back to 1891, a rose garden, barnyard, historic orchards and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Free tours of the buildings are beginning soon:

### Main House Tours

Beginning September 1  
Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

### Adobe House and Guest House Tours

Beginning October 3  
Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

### Ranch Site Tours

September 10, 11; October 8, 9;  
November 12, 13; December 10, 11  
11 a.m.

(wear comfortable shoes, meet at the Main House)

Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area is located at 9802 N. 59th Ave. (at Mountain View Rd.) Groups of 10 or more, call (623) 930-4201 for reservations.

**Potential Transit Strike - New Deadline Set for August 31.** As you may have read in recent issues of this newsletter and heard in the media, negotiations are ongoing between the city of Phoenix's bus operations contractor, Veolia Transportation Services, and the three unions that represent transit employees. This week, both of the transit employee unions in negotiations, the Teamsters Local 104 Union (maintenance staff) and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 428 (mechanics) have agreed to extend talks until August 31, 2010. The Amalgamated Transit Union Local No. 1433 (bus operators) has an extension until September 30, 2010.

The city of Phoenix Public Transit Department has created a Web page to keep you informed on the progress of negotiations – [click here](#) to visit the page. I will also keep you informed via this newsletter as we get updates.

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**Glendale and Southwest Ambulance Join Forces on Centerline.** Glendale will become the new home for the West Valley headquarters of a longtime city business partner – Southwest Ambulance. Arizona's largest ambulance provider has chosen the heart of Glendale's Centerline, the city's redevelopment and revitalization project on the Glendale Avenue Corridor, as the location for its West Valley Operations Facility at 5222 W. Glendale Ave. Approximately 60 Southwest Ambulance employees will work out of the new location serving the entire West Valley following the company's move-in, which is expected to occur this month.

The 18,000 square foot facility was selected as part of the company's search for a West Valley location. The Glendale City Manager's Office and Economic Development Department worked with Southwest Ambulance to identify locations and finalize lease negotiations. Southwest Ambulance has more than 70 ambulance stations across Central Arizona and the new Glendale facility will become Southwest Ambulance's second largest-operations facility in the region.

The new Glendale facility will house 25 non-emergency ambulances and crews, plus a fleet department for minor repairs, a supply warehouse, 10 administrative offices, employee training facilities and a duty office staffed 24/7 to ensure that ambulances are properly equipped, stocked, cleaned and prepared for response. Additionally, Southwest Ambulance plans to make the facility's training rooms available to local organizations in need of meeting space.

**Traffic Information for the Upcoming Cardinals Season.** Football fans should be aware of suggested routes and important traffic information for this year's Cardinals games, as the preseason kicks off in Glendale on August 14.

Season ticket holders have received parking passes from the Arizona Cardinals with specific parking and traffic instructions. Maps to the assigned parking lots are printed on the back side of parking passes.

Game day cash parking is available at the Glendale Renaissance Parking Garage and at Westgate City Center this season. Drivers should access this parking via Glendale Avenue and then south on either 93rd Avenue or 95th Avenue.

Parking for single game ticket holders is at the Kellis High School lot, located on the east side of 91st Avenue just north of Orangewood Avenue. A free shuttle service will run between the high school and the stadium beginning two hours before game time and ending one hour following the game.

Parking lots open four hours prior to kick-off. Vehicles will not be permitted to line up on city streets prior to the lots opening.

After the game, there will be reversible lanes on Maryland, west of 95th Avenue, as well as 91st Avenue.

To safely move pedestrians in the area, 95th Avenue west of the stadium and Maryland Avenue between 93rd and 95th Avenues will be closed to vehicle traffic.

The city of Glendale has partnered with ADOT to provide real-time traffic information, and fans are encouraged to call 511 for updated traffic information.

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Thunderbird Conservation Park Lots to Close for Improvements.** Thunderbird Conservation Park will receive parking lot improvements beginning next week.

The 67th Avenue and Patrick Lane parking lot will close on Monday, August 16, and is expected to reopen the second week of September. Work will begin on the parking lot located at 55th Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road immediately thereafter. That lot is expected to close on Monday, September 13, and will reopen in early October.

The environmentally-friendly surfacing will have the stability of asphalt but be brown in color to blend with the native soil in the park. In addition to parking lot paving, signage, railings, tire stops and parking stripes will be installed in both areas.

Park visitors will be notified one week in advance of the lot closures, which are anticipated to last three to four weeks for each lot. Only one lot will be closed for construction at a time.

## *Around Town*

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[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

**Friday Nite Lights: Dog Days of Summer.** Enjoy this fun filled night with your pet from 5-9 p.m., Friday, August 20. Start your evening at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking map and take a spin on the prize wheel. Some of the activities include photo stations, Frosty Paw treats, Topaz from the Glendale Fire Department, watering stations, story hour, pet aura photos, fresh baked dog treats, pet gifts & accessories and a pet parade. The Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140, is also collecting pet supplies to benefit the Sun Valley Animal Shelter during the event. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-4500 for more information. Friday Nite Lights is held the 3rd Friday every month, year-round with new themes and is presented by the Downtown Historic Business Community and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

**Teddy Bear Day.** Celebrate Teddy Bear Day with your beary best friend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 11 in Historic Downtown Glendale. Great deals, cool treats and furry fun are in store. Start your day at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up your free gift bag filled with downtown discounts and an event map. The Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140. A teddy bear drive to benefit the Glendale Fire Department's Trauma Teddy Program will also take place. For more information, call (623) 930-4500.



**Ballet Under the Stars.** Ballet Arizona's "Ballet Under the Stars" allows communities to enjoy dance in a unique outdoor setting complete with a stage, lighting, costumes and beautiful Arizona weather. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a varied program, ranging from classical to contemporary. You won't want to miss this perfect show for the entire family – it is a great way to introduce ballet to your children for the first time. Join us at 7 p.m., Sunday, September 26 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave. "Ballet Under the Stars" is free and open to the public.

**Upcoming Election Information.** The next City of Glendale election will be a primary held on August 24, 2010. [Read more.](#)

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