



Barrel District Network News



Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

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Dear Barrel Residents,

At the August 12 City Council Meeting, the majority of the city council voted in favor of an agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and the City of Glendale for the West Valley Resort and Casino. With this decision, the city of Glendale officially supports the trust land being utilized for gaming.

As most of you know, I have been opposed to this project from the beginning, and I opposed entering into negotiations with a sovereign nation, the Tohono O'odham Nation. With all due respect to city staff who worked to negotiate this deal, I believe it was rushed and left too many questions unanswered.

Since this decision has come to be, I will do everything I can to work with the Nation for the benefit of Glendale. Visit www.glendaleaz.com for more information.

— Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack

ADOT and Goodyear to host Public Dedication of Loop 303/I-10 Interchange on Saturday, August 16. A public "Open House" and dedication on Saturday morning, August 16, at the soon-to-be-completed Loop 303/I-10 Traffic Interchange in Goodyear will provide local residents and visitors with a chance to walk, jog, skate or cycle beneath the elevated ramps that will soon carry traffic between the two freeways.

Governor Jan Brewer is scheduled to join Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord, ADOT Director John Halikowski and other dignitaries at the event to mark the upcoming completion of the interchange as well as other recently-completed Loop 303 projects north of I-10. The interchange is scheduled to open to traffic in September.

The Loop 303 dedication event will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on August 16 along the new westbound I-10 frontage road that also was built as part of the \$145 million freeway-to-freeway interchange project.

Parking will be available on the eastbound I-10 frontage road east of Citrus Road, south of I-10, in Goodyear. Those attending the event will then be able to walk or roll through the Cotton Lane underpass beneath I-10 and have an up-close view of the large ramps at the interchange.

For safety reasons, visitors will not be able to walk, jog or ride along the elevated ramps at the interchange.

Governor Brewer will speak at a ribbon-cutting ceremony starting at 9 a.m.

The Open House and dedication also will celebrate the completion of ADOT's recent series of projects to improve Loop 303 from an older two-lane highway to a six-lane freeway traveling north and south from Goodyear to Surprise.

For more information about ADOT's Loop 303 projects visit www.azdot.gov/Loop303.

TRENDING VIDEO

The Glendale Police department gathered to view the new fall episodes of COPS featuring officers from the department. The nationally syndicated television show COPS completed a 10-week taping with the Glendale Police Department. Family members and friends were treated to a 'Movie Night', complete with hot dogs and popcorn, courtesy of Langley Productions. This marks the first time that the Glendale Police Department has been featured on COPS since the show premiered in 1989. <https://www.youtube.com/user/MyGlendale11>

Around Town

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

Fish Oil and Other Dietary Supplements. We hear a lot about dietary supplements, but telling the difference between their true benefits and marketing promises can be difficult. On Tuesday Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m., Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., presenter Dawn Knudsen Gerber, Pharm.D., CGP, FASCP of Midwestern University, will help you separate fact from fiction and teach you how to make educated decisions about herbs, vitamins and other natural products. For more information, call 623-930-3858.

Lego Mania! Kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to build a Lego masterpiece on Wednesday Aug. 27 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Tons of Legos will be available and all participants will have an opportunity to share their completed projects at the end of the event. This is a free program. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth desk, or register online by visiting the library's event calendar at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Studies show that children learn best when they have the opportunity to pursue their own interests. That's why a library card is the most important school supply of all. Glendale Public Libraries provide students with access to innovative programs, classes and education resources to support their curiosity. Best of all, it won't cost you a thing – it's all free with a library card. Open the door to a world of possibilities for the student in your life and sign up for a library card today. Stop by one of Glendale's three libraries, call 623-930-3530 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Fall Adult Softball Leagues. Glendale will be offering adult fall softball leagues beginning at the end of September. An organizational meeting will be held Monday Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. for returning teams and 7 p.m. for new teams at Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St.

Men's and co-ed divisions will play at the Sahuaro Ranch and Foothills softball complexes. Teams play a double-header format, one night a week, a 14-game regular season, and a single-elimination tournament. Registration fees are \$505 for returning and Glendale resident teams (minimum number of four Glendale residents) and \$595 for new, non-resident teams. Teams must be represented by a manager or team player during the organizational meeting to receive a \$50 discount off the registration fee. Meeting topics will include league format, rule changes, and sign up instructions. Registration at the Adult Center will require a roster and payment is due starting September 9 through September 12. For specific divisions, days, and locations, call 623-930-2841 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

The Glendale Police Department 2014 Shred Event – Oct. 4. Bring up to three bankers boxes of materials for shredding to Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., between 8-11 a.m., on Saturday Oct. 4. The event will be held in the southwest parking area. *Due to the popularity of this event, it may conclude early if trucks are full.* For further information call 623-930-4044.

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