

Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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National Teddy Bear Day

Join us in Downtown Glendale on Saturday, September 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as we celebrate National Teddy Bear Day. Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry bears as you enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, "beary" special treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. Begin at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, and pick up your map, coupons and gift bag (for the first 300 visitors) and take a spin on our prize wheel.

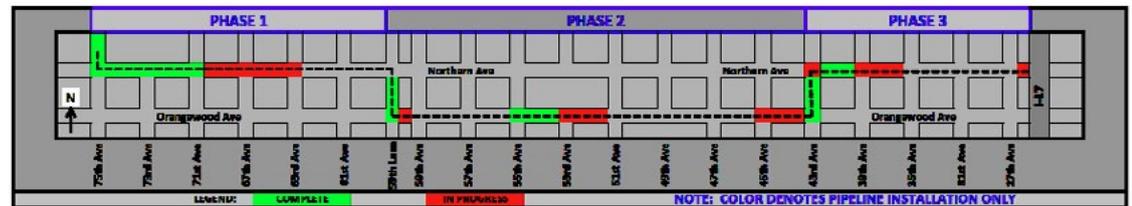
Visit boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for special offers and discounts.

Additionally, the Visitor Center will be accepting new and gently hugged teddy bears to benefit the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, the Glendale Crisis Response Team and United Way.

For more information, call 623-930-4500.

Southwest Gas Pipeline Replacement Project. Since June 2012, contractors for Southwest Gas have been installing approximately 7.5 miles of 16" gas pipeline in an alignment between I-17 and 75th Avenue.

The project has been divided into three phases so contractors can work to better accommodate the expedited schedule. The project is expected to be completed in December 2012. Below is a graphic of the three phases and the current progress for pipeline installation.



Traffic controls such as reduced lanes, closures and left turn restrictions will continue throughout the duration of the project.

While driving through construction can sometimes be challenging, please continue to patronize your favorite businesses in the construction area.

Thank you for your patience. For additional project information, please visit www.SWGasLiving.com/Construction or call our project hotline at 602-532-6100.

Free Water- and Energy-Efficiency Class with Expert Speaker Panel. Everyone is looking to save money and be more environmentally responsible these days, and Glendale can help meet this goal. Glendale's Conservation & Sustainable Living Program is offering a new class, entitled "Retro-fitting Your Home for Energy and Water Efficiency" on Saturday, Sept. 8.

This free informative workshop will feature in-depth, hands-on presentations from the experts in energy and water efficiency. The topics and speakers include:

- **10 a.m. – The Value of a Home Energy Audit:** by Todd Russo, co-founder of REEis (*In 2011, No. 1 Home Performance Contractor in the nation by Energy Star and the Department of Energy.*)
- **10:35 a.m. – The Latest Resources for Water Efficiency:** by John Smith, of Rooter 2000 (*In 2010 and 2011, Arizona's Green Plumber of the year*)
- **11:10 a.m. – The Pros and Cons of Solar Energy:** by Joel Dickinson, senior engineer with SRP (*SRP's EarthWise Solar Incentive Program*)

In addition, the event will include vendor displays and information for interested homeowners, as well as free efficiency devices for Glendale residents. The free devices are funded by the federal Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant program.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Register to attend by calling 623-930-3760. For additional information on sustainable living programs, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green.

Glendale's YouTube Channel Trending Videos

Focus on Development

Bechtel Expansion Story -
<http://youtu.be/8rw2nkppvhk>

Tanger Outlets Update -
<http://youtu.be/TXNmCBD7N8l>

Football Frenzy!

Are you ready for some football? Get the information you need before you head out to the game this coming NFL season by visiting the Glendale's Got Game website. [Click here](#) for parking information, traffic tips, helpful links, dates and more.

Win Tickets

The Glendale CVB is giving away a pair of tickets to the Aug. 30 pre-season Cardinal's game vs. Denver to a lucky Twitter follower. Be sure you follow [@GlendaleCVB](#) for your chance to win!

Dust Off Your Sneakers to Maintain Quality of Life and Independence. The American Heart Association states that the older people become, the more they need regular exercise. Working out helps prevent bone loss, increases muscle strength, improves balance and coordination and increases the ability for basic living that helps maintain quality of life and independence in the mature years. This is why the city of Glendale is encouraging those with health plans offering SilverSneakers® benefits to take advantage of Glendale's Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center as their preferred SilverSneakers® location. SilverSneakers® is offered to seniors to help them take greater control of their health by encouraging physical activity and offering social events.

By choosing Foothills as their preferred location, members receive a free Foothills Pass membership, which allows the use of the fitness area and exercise equipment, the indoor jogging/walking track, open gymnasium hours, aerobics classes, the indoor racquetball courts, the rock climbing wall and scheduled lap swimming. There is no additional cost to eligible members.

Setting up the SilverSneakers® benefits at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center is easy. Just bring the healthcare information to be verified on the spot, or, if it has been verified already, just bring the SilverSneakers® member ID card. Additionally, a physical activity waiver must be filled out. Staff will set up the Foothills Recreation Pass at that time. Once the pass is complete, members can attend the center during hours of operation by just scanning their pass card at the desk. The center is located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

For more information about signing up for SilverSneakers® at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center or information about the center, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/foothillscenter.

Around Town

City Council Meetings. [Click here](#) for the 2012 City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

Theatre Kidz. This special activity is designed for individuals ages 8-22 with physical, mental, emotional or social disabilities to learn the joy of singing, acting and dancing, while also improving confidence levels and making new friends. The final class ends with a live performance on stage at the Adult Center. For more information or to sign up, call 623-930-4335.

ACT Practice Test. Not sure what to expect on the ACT? This simulated test will help teens, ages 14-19, gain a better perspective of what the actual ACT test will be like. Get a jump on the real thing by taking an "ACT Practice Test" from 1-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The exam is given under true-to-life testing conditions. Teens will receive a score analysis and useful test-taking advice during a follow-up "Strategy Session" held from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. Both programs are offered free in cooperation with The Princeton Review of Arizona. Seating is limited. Call 1-800-2REVIEW or register online at www.princetonreview.com.

ACT Strategy Session. Teens, ages 14-19, and their parents are invited to learn more about the ACT, test-taking strategies and college admissions during this free event from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. This free program is presented in cooperation with The Princeton Review of Arizona. Seating is limited. Please call 1-800-2REVIEW or register online at www.princetonreview.com.

VIN Etching. Vin Etching will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m., Oct. 27th at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in the north parking lot. VIN Etching is an auto theft deterrent in which the vehicle's 17-digit vehicle identification number is permanently etched on the windows of the vehicle. The process takes approximately 10 minutes. The vehicle owner will be required to show proof of vehicle ownership, current registration and complete a consent form provided by the police department. Some insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for vehicles with VIN etching. Please call 623-930-2554 with any questions.

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