



Barrel District Network News



Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale to Hold Public Meeting on Urban Irrigation. Glendale's Water Services Advisory Commission will hold a public meeting to discuss the city's urban irrigation system on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. This will be a regular meeting of the commission, but also an opportunity for residents to provide comments to the group on the urban irrigation system that has been a topic of discussion for the group. Public comment will be handled in the manner used at all city commission meetings.

Residents can also visit the commission's website at www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions/wateradvisoryboard.cfm to learn more. The website features a comments form as a way for anyone unable to attend the meeting, as well as register their email for future notices.

The Water Services Advisory Commission was established in 2012, following a Water Services Task Force recommendation. The commission's objective is to advise the council regarding policies and strategies to include regional collaboration, water resources sustainability, operations and infrastructure, all to ensure the well-being and quality of life of Glendale residents and businesses.

For more information on urban irrigation and the commission, call 623-930-4177.

Mayor Jerry Weiers Leading Effort to Help Military Veterans at New Event. Mayor Jerry Weiers is mobilizing military veteran support agencies as well as businesses, non-profit groups, individuals and a local community college to produce a one-day event for veterans and their families from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

Stand up for Veterans will be held at Glendale Community College's Student Union at 59th and Olive avenues.

The idea of creating an event to help veterans living in Glendale and the West Valley become better acclimated to civilian life after their military career came to the mayor after organizing a job fair for veterans last year.

Stand Up For Veterans will provide services on-site during the event as well as inform veterans and their families on the benefits and services that are available to them in the areas of education, legal assistance and community resources.

If you or your business would like to participate in *Stand Up for Veterans* or for more information on the upcoming event, please visit www.glendalestandup.org.

Free Anti-Bullying Film Screening at Glendale Main Library. Bullying negatively affects not only the victims it targets, but the entire community. In response to this widespread problem, the Glendale Main Library and The Be O.N.E. (Open to New Experiences) Project are joining together to present a screening of the PG-13-rated documentary "Bully."

The free screening will be held on Monday, Sept. 29, at 5 p.m., in the Glendale Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. Prior to the film, community organizations will be available to offer a variety of resources on bully prevention; and following the film, advocates from The Be O.N.E. Project will lead a discussion, offering additional thoughts and solutions.

Directed by Sundance and Emmy-award winning filmmaker Lee Hirsch, "Bully" is a thought-provoking look into the lives of five families drastically impacted by bullying. According to the documentary's website, www.thebullyproject.com, more than 13 million American kids will be bullied this year, making it the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the nation.

The Be O.N.E. Project is a community-building, anti-bullying prevention program created by Phoenix high school student Matthew Kaplan. Its goal is to harness the power of positive peer pressure to create an inclusive and fulfilling school experience.

For more information call 623-930-3530 or visit the library website at www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Glendale's, Rose Society Seek Gardeners to Volunteer at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area. The Rose Society of Glendale and the city's Parks & Recreation Division are seeking volunteers to assist with the Fall Clean-up for the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Rose Garden.

The clean-up event will take place Friday, Sept. 26, at 6 a.m. (lasting most of the day) and Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28, 6 – 11 a.m. each day. Volunteers, including the city's own "Deadheaders" and members of the Rose Society of Glendale, will do some light weeding, light pruning as necessary, raking and, of course, deadheading, which is cutting the dead flowers from the plant to encourage more blooms. Certified rosarians will also be on hand to answer any rose questions.

The public is welcome to join the group. A limited number of tools are available. Volunteers are also asked to bring their own tools, if possible, including gloves and various types of shears.

"This is a great time to hang out in the fresh air with old friends or to meet new ones, and even get some exercise," said Joanna Brace, recreation specialist. "It's also an opportunity to learn about rose care and to help keep this award-winning and historic garden blooming."

For more information, contact Joanna Brace at 623-930-4201 or jbrace@glendaleaz.com. For additional information on the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, visit www.glendaleaz.com/SRPHA/index.cfm.

Star Viewing Event at Thunderbird Conservation Park. Join us for a night under the stars at the 37th Saguaro Astronomy Club Annual Fall Public Star Party from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, October 4, at Thunderbird Conservation Park, 67th Avenue and Patrick Lane. Sunset will take place at approximately 6:09 p.m.

Weather permitting, this free, family-friendly event will be sponsored by the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department and hosted by the Saguaro Astronomy Club. Large and small telescopes will be set up and available for public viewing of the moon, planets, stars, galaxies, and other deep sky wonders. Club volunteers will be glad to answer questions about the heavens and astronomy in general.

For more information, visit the Saguaro Astronomy Club website at <http://saguaroastro.org>.

For more information on Thunderbird Conservation Park, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

City of Glendale Weather-Related Updates. Last week's storms closed several facilities in the city, but as of Wednesday, Sept. 17, the following parks are re-opened and available for use:

- Skunk Creek, Thunderbird Paseo and Grand Canal Linear trails are all open to public. Sections of the path system have sinkholes and extreme wash out that has been secured for public safety. Additional work was done to fortify the barricades and close the isolated areas of sink holes and extreme erosion along the side of the trail system.
- Thunderbird Conservation Parks hiking trails are now open to the public except for extreme washout and erosion in one section of Arrowhead Point Trail (from ramada 15 to the top of elevation).

Important safety reminders:

- Children need constant supervision around all bodies of water.
- Avoid moving water.
- If your car stalls in rapidly rising waters, get out immediately and climb to higher ground. DO NOT attempt to push your car to higher ground as the ground underneath the surface may be unstable.
- Floodwaters often erode roads and walkways. Flood debris may also hide animals and broken bottles. Avoid walking or driving through it.
- If you must walk or drive in areas that have been flooded, stay on firm ground. Moving water only 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet. Standing water may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.

Resources for residents:

- To report any downed trees and road hazards during regular business hours, call 623-930-2670. After 5 p.m. on a weekday and on weekends, call 602-582-6814.
- For residents needing special bulk-trash pick-up due to storm damage, call 623-930-2660.
- The city has established a hotline for residents to get additional information regarding storm or flood damage on their property, which is 623-930-2202.

Sand and sand bags are available at the following locations: (please bring your own shovel)

- Bonsall Park North, northeast corner of 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, next to the hockey rink
- City of Glendale Community Center North: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
- GFD Support Services: 7501 N.55th Ave.

Glendale 11 videos that residents may find helpful:

- Monsoon Safety Tips from Glendale Fire Chief Mark Burdick - <http://youtu.be/xN5UHrNlrEg>
- Segment from CBS 5-Glendale 11 partnership Monsoon: Eye on the Storm including interview with Glendale Police Chief Debora Black - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yZca_4nRlc

For additional information, visit www.glendaleaz.com and click on the Monsoon section on the home page. Glendale residents that subscribe to Cox Communications can also find updates on Glendale's TV station, Glendale 11.

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