



# Barrel District Network News



Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

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**Glendale Community College on Glendale Today.** Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack's new edition of the TV show 'Glendale Today' explores the various programs and opportunities offered by Glendale Community College to students of all ages. Vice Mayor Knaack, who attended GCC, interviews the school's president, Dr. Irene Kovala, about topics ranging from student life outside academics to the role community colleges play in the community.

Among the programs covered during the 30-minute show are developmental education and disability services, nursing and the arts, and the college's sustainability efforts with its goal to become carbon-neutral by 2025. Knaack, who represents the Barrel District in Glendale, is also a member of the city's Sustainability Subcommittee, which focuses on green initiatives for city processes.

The show begins airing Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. 'Glendale Today' is produced by staff from the city-owned TV station Glendale 11. The show will air daily on Glendale 11 as well as online via the city's video library at [www.glendaleaz.com/video](http://www.glendaleaz.com/video) and exclusive segments can be found on the city's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11](http://www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11).

**Glendale City Council Changes Start Time for Evening Meetings.** The Glendale City Council voted at their Aug. 13 meeting to change the start time for evening city council meetings to 6 p.m. This change will begin with the Sept. 24 council meeting.

The City Council currently meets regularly for voting meetings two times each month on the second and fourth Tuesday nights.

Residents are encouraged to attend city council meetings. The voting meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., adjacent to City Hall.

Meetings are also broadcast live on Glendale 11, and rebroadcast at various times throughout the week. For the Glendale 11 TV guide, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11). For additional information on city council meetings, agendas and other procedures, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/clerk](http://www.glendaleaz.com/clerk).

**Glendale Police: Significant Decreases in both Violent and Property Crimes.** Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) by the Glendale Police Department for the first 6 months of 2013 reveal a decrease in both Part 1 Violent Crimes as well as Part 1 Property Crimes, showing a continued trend in declining crime in Glendale.

Part 1 Violent Crimes (which include homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2013 showed an overall 25% decline from the same time period in 2012, with dramatic decreases shown in robbery (down 16%) and aggravated assault (down 34%). Overall Part 1 violent crimes are at the lowest level they've been in the past 5 years for the same 6-month time period.

Part 1 Property Crimes (which include burglary, theft, auto theft and arson) for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2013 showed an overall 8% decline from the same time period in 2012, with even larger decreases shown in burglary (down 15%) and auto theft (down 28%).

These dramatic decreases serve to reinforce the Glendale Police Department's commitment to its mission of protecting the lives and property of the people we serve and demonstrate that the crime prevention and crime control tactics that the Department has employed are having an effect.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Report is the most comprehensive analysis of violent crime and property crime in the nation. The annual publication compiles volume and rate of crime offenses for the nation, the states, and many cities and counties. It also includes arrest, clearance, and law enforcement employee data [click here](#), to view the report.

**City Council Establishes New Advisory Commission To Study Water, Wastewater Services.** The City Council has established a new advisory commission to assist them in making important policy decisions relating to the city's water and wastewater services.

The seven-member Water Services Advisory Commission will research, study and discuss specific projects and issues relating to the city's water and wastewater infrastructure and operations, regional collaborations, new initiatives and water usage, revenue and expenditure trends.

The commission's first meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

The new commissioners are Ron Short, Cactus District (chair), Jonathan Liebman, Cholla District (vice chair), Ruth Fauls, Barrel District, Robert Gehl, Ocotillo District, Paul Romanek, Cholla District, (Mayoral) and Roger Schwierjohn, Sahuaro District. The seventh member of the commission is in the process of being selected.

Three of the new commissioners served on the year-long Glendale Ad-Hoc Citizen Task Force that was created to obtain feedback on issues related to the city's water and sewer services. Establishment of a new water services commission was one of the recommendations made by the task force.

Residents can request an application to serve on one of Glendale's citizen advisory groups or obtain more information by calling the Council Office at 623-930-2249. [Click here](#) to apply online to serve on a Board or Commission.

## Around Town

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

**Author J.A. Jance to Appear At Foothills Branch Library.** New York Times bestselling author, J.A. Jance, will be talking about her writing and read from her latest book at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Jance is the author of the J.P. Beaumont series, the Joanna Brady series, the Ali Reynolds series, four interrelated Southwestern thrillers featuring the Walker family along with a book of poetry. She grew up in Arizona with long-time ambitions of becoming a writer. In 1985 she published her first book, "*Until Proven Guilty*," which introduced the character Detective Beaumont and led to 21 more Beaumont books. Copies of Jance's books, including her newest J.P. Beaumont mystery novel, "*Second Watch*," will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

For more information, call 623-930-3844. The Foothills Branch Library is part of the city of Glendale's library system; visit the website at [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

**Touch A Truck.** This event is fun for the entire family and educational, too! Come out, look at, sit in and "*Touch A Truck*" of all sizes and shapes, on Saturday Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p. m., Westgate Entertainment District, 6770 N. Sunrise Blvd., east parking lot.

This unique and exciting event is a wonderful opportunity for families to learn about big trucks and their functions. Industrial, commercial, rental, fire and other city vehicles will be on display. Enjoy shopping, dining and more before and after the event at Westgate Entertainment District. For more information, call 623-930-2820.

**Front Porch Specials Mark 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Event In Downtown Glendale.** Enjoy autumn temperatures and great discounts at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Catlin Court Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace in historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, Oct. 19. The shops will turn inside out as they showcase hundreds of items on lawns and front porches from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attendees can take advantage of the historic setting of downtown while the specialty shops offer demonstrations and performances throughout the day. Shop for unique holiday gifts, and perhaps a present for yourself, while participating in activities and socializing with family and friends. Some activities include make and take crafts for a nominal fee, a fashion show, live music and painting demonstrations.

Starting the day at the Glendale Visitors Center is encouraged to pick up a walking map and discount card for various stores. It is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500 or visit [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com).

**Neighborhood Trick-or-Treat Off the Street Halloween Event.** Looking for an alternative to traditional trick-or-treating? Children 10 and younger can trick-or-treat Friday Oct. 25, 6 to 8 p. m., at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Enjoy an evening of activities, including carnival games, photo opportunities, face painting, costume parade and arts and crafts. Trick-or-Treat passports can be purchased the night of the event for \$4 (\$5 non-residents). Supervision is required, and parents are free. For more information call 623-930-4610.

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