



# Barrel District Network News



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**National Library Card Month!** What's in your wallet? September is National Library Card Month, and the Glendale Public Libraries want to spread the word about this little card with a big value.

Simply walk into a Glendale library and it's obvious the main mission is to offer a variety of resources that meet the unique needs of the community. These days, cardholders not only hold the key to traditional resources such as books, magazines, DVDs, and CDs, they also have full access to amenities that provide the latest technologies and services such as personal computers, Wi-Fi, eBooks, eReaders, databases, video games, and Culture Passes. Using a computer database to rebuild a treasured 1967 Mustang, checking out a Culture Pass to take a favorite aunt to a local museum or even tapping into Brainfuse for homework help are examples of popular services.

Owning a card isn't limited to adults; in fact, this month the Glendale libraries are giving a rubber duck to all children who register for a new card. Children under 14 require a parent or guardian present to apply. A library card is free to all Maricopa County residents.

To apply for a card, either get started online at [glendaleaz.com/library](http://glendaleaz.com/library) or visit the circulation desk at one of the three Glendale libraries: Glendale Main Library at 5959 W. Brown St, Velma Teague Library at 7010 N. 58th Ave. or Foothills Branch Library at 19055 N. 57th Ave. Picture identification and proof of current address information is required to complete the registration process.

**Federal Grant for Energy Efficiency.** This week, the City Council approved installation of solar lighting at eight city parks, the last of several projects started in 2009 as a result of a federal Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

Over the past year, city staff identified a total of 50 locations at eight parks where the existing lighting could be converted to solar. The new solar lighting will replace vandalized or stolen fixtures and provide low level lighting along pathways and perimeters of neighborhood parks.

This EECBG grant is part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and to date, the city has utilized more than half of its \$2.34 million allocation, and more than 10 jobs have been created in the community as a result.

The grant has allowed the city to replace some of its aging infrastructure with updated and more energy-efficient lighting and other upgrades that will lead to a more sustainable community. Additionally, the city has launched a highly popular energy education program offered to more than 1,000 residents and schoolchildren.

**Completed EECBG projects:**

- Lighting at Public Safety-Court Complex, Main Library, Public Safety and City Hall parking garages
- Traffic Signal LED Conversion

"The U.S. Department of Energy commends the city of Glendale for its works with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. It is evident that the professionalism of Glendale staff is instrumental in implementing effective energy efficiency strategies in the city of Glendale."

— Jason Randall, Branch Chief,  
Department of Energy, during a March  
tour of Glendale projects funded under  
the EECBG grant.

### EECBG projects currently underway:

- Arrowhead Ranch Water Reclamation UV Disinfection Lamp Retrofit project
- Well 43 Variable Frequency Drive
- Energy Matters Public Education Program
- Building Safety Program Enhancements
- Solar lighting at eight city parks

For the three projects that have been completed, energy cost savings are expected to be more than \$90,000 and a reduction of over 500,000 kilowatt hours.

The city of Glendale experienced a substantial amount of residual savings from its original programs, due to lower than expected equipment and installation costs. With these savings, the city has worked diligently with the Department of Energy to have five additional projects added to the program, which include: retrofit lighting installation at the City Hall parking garage, the downtown parking garage, at both the Equipment Management and Materials Recovery facilities, as well as the solar lighting at select parks.

For additional information on the EECBG grant, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/recovery](http://www.glendaleaz.com/recovery).

### GLENDALE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL TRENDING VIDEOS

Follow your money ATOZ:

<http://youtu.be/w9pnvBUSuBw>

Library Insider:

<http://youtu.be/SjX4n9P283I>

Building Safety Videos Preview

ATOZ:

<http://youtu.be/nPoShOEnw0c>

**“From the Heart: How the City of Glendale Pays it Forward.”** Heartwarming stories with an underlying message of hope and giving are the focus of a new TV show produced by Glendale 11 called “From the Heart: How the City of Glendale Pays it Forward.” The 30-minute show profiles the city’s popular “From the Heart” non-profit campaign in which residents donate through the city water bill to help those in need.

Viewers get a first-hand look at how the program works and who the donations benefit, and background on the history of the organization as well as the corporate sponsors. Some of the people profiled include seniors who get a hot meal delivered once a day, school children receiving back-to-school clothes, job skills being taught to those who need help and utility bill assistance for residents struggling to pay their bills. Other stories include an interview with a Glendale woman who talks about why she donates to the program as well as some of the social-service agencies that benefit by the “From the Heart” program.

The show can be seen daily on Glendale 11, the city’s television station. In addition, viewers can watch online via the city’s video library at [www.glendaleaz.com/video](http://www.glendaleaz.com/video). For more

information about Glendale 11 or the new TV show, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11). For more information on the “From the Heart” program, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart](http://www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart).

## Around Town

[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.

**Ballet Under the Stars.** Ballet Arizona brings *Ballet Under the Stars* back to Historic Sahuaro Ranch Park at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. This free classical and contemporary performance allows all ages to enjoy a professional ballet presentation in a unique outdoor setting complete with stage, lighting, costumes and the beautiful Arizona evening weather. Attendees should bring a blanket or lawn chair.

For more information about Ballet Under the Stars or Ballet Arizona, [click here](#) or call 602-381-0184. Sahuaro Ranch Park is located at 9802 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN).** The Glendale Police Department believes in the power of prevention, encouraging residents, businesses, public and private institutions and faith-based organizations to work in collaboration with the police department to make our community a safer place to live and work. G.A.I.N. Night is an annual event designed to heighten crime awareness and generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts by uniting community members to help create safer neighborhoods.

To help neighborhoods plan their events, the police department is hosting a G.A.I.N. Kick-off event from 6-7:30 p.m., October 3 at the Residence Inn Marriott, 7350 N. Zanjero Blvd. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4030.

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