



Barrel District Network News



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Citizens Invited to Learn About Proposed Budget Reductions at Community Meetings. Glendale residents are invited to attend one of several community meetings to hear about proposed reductions to the city's General Fund budget. The meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 3** Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.
- **Monday, Oct. 8** Desert Mirage Elementary School, 8605 W. Maryland Ave.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 10** Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 30** Rose Lane Recreation Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave.

In addition to the community meetings, residents can view a list of the proposed cuts at www.glendaleaz.com/knowthefacts. A link to video of the September 25 special workshop on this topic is also available on the site.

The proposed budget reductions are part of several financial scenarios, including the city's temporary sales tax increase.

The following is a partial list of Proposed Budget Reductions:

- Eliminate 250 employee positions: police, fire, courts, libraries, arts, parks & recreation, graffiti removal, custodial, downtown security and more
- Eliminate police officers, CAT Team, jail staff, DARE and GREAT programs
- Close two Glendale libraries and cut 55 library staff positions
- Eliminate all downtown city festivals including Glendale Glitters, the Chocolate Affaire, holiday lights and Glendale Glitter & Glow
- Close Rose Lane Aquatics Facility
- Less maintenance for city parks and graffiti removal
- Shut down the city's local television station and online videos – eliminate televised public meetings

Public Education from the City of Glendale – Q & A:

The Glendale City Council approved a temporary sales tax increase in June 2012. The last time Glendale increased the general sales tax rate across most categories was 1993. The temporary increase went into effect on August 1, 2012 and will automatically end on August 1, 2017.

Q: How much is the increase?

A: A \$50 item now costs 35 cents more in sales tax. A \$100 item is 70 cents more.

Q: What if the temporary sales tax goes away?

A: City programs, services, positions (such as those listed above) and more would be completely eliminated.

[Click here](#) for more information.

City Offices Closed Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day Holiday. City of Glendale offices will close Monday, October 8 for the Columbus Day holiday.

All scheduled sanitation and recycling will be shifted to one day later due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only "Gus Bus One" will be in service, operating on a normal weekday schedule from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service on the holiday, reservations must be made by noon on Friday, Oct. 5 by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Monday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a normal weekday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will remain open on the holiday, however, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the recreation center, call 623-930-4600.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

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.

Live at the Library. Live at the Library, one of the West Valley's most popular monthly musical programs, is held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., in the auditorium. Upcoming performers include:

- Oct. 25: Skunk Creek Railroad - A musical cooperative serving up folk, blues, reggae and what has been called Americana. Whatever you call it, it's an always-fun mixture of favorites, provocative arrangements of oldies and the occasional band composition. Skunk Creek Railroad has volunteered their time and services to make this performance possible.
- Nov. 1: GCC Guitar Ensembles - Directed by guitarist Chuck Hulihan, the guitar program at Glendale Community College is considered among the best junior college training programs in the nation. This concert will feature an eclectic mix of music from throughout the centuries and across the globe. This performance is made possible by the Glendale Community College Performing Arts Department.
- Dec. 6: Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir - This uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with multi-sized brass bells. Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir has volunteered their time and services to make this performance possible.

Safely Dispose of Unused Medications. The Glendale Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted on Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at two locations.

- Fry's Food Store 4329 W. Northern Avenue (NE area parking lot)
- Fry's Marketplace 6611 W. Bell Road (East area of parking lot)

Glass containers, inhalers, intravenous solutions, injectibles and syringes **CANNOT** be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens.

For more information about this event, call 623-930-4044.

Shred Event. The Glendale Police Department will be holding a shred event at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Avenue, on Wednesday, October 3 from 2-6 p.m. on the north side of the parking lot. Bring up to five boxes of unwanted personal paperwork for shredding on site. [Click here](#) for more information.

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