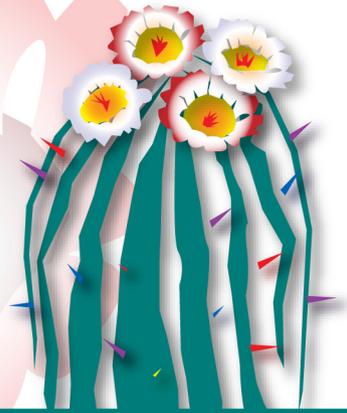




Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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Westmarc “Best of the West” Awards. Several projects and businesses across the city of Glendale earned the title “Best of the West” last week at the 16th Annual Best of the West Awards, presented by Westmarc, a coalition of West Valley Advocates.

The awards were designed to honor West Valley businesses, and community and civic leaders in areas from improving education to offering inspired architecture.

The city of Glendale received accolades for hosting Super Bowl XLII under the Best of the West Sports category. Under this category, the city was recognized for its diligent work and dedication to ensure security measures were in place, transportation issues were addressed and volunteer opportunities were promoted to create the utmost experience for visitors and residents alike.

The city also picked up two honorable mention awards. The city of Glendale’s new X-Court received an honorable mention under the Attractions, Destinations and Tourism category. Under the Arts, Culture and Entertainment category, an honorable mention went to Glendale’s 25th Anniversary Jazz & Blues Festival.

Other businesses and organizations in the city also took home honors from Best of the West awards. Westgate City Center received an honor for Architectural Innovation; Arrowhead Towne Center picked up an award under the Attractions, Destinations and Tourism category. Lastly, an honorable mention recognized Banner Thunderbird Children’s Center neonatal expansion in the Service to Communities Health and Wellness category.

For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com or www.westmarc.org.



Glendale Police Officer David C. Goitia (far right) was awarded the Medal of Valor by President Bush on October 22, 2008.

Glendale Police Officer Receives Medal of Valor. Thanks and congratulations to Glendale Police Officer David C. Goitia who was awarded the Medal of Valor by President Bush on October 22, 2008 during a White House ceremony in the Oval Office. The Medal of Valor is the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer. It recognizes heroic action performed above and beyond the call of duty. [Read more.](#)



The Glendale Express. The shopping, dining and leisure experience in Glendale is just a bus ride away as the Glendale Express, a free shuttle service between two of the state’s hottest shopping and entertainment venues, returned for a second season on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Glendale Express will transport residents and visitors between Historic Downtown Glendale and the city’s Sports and Entertainment District, which includes Westgate City Center, Cabela’s and the Zanjero District, hotels and stores. A new scheduled stop has been added at University of Phoenix Stadium.

The Glendale Express will run Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and the 45-minute loop, 16-passenger shuttle will make eight scheduled stops throughout the day. The shuttle is ADA accessible. Each bus stop is marked with a green shuttle stop sign. There will be no service on the holidays: Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. [Click here](#) for more information including stop locations and times.

Glendale Centerline Project

The goal of the project is to create a redevelopment strategy, which will revitalize the Glendale Avenue Corridor. A Traveling Glendale Centerline booth will be set up at locations throughout the city to solicit input, feedback and comments from residents, visitors and business owners about the future of Glendale Avenue. Please visit the booth at a location near you! [Click here](#) for more information on the Glendale Centerline Project.

Traveling Centerline Booth Locations:

- **Sunday, November 9th**
Jobing.com Arena
9400 W. Maryland Ave
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 13th**
Glendale Community Center
5401 W. Ocotillo Rd
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Friday, November 14th**
Safeway
5080 W Olive Avenue
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 15th**
Foothills Dog Park
57th Avenue & Union Hills
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Friday, November 21st**
Main Library
5959 W Brown St
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 22nd**
Arrowhead Towne Center
75th Ave & Bell Rd
10:00 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 22nd**
Sahuaro Ranch Park
9802 North 59th Avenue
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Friday, November 29th**
Glendale Glitters
Murphy Park - Downtown Glendale
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 2nd**
Foothills Aquatic Center
5600 West Union Hills Drive
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- **Friday, December 5th**
Adult Center
5970 W. Brown Street
11 a.m - 2 p.m.

Around Town

“Joining the Glendale Team” Workshop. The city of Glendale will host a “Joining the Glendale Team” Workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. in Room B-3 of City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. The Human Resources Department has created a series of workshops offered throughout the year, which are designed to orient potential employees with Glendale’s hiring process. The workshop is free of charge for anyone, Glendale resident or otherwise. For additional information, call Glendale’s Human Resources Department at (623) 930-2270. [Read more.](#)

Live at the Library. Glendale Main Library’s Live at the Library takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the library’s auditorium at 5959 W. Brown St. On Nov. 13, join us for Step’s Junk Funk. Step Raptis started performing Junk Funk in the early 1980s while living in New York City. He amassed an amazing array of found objects that he used to put together a real Junk Funk orchestra. See how he incorporated music and movement through rhythm.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Some of the lessons include how to read a bus book, plan a trip, find the closest bus stop, signal your stop and more. Classes will be held on Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2035.

“Updates on Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention.” Midwestern University (MWU) faculty has teamed with Foothills Branch Library to provide an on-going series of health lectures.

“Updates on Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention” will be presented by Kris Vijay, M.D., who will discuss the traditional and emerging risk factors for heart disease and diabetes. He will describe how plaque develops in arteries and can lead to heart attacks, as well as the role of diet, exercise and medication in disease prevention. Dr. Vijay is Director of Critical Care and Cardiovascular Research at the MWU—Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine. The lecture will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 18 at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. Reservations are not necessary. Call (623) 930-3846 for more information.

\$100,000 Hole-In-One Shoot-Out. Get a hole-in-one and win \$100,000! It all happens at Glen Lakes Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave. Qualify between November 15 and 22; the Finals will be held on Sunday, November 23. Proceeds benefit the Hook A Kid on Golf program. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2042.

Thanksgiving Holiday. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. [Holiday Sanitation Collection Schedule.](#)

Glendale Glitters Spectacular Nov. 28-29. The city’s favorite holiday tradition, Glendale Glitters, was awarded azcentral.com’s Critic’s Pick for Best Festival for 2008! Don’t miss this year’s opening weekend on Nov. 28-29, from 5-10 p.m. each evening. Free admission and free parking mean you can bring the whole family and not break the bank! For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2299.

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