



Cactus Weekly Update



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Get Rolling With The Glendale Family Bike Ride April 13. One of Glendale's favorite family traditions is back! Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 13 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road.

This free ride, for all ages and levels of riders, will feature an extended route this year to showcase the 63rd Avenue Pedestrian Bridge, with the options of a six-, 15- or 23-mile ride. Bicyclists will take a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian/bicycle bridge.

The first 500 people to pre-register (online or via mail) and participate will receive a free 2014 Glendale Family Bike Ride t-shirt. Helmets are required for this ride and can be purchased at the event for \$10 (cash or check only). On-site registration will be held 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. There is no registration fee. All riders must be on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the routes. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the routes to assist any riders in need.

Activities will be offered to riders beginning at 7 a.m. that include music by DJ Ron Harkins, blood pressure checks by Barrows Neurological Institute, chair massages by Elements Therapeutic Massage and free bike tune ups provided by Southwest Bike. Valley Metro will also be on hand to instruct riders how to properly load a bike onto the bus. In addition, Glendale's Water Services Department will provide water for riders to fill their bottles and Glendale's transportation staff will also be giving out free bicycle safety items.

After the ride, children and families can enjoy inflatables at Sahuaro Ranch Park until 11 a.m. Bring the whole family for great weather and free entertainment.

To pre-register and complete a waiver form or for more information, [click here](#). or call 623-930-2940.

Glendale Helps You Preserve And Conserve Leading Up To Earth Day. More than one billion people in 192 countries take part in annual Earth Day events. From Cairo to Beijing, Melbourne to Rome, Rio to St. Louis, communities everywhere stand united in their effort to increase awareness and appreciation of the Earth's natural environment. Glendale is helping you to make the world a better place with "Project PC: Preserve and Conserve."

Earth Day is April 22 and five city departments have come together to provide a variety of ways for community members to preserve and conserve as part of Earth Day events. Participate in clean-ups, conserve resources at home, do your part to recycle or enjoy an activity. For a listing of Earth Day events, [click here](#).



DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents with 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 at the Walgreens Pharmacy, 8309 W. Glendale Ave. on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-4052. [Click here](#) for more information.

Around Town

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

STEM @ the Library: The Wonders of Water. Children ages 7-12 can learn about the water cycle, water chemistry, and the importance of water conservation in this hands-on workshop on Wednesday April 2, 4-5 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 Brown St.

STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. For more information or to register, [click here](#) or call 623-930-3537.

Glendale Welcomes Shoppers to the Annual Sidewalk Sale in Historic Downtown Glendale. Bring your walking shoes, and a pair of shoes to donate during the 5th annual Sidewalk & Porch sale on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include many retailers offering discounts of up to 75 percent off. The Open Air Market will also be taking place, with an assortment of vendors in the parking lot of A Mad Hatters, located at 5734 W. Glendale Ave.

Spring has sprung, and what better way to enjoy it than shopping outdoors in Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court? A leisurely stroll through downtown Glendale will allow shoppers to take advantage of the great weather and enjoy the historic setting.



Along the way lemonade stands and ice cream treats will be available to keep everyone cool. Many of the shops and eateries will participate in the shopping event with activities, demonstrations, make-and-take crafts and more. The shops in Catlin Court will showcase their specialties on their lawns, sidewalks and porches.

The day is not just about shopping! The Glendale Visitor Center is asking attendees to bring a pair (or many pairs) of new or gently worn shoes to donate to Souls4Soles, a global not-for-profit institution dedicated to fighting the devastating impact and perpetuation of poverty. Research shows that more than 700 million pairs of shoes are thrown away by Americans each year; by recycling gently-worn shoes, the discarded footwear will be given a second chance at life.

Attendees are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140, where they can pick up a downtown walking map and event listing and drop off shoe donations.

For more details on the event and upcoming activities, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623.930.4500 or log on to www.visitglendale.com.

Antique Appraisal Fair. Local antique expert Elizabeth Dorè will offer free, informal, on-the-spot professional opinions of value on Wednesday April 9, 6 p.m., Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Appraisals will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be limited to one item, excluding guns, coins, fine jewelry and/or stamps. For more information call 623-930-3844.

Spectacular Spring Book Sale. Join the Foothills Branch Library for their semi-annual book sale, Friday April 11 and Saturday April 12 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., 19055 N. 57th Ave. On Friday shop for the best selection of fiction, nonfiction, DVDs and CDs in the Roadrunner Room, with prices starting at 50 cents. On Saturday, the Roadrunner Room sale continues, along with a buck-a-bag sale (cash only) in the Hummingbird Room. The last hour on Saturday will be buck-a-bag on everything. All proceeds benefit the library. For more information, call 623-930-3854.

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