



# Cactus Weekly Update



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**Glendale Celebrates Water Awareness Month In April.** Warmer temperatures typically mean an increase in our daily water use, both indoors and outdoors. Living in the desert it's important to be aware of how much water we use every day to protect our city's most precious resource. The city of Glendale is a proud participant of Water Awareness Month (WAM) and encourages residents to visit the WAM interactive website to learn more about how to make the most of our water use, not just in April, but every day. The WAM website is overflowing with water conservation tips, ideas and activities, including an interactive calendar listing workshops, events and resources for every day during the month of April. For more information [click here](#)

**Innovative Updates at Glendale Library Focus On Patrons.** Visit in person or online to see the Glendale libraries' new innovations. The fresh and modern changes include a new layout at the Glendale Main Library, a new catalogue system, a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Maricopa County Library District, a new radio frequency identification system, free music downloads, language learning database and additional funding to purchase library materials for borrowing.

A big change Glendale library patrons will see is the increase in book materials. The library is purchasing new books and reading materials, based on patron interest and for the replacement of printed materials at the end of their useful life. The libraries will continue to offer the community access to best-selling fiction and non-fiction titles, covering all subjects and genres, large print materials, adult and youth foreign language materials, youth picture and board books, beginning readers and chapter books, books with media, graphic novels for adults, youth and teens, pop-up and novelty books, movie and TV tie-ins titles and adult and youth reference materials.

Glendale has three public libraries. Glendale Main is located at 5959 W. Brown St. Foothills Branch is located at 19055 N. 57th Ave., and Velma Teague Branch is located at 7010 N. 58th Ave. For more information on the three Glendale libraries visit [www.glendaleaz.com/Library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library)

**Glendale Sees Record-Breaking Numbers in Hotel Occupancy, Spring Training Attendance.** Spring training fans and convention travelers came to Glendale in record numbers in February, leading to an increase in hotel occupancy of 18.5 percent. Officials and fans alike welcomed the Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers back to Camelback Ranch-Glendale for their fifth spring training season at the Cactus League's largest campus on Feb. 12. On Saturday, March 23, the White Sox-Dodgers game set the Cactus League single-game attendance record of 13,712. Despite two rainouts, 224,189 fans attended games at Camelback Ranch-Glendale, an increase of 1.2 percent from the previous year.

For more information about upcoming events and activities, call 623-930-4500 or like us on [facebook.com/GlendaleCVB](http://facebook.com/GlendaleCVB). You can also stay in touch and up-to-date on travel tips, events and discounts at [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com) or by following @GlendaleCVB on Twitter.

**Glendale Airport Tower.** The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced that it will delay the closures of all 149 federal contract air traffic control towers until June 15. This additional time will allow the agency to attempt to resolve multiple legal challenges to the closure decisions. As part of the tower closure implementation process, the agency continues to consult with airports and operators and review appropriate risk mitigations. Extending the transition deadline will give the FAA and airports more time to execute the changes to the National Airspace System.

# Around Town

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

**Upcoming Water and Home Energy Efficiency Classes.** The city of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program offers a variety of free classes for Glendale residents. [Click here](#) for upcoming events.

**Job Searching Assistance and Workshops.** Steve Schrade, former director of Human Resources for Bashas, and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available to offer coaching assistance to job seekers. These open labs include online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. Workshops are available at all three Glendale Library locations. [Click here](#) for more information.

**New River Trail Clean-up – Volunteers Needed!** Join millions around the globe to make your community and the world cleaner and more sustainable as part of the annual Earth Day celebration. Volunteers are needed to help clean-up the New River Trail. Please join us from 7-10 a.m., Saturday, April 20 at 83rd Avenue, just north of Union Hills. To volunteer for this event, please e-mail the Glendale Volunteer Program at [awilkie@glendaleaz.com](mailto:awilkie@glendaleaz.com).

**Glendale Police Department Shred It & Forget It.** Safely discard your unwanted personal paperwork with a free shred event being held on Saturday April 20, 8 a.m.-11 a.m, in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot, 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bell Rd, southeast corner. Bring up to 3 boxes (banker sizes) of old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents containing personal identifying information to be shredded. For more information, [click here](#)

**All Aboard For a Glendale Historical Journey: 10th Annual Historic Preservation Bus Tour.** Roll back through time during the 10th annual Historic Preservation Bus Tour on Saturday May 4, 8:30 a.m-12 noon. The bus will depart and return to the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant. Participation is limited to the 50 seats available on the bus, and reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be over the age of 15 and accompanied by an adult. To make a reservation or request more information, contact Martin Martell at [mmartell@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mmartell@glendaleaz.com)

## **Fire Department to Host Community Emergency Response Team Training.**

The Glendale Fire Department will be hosting a 21-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program beginning on Friday May 31 at 6 p.m. All classes will be held at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC), located at 11550 W. Glendale Ave. Anyone from Glendale or the surrounding area age 18 and above will be eligible to attend the training program. The class will take up to 25 participants on a first-come-first-served basis. The basic CERT curriculum will consist of Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Medical Operations, Search and Rescue, and Terrorism as well as hands-on training and simulations.

Sign-up for this training program by calling 623-930-4483 or e-mailing [jboberg@glendaleaz.com](mailto:jboberg@glendaleaz.com).

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