



Cactus Weekly Update



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Thanks to all the Boards & Commission Members and neighborhood volunteers who attended the Cactus District Appreciation Event on Thursday at Manistee Ranch. These residents volunteer many hours to the city throughout the year. [Read more](#) about Glendale Boards and Commissions.



Glendale's Line-Up of Summer Activities, Programs and Events Now Available. Summer can be a fun and productive season with swimming lessons, softball leagues, summer recreation programs, fitness programs, cooking workshops and more than 120 different adult and youth classes available. To find all the options, check out the Glendale Parks, Recreation & Library Services summer 2013 Activities Guide.

Special interest activities and classes offered appeal to a wide range of ages for adults, youth and teens in the areas of sports and fitness, dance, culinary arts, personal development, cultural arts and music.

Details for all the summer activities are listed in the Activities Guide. [Click here](#) or pick up a copy at the Glendale libraries or recreation centers.

Glendale Firefighters Help Children of Brain Cancer Patients. In honor of Brain Tumor Awareness Month, Glendale Firefighters have teamed up with local non-profit organization [Jenny's Strength](#) to help the children of brain cancer patients.

The mission of *Jenny's Strength* is to provide comfort and encouragement to children of brain cancer patients. Jenny's Strength presents a pillow pet and offers emotional support and resources to children whose mother or father has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Firefighters are asking residents to donate new pillow pets for this effort. Drop off sites have been set up at all nine Glendale fire stations and the Glendale Fire Public Information Office. Those locations are:

- Fire Station #151: 6851 North 52nd Ave.
- Fire Station #152: 6850 W. Bethany Home Road
- Fire Station #153: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
- Fire Station #154: 4439 W. Peoria
- Fire Station #155: 6255 W. Union Hills
- Fire Station #156: 6801 W. Deer Valley
- Fire Station #157: 9658 N. 59th Ave.
- Fire Station #158: 6261 N. 83rd Ave.
- Fire Station #159: 17159 N. 63rd Ave.
- Glendale Fire Public Information Office: 5800 West Glenn Drive, Ste. 350 (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Glendale CVB Event to Benefit West Valley Child Crisis Center. Live like royalty for a day for a good cause at the Royal-Tea Baby Shower in honor of the Duchess and Duke of Cambridge (Kate and William), who will be parents to a prince or princess soon. This event will be held at The Spicery in Downtown Glendale on Sunday, June 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will benefit the West Valley Child Crisis Center (WVCCC).

Participants will enjoy an afternoon tea, scones, shortbread and bite-sized assorted sandwiches, baby shower games, royal trivia, a fashion show, delicious desserts and raffle prizes. To create the royal experience, guests are encouraged to come dressed in fine clothes, including their best hats and gloves, and to bring a gift-wrapped donation to benefit

WVCCC. The organization is in need of new infant supplies, including clothing, bottles, blankets, wipes, new or like-new baby furniture, new toys, books and plush animals. For more details on these items, visit www.wvccc.org. The gift donations will be opened during the event. The WVCCC provides education, prevention programs and safe placement services to promote healthy family environments for the future of Arizona's children.

Reservations and pre-payment are required. Tickets are \$27.95 per person (includes tax and tip). A portion of the proceeds will also be donated to the WVCCC. Ticket sales close on June 1. For reservations and information, call 623-930-2955.

Glendale Summer Band. Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 47th season beginning June 6 in downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. June 6 through July 25, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive; with the exception of the holiday week in July, when the concert will be held Wednesday, July 3. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family, or bring your friends and neighbors. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts. The series will feature a special Patriotic performance on Wednesday, July 3, in celebration of Independence Day.

Check Out the Latest City News & Events on "Glendale Insider." The new edition of the "Glendale Insider" includes a variety of stories from throughout the city featuring updates from Glendale Police and Fire and economic news. The city's public safety partners are featured in several community education stories highlighting water safety and heat safety tips for pets. In addition, firefighters and police officers participate in a mock DUI drill at Glendale High School teaching students the dangers of drinking and driving.

Other stories include the groundbreaking event for a new car dealership, Arrowhead Cadillac, in north Glendale, an update on new walkways being built at Westgate Entertainment District and a rare behind-the-scenes look at wildlife tucked away from public view at Thunderbird Conservation Park. TV and online viewers also get an up front seat of the Wings of Freedom Tour featuring vintage aircraft at the Glendale Municipal Airport.

The "Glendale Insider" can be seen on Glendale 11 at various times throughout the day or each individual story can be seen on the city's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11>. For more information about Glendale 11 or "Glendale Insider" [click here](#).

Around Town

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

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.

Celebrate Mother's Day in Historic Downtown Glendale. Join us on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as Glendale Merchants Host a Mother's Day Celebration!

In addition, The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau is collecting new and gently read books to benefit Velma Teague Library in Downtown Glendale. Books can be dropped off between now and May 11th at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 in downtown Glendale. For more information about the Mother's Day activities, [click here](#).

Grand Opening of Glendale Gallery @ Westgate. Join the City of Glendale and Westgate for the grand opening of Glendale Gallery at Westgate. Enjoy art in many forms and mediums, demonstrations and interactive art projects. Glendale Municipal Art Exhibition will be revealed along with a variety of Guest Artists. Join us from 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 17 at Westgate, building D 109 (next to Cold Stone Creamery). Westgate City Center is located at Loop 101 & Glendale Avenue. For more information, [click here](#).

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