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"Glendale – Proud to be the home of Luke Air Force Base"

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National Public Works Week Celebrates Dedicated Employees. Where does your garbage go when it leaves your curb? Who delivers the water that comes out of your faucet? These and more than a dozen other services are carried out by Glendale's Public Works Departments.

The week of May 16 - 22 marks the national observance of Public Works Week. Glendale's Public Works Group includes more than 500 employees from the following departments: Field Operations, Transportation, Utilities and Environmental Resources.

As summer approaches with triple-digit temperatures, these employees have the hottest jobs and are out there every day keeping the city in top shape. This week brings awareness to the many men and women who work to provide the utmost quality and customer service 24-hours-a-day.

For a quick look at what Glendale's Public Works Departments do, check out these fast facts:

- The Field Operations Department maintains 736 miles of streets, disposes of 250,000 tons of trash and manages 2 million square feet of municipal buildings and properties
- The Transportation Department is responsible for 100,000 traffic and street signs, roadway markings for more than 500 miles of streets and keeping 19,499 lights glowing
- The Utilities Department takes care of 1,600 miles of water and sewer pipelines and reads more than 61,000 meters monthly
- The Environmental Resources Department collects and analyzes more than 14,000 samples of water annually to ensure regulatory agencies and residents that Glendale's water is clear, clean and safe to use
- The Water Conservation Office works with water customers daily to help them live a lifestyle that uses less water, reducing consumption in the home by 20 percent

Glendale is proud to recognize its Public Works employees during National Public Works Week. For more information on the public works services, visit www.glendaleaz.com/publicworks.

First-Time Homebuyer Program. Are you a first-time homebuyer looking for an affordable home? Then make plans to attend a free, informational workshop, to learn more about the Glendale Community Land Trust Program, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 in room B-3 at the Glendale Municipal Office Complex, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

Glendale's Community Revitalization Division is hosting the workshop and working in partnership with the Newtown Community Development Corporation to offer affordable homeownership to income-qualified, first-time homebuyers.

For more information on income eligibility, program requirements or to RSVP for the workshop, call (480) 517-1589 or visit Newtown's website at www.newtowncdc.org

Teen Volunteer Fair. The Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., is hosting a Teen Volunteer Fair at the library auditorium wing on Saturday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for students, ages 12-18, who are looking for volunteer opportunities.

In addition to learning about volunteer opportunities at the library, teens can talk with representatives from non-profit organizations from around the valley.

For more information about the event, call (623) 930-3537.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Westgate's WaterDance Film Festival Benefits Glendale Libraries Tonight. Outdoor movies are very popular this time of year. Come to the free WaterDance Film Festival at Westgate City Center, Loop 101/Glendale Ave., at 7:30 p.m. tonight (May 14) and see "Shrek 2." While you are at it, please bring along new or gently used books (children's, teens or adults) to donate, Glendale Public Library staff will be on hand to collect them. Click here for more information on the WaterDance Film Festival.

Last Chance for the Free Retirement Planning. The final retirement planning class, Financial Fitness 301, in the Minding Your Money series, is coming to Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., on Saturday, May 15 and 22. The free class, from 10-11:30 a.m. will be held on two consecutive Saturdays in the upstairs conference room. To sign up or for more information, call (623) 930-3554.

Canyon Country Community Lecture Series. Foothills Branch Library and the Grand Canyon Association and Coconino Community College's Colorado Plateau Studies present the Canyon Country series. "Salt and Soap: Canine Friendship and Adventure at Grand Canyon." will be held at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., on Thursday, May 20. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-3844.

Teen Library Council Meeting. Are you looking for something fun to do that can actually make a difference? By joining the Teen Library Council, young adults can earn volunteer service hours, have a good time, and meet new people, all while helping to make the library a better place for teens.

Attend the Thursday, May 20 Teen Library Council Meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The library is currently recruiting teens, ages 12-18, to provide input on the selection of books and music for the branch's teen collection. Council members also participate in the planning and presentation of library teen events.

For more information or to register, call (623) 930-3431, then press "7" at the prompt and choose Velma Teague Library.

VIN Etching. Bring your vehicle and proof of ownership to Costco at 17550 N. 79th Ave. on Saturday, May 22 for free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching a vehicle's 17-digit vehicle ID number on each piece of window glass on your vehicle to deter auto theft. The process takes about 10 minutes; event hours are from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Click here to learn more about auto theft prevention and VIN etching.

Business Launch Helps Get Your Business Off the Ground. Are you in the early stages of starting a business? Instructors from the Maricopa Community Colleges Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 24 to offer "Business Launch." The free seminar is designed for individuals who are in the early stages of starting a business. This once-a-month workshop answers most of the basic questions that a prospective business owner would have, such as how to develop a business plan, how to obtain financing and types of business ownership. To register, call (480) 784-0590.

Live at the Library. On Thursday, May 27, Live at the Library welcomes The Arizona Broadway Theatre. The troupe will entertain with a medley from its musical plays. The free Arizona Broadway Theatre appearance is sponsored by the Glendale Arts Commission. Join us at 7 p.m., in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information about Live at the Library, call (623) 930-3573.

Last Chance for the Free Teen Money Management Classes. Teens will have a last opportunity for the free two-part Teen Money Management class from 5:30-7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8 and Wednesday, June 9 at the Glendale Community Center, 5401 W. Ocotillo Rd. This class is open to 12-18 year olds. To sign up or for more information, call 623-930-3554.

Canyon Country Community Lecture Series. Foothills Branch Library and the Grand Canyon Association and Coconino Community College's Colorado Plateau Studies present the Canyon Country series. "Call of the Canyon: Moulty Fulmer's 1950s Grand Canyon River Trips." will be held at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., on Thursday, June 17. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-3844.

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