



# Cactus Weekly Update



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**G.A.I.N. Night.** The Glendale Police Department Community Action Teams believe in the power of prevention, encouraging residents, businesses, public and private institutions and faith-based organizations to work in collaboration with the Police Department, to make our community a safer place to live and work. G.A.I.N Night will be held on Saturday Oct. 26.

G.A.I.N. is an annual event designed to heighten crime awareness, and generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, by uniting community members to help create safer neighborhoods. October is National Crime Prevention month and a perfect opportunity to celebrate the successes of crime prevention through community involvement.

Neighborhood Watch Captains, HOA's and Apartment Communities are encouraged to host parties in their communities. There will be no G.A.I.N Kick-Off event this year but, for questions or additional information please contact the 2013 G.A.I.N. Coordinator, Foothills North Community Action Team Crime Prevention Specialist, Angela Freeman. She can be contacted at 623-930-2540 or [afreeman@glendaleaz.com](mailto:afreeman@glendaleaz.com).

**High School Students Needed to Serve on Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission.** The Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) is seeking new members. Several vacancies have been created as a result of former MYAC members graduating from high school this past spring. This is a great opportunity for Glendale's high school students to learn about their city first hand and see what goes on behind the scenes.

MYAC provides high school students with opportunities to make a positive impact in Glendale by getting involved in their local city government and community. Youth commission members volunteer for community service activities, raise funds for projects and serve as a liaison to the mayor as the foremost voice on local youth-related issues.

Commission members must commit approximately five hours per month to attend meetings and participate in activities. Standing commission meetings are held each month at Glendale City Hall.

To be eligible for the competitive selection process, teens must reside in Glendale and be enrolled in high school for the 2013-14 school year, as well as submit a completed membership application.

Applications are available online. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, August 23. Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to: Office of the Mayor, City of Glendale, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301. [Click here](#) for the application or for more information, call 623-930-2260.

**New Edition of "Glendale Insider" Now Playing on Glendale 11 T.V. & Youtube.** Glendale 11 TV announces the August edition of the "Glendale Insider" featuring a sit-down interview with Brenda Fischer, Glendale's new city manager. Fischer discusses her background in local government as well as thoughts on Glendale's future.

Other stories include new technology installed at the Glendale Civic Center customized for guests with hearing loss as well as a citywide award from "Dog Fancy" magazine for being a dog-friendly city. Glendale Police are highlighted with a behind-the-scenes feature on the SWAT team during an intense training exercise to keep schools safer. The Glendale Fire Department shares with viewers details about a special campaign to collect stuffed animal pillows for children in need.

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 [www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11](http://www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11). For more information about Glendale 11 or the new TV show, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11).

# 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](#).

**The 58th Avenue Book Group.** Join us for coffee and donuts and great book discussion on Tuesday Aug. 20 at 10:15 a.m. at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. We will be reading “Pompeii,” by Robert Harris. Copies of the current selection will be available at the Velma Teague Reference Desk. For more information, call 623-930-3431.

**Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon Seeks Homeowner Applicants & Volunteers to Paint Homes.** Do you own a single-family home but due to age or physical impairments are unable to keep it painted? If so, the Annual Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon on Saturday, Oct. 26 may be able to help.

This program, which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes of applicants who are ages 60 and older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources, are veterans, or are unable to do the work themselves.

Glendale residents who match the above criteria are encouraged to apply to have their homes painted. Volunteers willing to wield a paint brush are also encouraged to get involved.

The deadline for both homeowners and volunteer teams to apply for the program is Sept. 4. Volunteers willing to paint homes at the event on Saturday, Oct. 26, should form a team of 15 to 25 people. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old and those under 18 must have a signed parent permission form.

For more information, or to apply, [click here](#).

**Tribute to Arizona’s Fallen Comes to Glendale Public Library.** Glendale hosts “*Remembering Our Fallen*” Exhibit Aug. 12-25. Since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, many Arizona service men and women have given their lives in defense of our country. West Valley residents are invited to view an emotionally moving tribute to the Arizonans who made the supreme sacrifice in these wars.

The Honor Walk Foundation and the city of Glendale are proud to bring the “Remembering Our Fallen” exhibit to the Glendale Public Library from Aug. 12 through 25. Comprised of five 10-foot panels, the traveling exhibit features photos, biographical information and personal mementos of the Arizona residents who died serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The exhibit will be located inside the Main branch of the Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Visitors can view the exhibit during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, from 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays.

An opening ceremony for the exhibit will be held Monday, Aug. 12. A color guard and brief program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on The Honor Walk Foundation, [click here](#)

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