



Cactus Weekly Update



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Glendale Police Accident Reports Now Available Online. Glendale Police Accident Reports are now available for purchase anytime, day or night, via the Internet. The Glendale Police Department partnered with DOCVIEW, LLC to provide the reports for purchase online. Once the report is scanned into the system by Records Personnel and processed through the use of online document technology, motorists, insurance companies and legal offices can locate, buy and view the accident report within 24 hours.

Each year an average of nearly 5,000 accident reports are processed by Glendale Police Records Personnel, with most accidents resulting in several requests for release. DOCVIEW is another technological tool provided by the Glendale Police Department that gives our citizens the ability to easily access accident information and documents from the convenience of their own homes or offices utilizing their computers, tablets or smart phone devices.

Accident Reports cost \$13 using the DOCVIEW online service. The public will also be able to continue to mail in their requests and purchase reports at the main police station lobby window for a cost of \$5. To purchase a report online using DOCVIEW, just [click here](#). Citizens can also access DOCVIEW by using the police report feature on the Glendale Police "MyPD" smart phone application.



Glendale Receives Arizona Game and Fish Grant for Expanded Xeriscape Garden Program.

Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program will receive a grant from the Arizona Game and Fish Department for education at the city's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden.

This grant will support the city's existing water conservation programs by funding the installation of a four-sided educational kiosk in the Habitat Garden along with the funds to develop conservation-related materials for the kiosk. This grant was created to fulfill the Game and Fish Department's mission of working with agencies to conserve and preserve the state's wildlife and wildlife heritage. The grant, totaling \$17,800, will be implemented over a three-year period. To be eligible, the city matched the funds with both in-kind and budgeted funds, bringing the total project to \$35,731.

The Habitat Garden is a demonstration area within the four-acre Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Habitat Garden is certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and showcases native Sonoran Desert plants that support desirable wildlife, such as hummingbirds and butterflies, in an urban setting. The area offers a unique opportunity for homeowners to experience the benefits of installing an urban habitat.

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

Glendale Approves Agreement with ADOT for High-Occupancy Vehicle Ramps at Maryland/Loop 101. The Glendale City Council approved an agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the design, construction and maintenance of High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) ramps on Loop 101 at Maryland Avenue.

The intergovernmental agreement lays out the responsibilities for both the city and ADOT. The costs for the design and construction of the HOV ramps will be paid by the state, with total costs estimated at \$14.5 million. ADOT will be responsible for the maintenance of the ramps, while the city will be responsible for the electrical costs and maintenance of the signals and streetlights associated with the project.

The project is anticipated to be completed in August of 2014, with construction starting this fall.

An average of 20-25,000 vehicles travel to the area during Cardinals football games as well as the annual Fiesta Bowl. In addition, thousands of vehicles come in and out of the sports and entertainment district for hockey games, concerts and other events at Jobing.com Arena.

For more information on this project, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2940.

Around Town

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

It's Still Hot! But the Fall Programs are Here! Check out the new Fall 2013 Parks, Recreation and Library Activities Guide. Special Interest activities and classes appeal to a wide range of ages for adults, youth and teens. Details of all the fall activities are listed in the Activities Guide. [Click here](#) or pick up a copy at the Glendale libraries or recreation centers.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Studies show that children learn best when they have the opportunity to pursue their own interests. That's why a library card is the most important school supply of all. Glendale Public Libraries provide students with access to innovative programs, classes and education resources to support their curiosity. Best of all, it won't cost you a thing – it's all free with a library card. Open the door to a world of possibilities for the student in your life and sign up for a library card today. Stop by one of Glendale's three libraries, call 623-930-3530 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Calling all Teddy Bears for Teddy Bear Day in Downtown Glendale. For the ninth year in a row, downtown merchants and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau are teaming up to support the Glendale Fire Department's Teddy Bear Trauma Program with a fun-filled day of events.

In honor of the enduring toy named for President Theodore Roosevelt, Teddy Bear Day in Glendale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teddy Bear Day activities include make-and-take arts and crafts, special treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. On Sunday, Sept. 8 The Spicery is hosting its first Back- to- School Teddy Bear Tea from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required at 623.937.6534.

Teddy Bear Day attendees are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they can pick up a map of participating merchants, coupons and a savings pack for the first 250 families. At the Visitor Center, participants can also take a spin on the bear-themed prize wheel, and can contribute a new teddy bear no more than 12 inches high. Donated bears will be provided to the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program to comfort young children who have been affected by a traumatic event. In past years, nearly 5,000 teddy bears have been collected at the one-day event.

For more information about Teddy Bear Day, [click here](#), or call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500.

STEM @ Your Library: Messy Mixtures: Slime, Oobleck and More! Children ages 7-12 can learn about viscosity and non-Newtonian fluids like oobleck, silly putty and quicksand in this hands-on workshop at Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., Monday Sept. 12, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This program was 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. Registration is required and begins on Aug. 26. To register, [click here](#). For more information, call 623-930-3437, or stop by the youth reference desk.

Glendale Hosts Free Teachers Night Out for Glendale Teachers. Students are not the only ones going back to school to learn. Teachers have the chance, too, at the city of Glendale's Teachers Night Out! The city is hosting this free Back-to-School event on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown Street. Teachers can enter a raffle, enjoy refreshments, free chair massages and collect free materials for their classrooms.

Coordinated by Water Services in conjunction with the Fire, Communications, Police, Recycling, Transportation, Parks and Recreation & Library Services departments, the event will connect teachers with Glendale departments and local agencies that provide high-quality classroom resources that are aligned to the Arizona Academic Standards. Teachers will receive lesson plans and information about field trips, guest speaker presentations and activities for their classrooms.

For more information, call Joanne Toms at 623-930-3535 or email at jtoms@glendaleaz.com. Registration for this free event is required by Sept. 16 and limited to teachers in Glendale schools. To register, visit the website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/TeacherFair>.

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