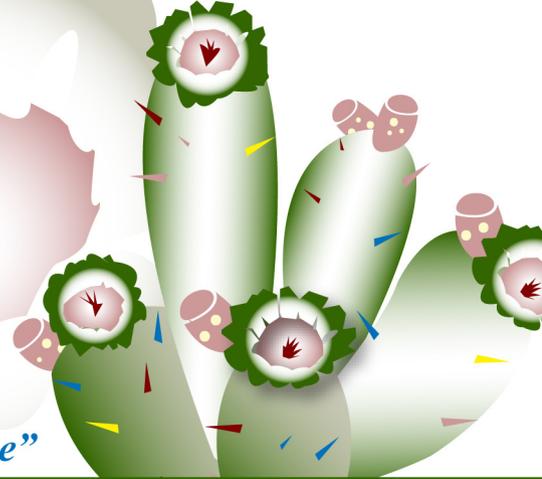




Cactus Chronicle

*“Glendale –
Proud to be the home of Luke Air Force Base”*



Councilmember Phil Lieberman, Glendale Arizona

September 11, 2009



Visual Improvement Program (VIP). On Tuesday, Councilmember Lieberman presented Doug Reid, with B&M Bumpers & Hitch, VIP grant check for exterior improvements to his property. Improvements included stuccoing and painting the building, adding new window pop-outs, installing colored fascia, covering the corrugated metal fencing and installing new asphalt in the parking lot including a slurry seal with new parking lines and curbs.

The VIP was designed to assist property owners with exterior improvements to their retail, commercial, or industrial property. Program funding is available this year through federal Community Development Block Grants, but is limited to only businesses/properties located within the city's designated Redevelopment Area (43rd to 67th Avenues, from Maryland to Orangewood). [Click here](#) for more information.



Teddy Bear Day Success! The rain didn't dampen the spirits of the nearly 900 visitors to the 5th Annual Teddy Bear Day in Downtown Glendale held Sept. 5th. The teddy bear fans enjoyed a day of make-and take-arts and crafts, special activities and discounts. Al the Bear made his annual appearance delighting guests at the Glendale Visitor Center. The Teddy Bear Drive was a huge success bringing in nearly 400 plush bears which is more than double of last year's donations. The donations will benefit the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, Southwest Ambulance and other valley wide charities benefiting children.

The Glendale Visitor Center sent a "Beary" special thanks to Councilmember Lieberman for the generous donation of district funds on behalf of the Cactus District to help fund the Teddy Bear Day activities.

All the Bear, Glendale Greeters and Visitor Center Volunteers at the 5th Annual Teddy Bear Day.

Down Payment Assistance Program. If you're interested in purchasing a foreclosed home in a targeted neighborhood in Glendale, the new Glendale Homebuyer Assistance Program may be for you.

Glendale received federal funds through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), which is money provided to communities hardest hit by residential foreclosures and mortgage delinquencies.

Under this program buyers are encouraged to work with realtors to purchase a foreclosed/abandoned home in one of the three targeted zip codes – 85301, 85302 and 85303. Qualified residents would include those with a total household income below 120% of annual median income (AMI), which translates into \$79,100 for a family of four.

For more information on this program or the American Dream Down Payment Initiative program, call the Community Revitalization Division at (623) 930-3670 or visit www.glendaleaz.com.

Cactus District Meeting–

Wednesday, September 30th

6:30 p.m.

Sunset Elementary School
Cafeteria

4626 W. Mountain View Road

[Read more.](#)

“Glendale's Memory Project” on Glendale 11 TV. In honor of the city's centennial in 2010, Glendale Public Library joined with Glendale Historical Society, Glendale Community College, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area and Thunderbird School of Global Management to bring collections of old photographs from the city's past to life online and on TV.

"Glendale's Memory Project" debuts on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. and can be seen during its regular time slot every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. as well as various times throughout the week on Glendale Channel 11. The 30-minute TV show, 'Glendale's Memory Project,' gives an overview of how the massive project of placing the photos online by the five partners was carried out.

[Click here](#) to access Glendale History Online. [Click here](#) to view the Glendale 11 TV Guide.

Glendale's Got Game "Spirit Page." The NFL's regular season kicks off in Glendale this week, and Glendale is helping fans get into the spirit with a special fan-filled page on the city's mega event Web site, www.glendalesgotgame.com. Visitors can get to the page by clicking on the "spirit page" showcased on the site's homepage.

This page highlights Glendale 11 TV videos and a photo gallery celebrating football fan fever from last year's NFC Championship Cardinals season.

Featured videos include "Get Your Game On in Glendale," "Special Cardinals Championship City Beat Edition" and "Glendale Congratulates the Arizona Cardinals." Photos featured in an online gallery highlight the frenzy outside the University of Phoenix stadium before the NFC Championship game.

This new addition to the site also gives fans ideas on how to have fun while visiting Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District, including information on special events, festivals, dining, nightlife and more.

Fans are also encouraged to check out www.glendalesgotgame.com before heading out to a game to learn about traffic restrictions, special events and fan friendly deals. For more information or to check out the online fan spirit page, [click here](#).

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Let's Talk English! Free English conversation classes, for those who speak English as a second language, continue to be offered at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Fall 2009 session, on Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m., runs from Sept. 16-Dec. 9 in the large meeting room. No registration is required for the classes. For questions about the classes, phone Claudia at 623-930-3570.

BMX-Court Comp presented by Gordy's Bicycles. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department will host its first BMX competition at the X-Court on Saturday, Sept. 19. Admission is \$1, check in at 4 p.m. and competition begins at 5 p.m. The Glendale X-Court is located at 83rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road. For more information or to register for the competition (\$15 pre-register, \$20 @ event), [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2044.

Child Care & Babysitting Workshop. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department is offering a workshop dedicated to teaching safe and fun ways to baby sit and care for children.

The Child Care and Babysitting Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., and includes CPR, first aid, techniques for working with active children and what to do to have a successful babysitting adventure. This workshop, for ages 11 and older, builds confidence, self-esteem and skills necessary to care for infants and children on a daily basis and in emergency situations.

Registration is \$52 for Glendale residents and \$62 for nonresidents. To register, call (623) 930-4600; for more information, call (623) 930-4613.

Learn the Basics of Organic Gardening. Feed your family healthy, organic foods freshly picked from your own garden. Learn to garden organically at the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's Organic Gardening Basics class. The class focuses on the tools needed, soil types, safe fertilizers, garden designs, planning tips and principles of organic gardening. Students will learn to prepare the soil, make compost and use organic fertilizers and soil amendments.

The one-day class will be held from 2 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 22 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. The class is \$30 for Glendale residents and \$36 for non-residents. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (623) 930-4613.

AVP Professional Beach Volleyball Returns to Westgate - USA Takes on Brazil. AVP Professional Beach Volleyball returns to Glendale September 25-27, this time potentially placing Westgate City Center into the international spotlight. Tickets are on sale now.

[Read more.](#)

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