



Cactus District Weekly Update

July 10, 2015



Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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Glendale Earns 2015 Secretary of Defense Freedom Award. On Thursday, June 25, the City of Glendale was awarded the 2015 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the Nation's highest honor given to employers for exceptional support of Guard and Reserve employees. The city was nominated for the prestigious award by three officers who are active military. The officers nominated the police department and the City of Glendale because of the support given to them and their families during their military service.

The City of Glendale and the police department was one of 15 employers from across the nation selected to receive the prestigious award. Glendale employs more than 70 Guard members, Reservists and veterans just in the police department alone. The city also has a strong reintegration program for returning service members to help them ease back into their civilian roles.

For more information about the Freedom Award and this year's recipients, visit www.FreedomAward.mil.

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For more information about these programs or to learn more about Glendale Police Department visit www.glendaleaz.com/police

Downtown Glendale Gets Jolly For Christmas In July Event. Historic Downtown Glendale is creating a holiday vibe on Saturday, July 18 to celebrate the city's 9th annual Christmas in July celebration. Visitors will enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Old Towne and Catlin Court, a visit with Santa Claus, as well as an opportunity to donate to a summer water drive. Christmas cheer begins at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140, where you'll pick up a holiday gift bag with downtown discounts, an event map and a holiday themed gift item for the first 250 visitors.

Ollie the Trolley will provide free rides around the area, including stops at Cerreta Candy Company where you can make and take a taffy Christmas tree (\$12.50 per person). In addition, one of the day's fun activities will be compiling a holiday cookbook. Participating merchants will give each visitor to their business a recipe ending at 2Share Gifts where visitors can assemble all the recipes into a cookbook.

The event also features a bottled water donation drive. In partnership with the Glendale Fire Department and the city's Operation Safe Summer campaign, visitors are encouraged to bring a donation of bottled water to the event. Donations are also being accepted at all Glendale fire stations. Water will be distributed through Maricopa Association of Government's Heat Relief Network, to the most vulnerable populations in the region.

For more information about Christmas in July, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or online at VisitGlendale.com, [Facebook.com/GlendaleCVB](https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB), [Twitter.com/GlendaleCVB](https://twitter.com/GlendaleCVB), [YouTube.com/MyGlendale11](https://www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11).

Westgate Wednesdays! Wednesday nights through July 29 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Westgate's Fountain Park.

Come to the Westgate Entertainment District on Wednesday nights for free weekly summer fun! Enjoy music, games, prizes and dancing. Plus, meet your favorite film characters and get a free downloadable



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New Velma Teague Library Summer

Hours. From July 1 to September 30, the Velma Teague Library will be open on Mondays & Thursdays from 1-8 p.m. Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. The library will remain closed on Fridays and Sundays, but will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

photo with them each week. Every week will offer a distinctive family-fun experience with different themes, unique games and new characters. The weekly Wednesday night events run from June 3 - July 29 from 6 -7:30 p.m. at Westgate's Fountain Park.

Schedule of themed events below:

July 15: Princess & Pirate Party with The Little Mermaid & Captain Jack

July 22: Super Hero Sensation with Spider Man

July 29: Frozen Fiesta with Anna and Elsa

For more information about Westgate Wednesdays, visit www.westgateaz.com/summer/.

Exhibit From Behind The Badge Displayed At Gallery Glendale. The City of Glendale proudly presents this exhibit of more than 28 compelling images of law enforcement and firefighters from across the state of Arizona, including Glendale Police and Fire Departments. Ziemba's collection, "Stronger Than Steel: The Art of First Response - The Arizona Public Safety Collection", will be on display at **Gallery Glendale** located inside Westgate, **9380 W. Westgate Blvd.**, in the month of **July**. Gallery Glendale is **free** and open to the public on **Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m.** In addition, the gallery will be open for the **Fourth of July celebration** at Westgate Entertainment District from 2 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 623-930-3557 or visit [Glendale Gallery](#).

Free Summer Band Concerts Bring Music To Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings. The West Valley's favorite summer tradition is back for its 49th season beginning June 4 in downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m., beginning June 4 through July 23, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn Dr. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its inspiring renditions of marches, polkas, movie medleys and other tunes from all over the world.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family; pack the car and bring your friends, neighbors, the whole gang! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts. For more information, including concert schedules and artist information, please call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at

623-930-2299, or visit [Special Events Website](#).

Glendale To Host Public Meetings On Proposed Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. The City of Glendale will hold a series of public meetings to allow residents and businesses an opportunity to share their thoughts on whether the city should adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance. The Glendale City Council has expressed specific interest in hearing feedback from Glendale residents and business owners. An ordinance, if adopted, would protect the rights of Glendale citizens and visitors from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. The schedule for public meetings are:

Conversations for the Public:

Saturday, July 25 Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85308
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *Sign in begins at 9:30 a.m. officer*

Thursday, July 30 Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd. Glendale, AZ 85305
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. *Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m.*

If you cannot attend any of the meetings but would like to offer input, you can leave comments on a recorded phone line at 623-930-2255. The city has also set up a special email address to receive written comments. That email address is GlendaleFeedback@Glendaleaz.com. Please know, all written and spoken comments will become part of the official record of public input for this process. For more information, please contact the Glendale City Manager's Office at 623-930-2870.

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