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Cactus District Weekly Update

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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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Glendale, AZ Named to Expedia's List of 101 Most Comfortable Cities. The city of Glendale has been named by Expedia as one of the nation's top 101 most comfortable cities, based on customer hotel reviews on the website. Glendale was number 75 on the list; the only other Arizona city featured was Sedona at number 100.

More than 600,000 guest reviews were analyzed to determine the top cities for comfort across the U.S. These real life opinions on hospitable accommodations routinely influence travelers' decisions when looking for new places to visit.

From the Viewfinder Travel Blog on Expedia.com: "We pulled 2014 data from millions of verified Expedia user reviews, and determined the top 101 U.S. cities with the highest hotel comfort ratings. These reviews covered everything from the most comfortable hotel beds to the coziest amenities. The



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top score for the best cities was 4.6 out of 5, with the last city on the list ranking a score of 4.2."

Stylish and spacious room accommodations are offered in Glendale. The city boasts approximately 1,500 rooms, with more than 8,000 hotel rooms within a 15-mile radius, ranging from four- and five-star luxury properties to modest and boutique-style accommodations. West Valley accommodations are conveniently located within easy access to must-see attractions and premiere travel destinations, including Historic Downtown Glendale, Arrowhead Towne Center, the Sports & Entertainment District, which features Tanger Outlets Westgate and the Westgate Entertainment District.

To read the blog, visit viewfinder.expedia.com/features/101-most-comfortable-cities-for-travelers. For additional information on Glendale's various amenities for visitors, log on to www.visitglendale.com.

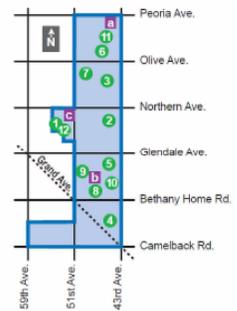
Libraries Expand Online Service with New Partnership. Glendale Public Library announced availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics via mobile and online access through a new partnership with Hoopla Digital.

Glendale library card holders can now download the free Hoopla Digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or by visiting www.hoopladigital.com. Available content includes thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers - available to borrow 24/7 for instant streaming or temporary downloading to smartphones, tablets and computers.

Library patrons can enjoy dynamic content from the library on-the-go and being digital, there is no waiting period for popular titles and Hoopla's automatic return means no late fees. Hoopla Digital is a service of Midwest Tape, a trusted partner to public libraries for more than 25 years.

Gallery Glendale Moves to New Westgate Location. Gallery Glendale has moved locations within Westgate Entertainment District and will debut its September art exhibit in the new space.

The gallery's new location is between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria. The



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Registration Now Taking Place For More Than 100 Classes for the Fall Session. Glendale Parks and Recreation offers more than 100 classes for adults, teens and youth in the areas of arts, cooking, fitness, sports, well-being, music, dance and personal development. All the class information can be found in the *Glendale @Play* magazine available at www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecre or the Glendale libraries, Glendale Adult Center and the Foothills Recreat & Aquatics Center.

Ongoing Drop-in Exercise Classes at the Glendale Adult Center 5970 W. Brown St. Classes adapted for older adults. \$5 per class drop-in fee. For more information call 623-930-4321 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/adultcenter.

reopening reception and exhibit will be held on Friday, September 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. and will showcase artwork from the City of Glendale Municipal Art Collection. The city owns a 352-piece portable collection, which largely consists of paintings such as "The Chandelier Drawing" that hangs in the Foothills Library lobby and "Risky Foundation" displayed on the fourth floor of the City Clerk's office. The exhibit will be on display every Friday and Saturday in September during regular gallery hours, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Gallery Glendale is open to the public every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-3557 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale/.

Coffee with a Cop. Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554 or Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

Tuesday, September 15
9:00 a.m.
Denny's
4303 W. Peoria Ave.

Got Drugs? Safely Dispose of Them! The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown Street, North parking lot area.

*Glass containers, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, injectable and syringes **CANNOT** be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens*



For more information about this event, contact Officer Jeff Horsley at 623-930-4029 or Officer Andy Lynes at 623-930-2554.

Glendale Police Department Shred Event.

Saturday, October 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., Southwest Parking Lot Area. Four (4) banker boxes limit per household. Due to demand, event may conclude if trucks are full. For further information contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist at 623-930-4044.

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information. What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?

As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit

valleymetro.org/Glendale.

Glendale Offers Residents Free HOA Training.

The City of Glendale is continuing its partnership with Mulcahy Law Firm to offer another HOA Academy this fall to residents. This unique opportunity provides Glendale residents and HOA leaders an opportunity to learn about relevant issues facing neighborhoods and learn answers from specialists in the field.

This training will be taught by HOA attorneys from the Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C., along with the Glendale Police Crime Prevention Department. The classes are free to Glendale residents and only \$20 for non-residents.

The curriculum for this four week series is derived from top concerns and requests made by Glendale HOA leaders, including:



- How to Handle Rentals in Community Associations and How to Build "Community" in HOAs
- Does your Association have Drones? Nuisance Issues in the Association
- Budgeting for Community Associations - Audits, Compilations, Reviews - Contracts
- Safety, Crime and Vandalism Prevention

The classes will be held at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. on Tuesdays, from October 13 to November 3, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration for the HOA training is currently open. Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. To register, contact Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2820 or sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation and use code # 474099-03.

Residents Reminded Standing Water Invites Mosquitos. With three months of monsoon activity still ahead of us this summer, the city of Glendale reminds residents to watch for standing water and to protect their homes and families against mosquitos and diseases such as West Nile virus.

Two confirmed cases were reported in Maricopa County on June 21, 2015. In 2014, 108 cases of West Nile virus were reported among Arizona residents. Standing water, even in the shallowest containers, acts as a breeding ground for mosquitos, so follow these essential preventive measures to fight the bite:

- Reduce the number of mosquitos around your home. Mosquitos breed in standing water and their eggs will hatch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week after it rains, get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths, and check for any leaky water equipment.
- Report any pools in your neighborhood that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610;



unoccupied homes should be reported to the county at 602-506-0700.

- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors. Repellents should be used according to the label instructions.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Division monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. It also responds to all complaints related to green pools, stagnant water, dead birds and of course mosquitos. Residents can get more information or report issues to the county through a hotline, 602-506-0700, or online at www.maricopa.gov/wmv/. Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/.

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