



Cholla District Network News



Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

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Update on Proposed Casino. At the Cholla District meetings on March 12th and April 2nd, the Mayor and I spoke about the Casino proposed by the Tohono O'odham Nation at 91st and Northern avenues. At the Special evening meeting on Tuesday, April 7, the Glendale City Council voted to adopt a Resolution opposing the Tohono O'odham Nation's plan and current application for the federal government to take approximately 134 acres at the corner of 91st and Northern avenues into a trust and create an Indian reservation at that site, which is located within the city's strip annex area. Based on several factors, the City Council voted to adopt a Resolution to oppose the project. The land in question has no historic relationship to the Tohono O'odham Nation. Removing the land from all state and local regulatory control and converting this property to an Indian Reservation, where one has never existed, presents very significant issues for the citizens and business owners of Glendale. Creation of an Indian reservation with gaming on the property, with the effect that it will have on the community, is contrary to the intent of federal law. Ultimately, the decision will be made by the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar. For more information, [click here](#).

Glendale Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. to noon. Bring the kids to a morning of candy-filled egg gathering and spring fun at the Sahuaro Ranch Park ball complex, 63rd Avenue and Mountain View Road. Egg hunts for children up to 10 years old will be held at various times throughout the morning. For specific times for each age group and more information, [click here](#).

Think You Know It All About Arizona? Learn surprising facts about the 48th state by attending, 'Things You Didn't Learn in Arizona 101' at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The monthly series will run in the auditorium at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, through June 8. On April 13, View Episode 3 of the outstanding PBS series, "We Shall Remain Native American Special - Trail of Tears." "The Trail of Tears," depicts the Cherokees forced march from their homes in Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee to Indian Territory in eastern Oklahoma. Jacklyn Roessel will talk about the Long Walk of the Navajo. For more information call 623-930-3573.

National Library Week Celebrations in Glendale. Glendale Public Library is getting off to an exciting head start in recognizing National Library Week, April 12-18. At 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, the Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave., will be showing the winner of the 2009 Glendale Public Library Film Challenge, "Give Us Your Best Shot: What is a library?" For more information about the events at the three libraries, call the following numbers:

Main Library, 623-930-3531; Foothills Branch, 623-930-3831; Velma Teague Branch, 623-930-3431

That Thursday Thing. Shine your favorite boots and pull out your favorite cowboy hat on Thursday, April 16, from 5-8 p.m., as Historic Downtown Glendale goes Western for "Spurs and Spendin'!" Visitors will begin their Western experience at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Enjoy an evening filled with western themed live entertainment; free horse-drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and much more. Ollie the Trolley will provide free trolley rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Other highlights will include live music, interactive activities and displays from local cowboy and western organizations. The charity component for April will benefit the Citizens Police Academy Alumni of Glendale. For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit <http://www.visitglendale.com/>.

Canyon Country Community Lectures. This popular series of lectures is taking place at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Roadrunner Room at the Foothills Branch Library through July 16. On Apr. 16 Jan Balsom and Brynn Bender will present "Secrets of Grand Canyon's Historic Colorado River Boats." They will share historic images and stories of the historic Colorado River boat collection at the Grand Canyon National Park. Learn about these regionally significant boats that contribute to the river-running history of the Colorado River. The series is sponsored by the Grand Canyon Association, the Grand Canyon National Park and the Foothills Branch Library. Call 623-930-3844 for more information about these free programs.

Around Town

Glendale Family Bike Ride. The Glendale Family Bike Ride is on Sunday, April 19 and is designed for people of all ages. There are two routes; a six-mile ride and a 12-mile ride. The ride begins and ends at historic Sahuaro Ranch Park (59th Avenue and Mountain Vista Road) with plenty of free parking and a historic ranch to explore after the ride. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the ride begins at 8:00 a.m. All riders must wear a bike helmet and, if you don't have one, you can buy a helmet for only \$10. Food vendors will be on hand to handle any after-ride appetites. To register, [click here](#) or pick up a registration form at most Glendale area bike shops, Glendale libraries, and the City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department. You may also register the day of the ride.

Consumer Credit Classes. Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a non-profit organization, will be presenting the following two programs. Patrons may attend one session or both. Registration is required; to register or for more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

- Surviving a Layoff:
April 20 at 7 p.m. at Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.
- Keeping Debt under Control:
April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Parks and Recreation Programs and Classes. Spring is a great time to sign up for classes or activities! View the programs offered by Glendale Parks and Recreation without signing in by logging into the online system as a Guest. As a Guest you can view the activities offered as well as the class details. However, if you would like to sign up for an activity, you do need to sign in. [Click here](#) for more information or call 623-930-2820.

Now Showing: "Going Green in Glendale" on Glendale 11. In an effort to make "going green" easier for Glendale residents, Glendale 11 has launched a show that will simplify information available. "Going Green in Glendale" will feature interviews with city experts on transportation, car maintenance, water conservation and recycling. [TV Guide](#)

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Inside Secrets for HOAs. Glendale residents who live in homeowners associations are encouraged to register now for this free seminar about HOA budgeting and establishing adequate financial reserves. The seminar is scheduled from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28 in the City of Glendale Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. This seminar is a must for all Glendale HOA boards and is presented by the city's Neighborhood Partnership Office as part of the HOA Academy program. Registration is due no later than Friday, May 22. To register, call 623-930-2868. Class size is limited to the first 30 residents.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Some of the lessons include how to read a bus book, plan a trip, find the closest bus stop, signal your stop and more. Classes will be held on April 23, May 28 and June 25 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2035.

Glendale Onboard Open House. Glendale residents are invited to attend the Annual Glendale Onboard (GO) Program Open House from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 29 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Learn more about how GO is working to improve transportation in Glendale. City staff and engineering consultants will be on hand to talk with you, provide more details on projects, and answer questions. Drop by any time between 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm for conversation and refreshments.

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