

At your parks...

3rd Annual Youth Football Festival

Come out and enjoy the fun with Youth Football. Parks and Recreation will host its third Annual Youth Football Festival on Thursday, April 30. Skills clinics for youth of all ages, experience, skill levels and positions will be offered. Local youth tackle and flag football leagues will provide information about their programs; educational sessions for parents and coaches will be offered and vendors will be on site with equipment and information. The festival will run 6-8:30 p.m. at the Youth Sports Complex (next to the University of Phoenix Stadium) at 91st Avenue and Bethany Home Road. Info: Jeff Crane at jcrane@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2043.

Go "Under the Sea!" for Toddler Water Day

Grab those flip flops and beach towels. It's time to hit the water! Join us 10 a.m. to noon on May 15, at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 63rd Avenue and Mountain View Road for a morning of free, fun water activities. Children should be dressed to get wet! There will be a variety of water games that will definitely leave them soaked. All children are required to wear shoes or sandals; no bare feet are allowed. Don't forget the sunscreen. Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Info: Krystal at 623-930-2038.

Remember to watch all children around water!

At your libraries...

Authors at the library

- OneBookAZ author Alberto Rios will be at Foothills Branch Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 to discuss "Capirotada: A Nogales Memoir," an account of his early life. The ASU professor's books will be for sale, with a book signing following the program. Info: 623-930-3844.
- Velma Teague Branch Library will be the site of two upcoming author stops. At 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, mystery writer Donis Casey will be on hand to discuss the fourth book in her Alafair Tucker Mystery series. "The Sky Took Him" just received a starred review in "Publishers Weekly," and will be available for purchase at the end of the program. Info: 623-930-3431.

- Annette Mahon, author of "Holiday Dreams" and "The Secret Correspondence" will be at the downtown library at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6. "Holiday Dreams" is the second book in the Matchmaker Quilt series. Mahon, a native of Hawaii, is a former librarian who now lives in Arizona. Her books will also be available for purchase. Info: 623-930-3431.

A European Odyssey through Photos

If a trip to Europe is not in your family budget, experience the best of the Old World through the magical lens of photographer Richard Maack. He will present "European Odyssey: A Photographic Exploration" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 7 in the Roadrunner Room at Foothills Branch Library. Armchair travelers will sail the great old trading routes from Bergen, Norway, to Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain and Portugal. With Maack's images, the audience will explore ancient cities, wild coastlines, great cathedrals, quiet villages and the D-Day beaches of Normandy. A former "Arizona Highways" photo editor, Maack is a nationally recognized landscape photographer and digital artist. Info: 623-930-3844.

Have you wondered how Luke Air Force Base got its name?

Luke Air Force Base is named after Lt. Frank Luke, Jr. But what do you know about the base's namesake? On May 11, author and amateur historian Frank Skinner will be talking about his book, "The Stand: the Final Flight of Lt. Frank Luke, Jr.," at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library. Luke was born in Phoenix in 1897 and enlisted the aviation section of the Army Signal Corps when the United States entered World War I. A second lieutenant, Luke became known as "the Arizona Balloon Buster" because of his amazing proficiency in shooting down German observation balloons. The story of what Skinner says actually happened just prior to Luke's death on September 29, 1918, differs from the official government account. In 1993 Skinner made his first trip to Murvau, France, and walked the ground where Luke was said to have made his "last stand." Over the years, the author was able to determine by talking with military experts, looking for artifacts in Murvau, reading witness accounts and interviewing villagers' descendents that the official story might be flawed. Regardless, Frank Luke, Jr. remains an American hero who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Medal of Honor, the first airman to be awarded the nation's highest medal. Info: 623-930-3573.

See all library locations listed on front.



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Glendale Connection

A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents / April, May, June 2009

Summer reading program begins May 26

School is out and the children's refrain of "there's nothing to do" will soon start sounding within homes across the city. Head right on over to your closest Glendale library to sign up for the summer reading program which takes place through July 25. "Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark!" is open to children of all ages. Children can participate by reading on their own or having books read to them. Upon completion, each participant receives a ticket to an Arizona Diamondbacks game. "Read Your Way to the Ballpark!" is sponsored by *The Arizona Republic* and the Diamondbacks.

Teens, ages 12-18, can sign up for "Express Yourself" at the library. This program will take place entirely online. "Express Yourself" is a statewide program in collaboration with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency. There will be drawings for weekly prizes, and grand prizes are digital cameras, one for each library. Sponsors include Harkins Theatres, Chipotle and Sonic Drive-In.

Fantastic programming always accompanies the summer reading programs. This year there are evening family events as well as daytime fare. Look for the Great Arizona Puppet Theater, the Great Little Balloon Company, the musical exploits of Yonatan Miller, magician Jolly Roger, cowboy Gary Sprague and his horse Dusty, plus dancers, jugglers, craft and cooking programs, drummers, and science experiences. Teens will not want to miss events like these: a Battle of the Bands, game labs, babysitting workshops, book clubs, craft activities, karaoke, a manga and comic club, and much more!

To find out the dates and times for all the free programs, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library and click on "Library Programs and Events."

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Main Library
5959 West Brown Street
623-930-3530

Foothills Library
19055 North 57th Avenue
623-930-3830

Velma Teague Library
7010 North 58th Avenue
623-930-3430

Plan a neighborhood cleanup and we'll supply the tools

Spring is traditionally a great time for yard maintenance and the city's Community Volunteer Program has a "Tool Shed" that may help you get started. Registered neighborhoods and volunteer groups can check out tools for projects they coordinate. Expert advice and project consulting may be available as well. Tools are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be returned in good condition. The following equipment is available from the Tool Shed: painting supplies, lawnmowers, weed trimmers, wheelbarrows, trash pickers as well as bags, rakes, shovels, pruners, shears and more. For more information, call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2915.

Got tools? Check out the Community Volunteer Program's Tool Shed. ▶



Be sure to watch for Glendale's annual water quality report in your next utility bill in lieu of a May/June Connection.



A message from Councilmember Joyce Clark

Glendale offers recreation and entertainment values

In times when we are all thinking of ways to trim expenses, many families scale back on entertainment, movies, vacations, and even gym memberships. Do you know that some of these activities are available at minimal or no cost to Glendale residents? Have you cancelled your gym membership? The city of Glendale has 70 parks, five recreation centers, and eight public swimming pools to help meet your fitness and

leisure needs. Our three dog parks will help your puppy stay in shape too. Do you like to golf? Save on fees at a city golf course. Try the Desert Mirage or Glen Lakes Golf Course. Younger residents can visit the X-Court for skateboarding, inline and BMX or the Sk8 Court for skateboarding and inline skating.

Give the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center a try with no contracts and no joining fees! Daily recreation passes are \$5 or less, and include an indoor rock wall, fitness center, walking/jogging track, open basketball, badminton, volleyball, swimming and more! For a small fee, the Glendale Adult Center offers fitness programs for those 18 years of age and over. The center also offers activities including computer classes and clubs, and a friendly place to spend time.

Are you unable to vacation this year? Try a "stay"cation. Pick up a Glendale Parks and Recreation quarterly magazine for a list of more than 250 affordable, special interest classes and activities close to home. If you find a class or activity in which your child is interested, but you still feel it's not within your budget, your child may qualify for the Youth Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is made possible through donations from businesses and individuals throughout the Valley.

Do you want to see a good movie but can't afford the theater? In addition to books, you can check out free movies available on DVD at any of Glendale's three public libraries. Just make your own popcorn and you're set! Our libraries also offer Internet access, music, e-books and many free programs for all ages and interests.

Visit the Glendale Web site at www.glendaleaz.com for locations and more information on these and other city programs that will help stretch your dollar.



Did you know Glendale has its own TV station on cable channel 11? You can watch Glendale 11 on Cox and Qwest channel 11 anytime day or night. The programs on Glendale 11 have won numerous national awards including an Emmy. Viewers enjoy a variety of topics featuring Glendale, such as interview/talk shows, arts, culture and history information, sports-themed programs, a regular newscast and city council and workshop meetings. For more information and a listing of the programs, go to: www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

Ask a Firefighter

Daniel Valenzuela



In this installment of 'Ask a Firefighter,' this Glendale firefighter would like to ask you some questions.

What information should I provide firefighters after placing a call to 911 for medical emergencies?

Answer: Across the Valley, firefighters arrive at a scene within 4-6 minutes once 911 has been called. We understand that during emergencies, time is of the essence. Often, the person needing help is disoriented or unconscious by the time we arrive. Firefighters adapt and work to overcome obstacles during emergencies, but by taking a few minutes now to gather information, you can help us quickly assess and treat medical conditions. We recommend you compile the following information for easy reference: personal contact information, doctors' names and phone numbers, medical history, allergies, healthcare power of attorney, a recent photo, and a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) form if applicable.

Keep these documents in a designated place within your home and make sure all family members are aware of the location.

Please email new questions to: askafirefighter@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/fire.

Be a tourist in your own backyard!

The Glendale Visitor Center is the first place to start your Arizona journey. Boasting a countless supply of maps, destination guides and travel brochures, the Glendale Visitor Center is an official local visitor information center featuring information on the state of Arizona. Our helpful and knowledgeable travel counselors can provide assistance with Glendale and statewide travel information. Call 623-930-4500 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com for more information.



Glendale Summer Band Concert Series Thursdays at 8 p.m., June 4-July 23

A great Glendale tradition is back! Join the Glendale Summer Band for performances hosted by the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department in the amphitheatre in Historic Downtown Glendale's Murphy Park, located at 5850 W. Glendale Ave. The free performances are sponsored in part by Glendale Civic Pride and offer a great evening of entertainment for the entire family. The symphony is made up of more than 100 musicians, and the band's repertoire includes familiar renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Guests may bring lawn chairs or blankets for the lawn seating, but please leave pets at home. For more information, call 623-930-2820 or visit www.glendaleaz.com.

That Thursday Thing

April 16

Shine your favorite boots and pull out your favorite cowboy hat 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, from 5-8 p.m.

May 21

Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers, put on your most comfy pajamas and bling up your wardrobe with a tiara as Downtown Glendale celebrates Girl's Night Out with a Pajama and Tiara Party. The May event marks the final That Thursday Thing of the season, so don't miss out! Live entertainment is located throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Enjoy an evening filled with music, free horse-drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and much more, from 5-8 p.m.

Mother's Day Celebration May 9

Visit Historic Downtown Glendale as we celebrate moms with a day of deals, meals and more! Start your celebration at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up a beautiful flower, event map and goodie bag. Many of the downtown shops and restaurants will feature discounts and giveaways, free flowers and special Mother's Day gift ideas, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call 623-930-4500 or check out www.VisitGlendale.com for more information.



Happenings

May

- 5.....City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 9.....Mother's Day Celebration*
- 12.....City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 19....City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 21....That Thursday Thing*
- 25....Memorial Day (city offices closed)
- 26....City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

June

- 2.....City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 4.....Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
- 9.....City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11....Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
- 16....City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 18....Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
- 23....City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25....Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*

July

- 2....Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
- 3.....Independence Day (city offices closed)
- 4.....Glendale's 4th of July Celebration, 6 p.m. Glendale Community College
- 9.....Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
- 16...Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*
- 23...Summer Band Concert, 8 p.m.*

For more information on events, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

*Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale.

**If needed, otherwise regular workshop.