

EYES OF GLENDALE

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Building Their Foundation One Crayon at a Time

The Glendale Community Action Teams recently sponsored a School Supplies Drive for deserving students at several local elementary schools. Two of the schools, William C. Jack and Desert Garden, have Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. Isaac E. Imes provides schooling for Kindergarten through 8th grade students. Another organization that benefited from the drive was the Glendale Community Center. There, they provide a safe place for

children to go after school. Some of their attendees may not have the necessary school supplies, and therefore the Center can help.

Recognizing that these are our kids, our schools, and our community; the supplies came by the bag full. We received generous donations from many Glendale residents, the Target Corporation, Glendale's Office of Tourism, Desert West OBGYN Office and many Glendale City staff.

Thank you to everyone that participated!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Exercise for Good Health*
- *Drug Disposal*
- *Keeping Kids Safe*
- *Green Glendale*
- *Glendale Trails*
- *Pet Safety*

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- ◇ **3,936 Crayons**
- ◇ **8,750 sheets of notebook paper**
- ◇ **1,788 pencils**
- ◇ **1,000 sheets of construction paper**
- ◇ **564 colored pencils**
- ◇ **400 markers**
- ◇ **270 pens**
- ◇ **254 glue sticks**
- ◇ **230 spiral-bound notebooks**
- ◇ **82 pairs of scissors**
- ◇ **50 rulers**
- ◇ **46 bottles of liquid glue**
- ◇ **...and much, much more!**

THE INSIDE LOOK AT CITY GOVERNMENT

Glendale University, a 10-session program that offers a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works, is accepting applications through September 2nd to attend its '101' classes that begin the following week.

Glendale residents and those who own businesses in the city can sign up for Glendale University (GU) to learn more about city government directly from the mayor, council members and top city staff. In the 15 years since the program was started, more than 900 people have attended.

The program's continued popularity is credited to the one-on-one interactions among attendees, the on-going opportunities to GU graduates, and the core curriculum that focuses on everything from the city courts to utilities.

"Glendale University is a unique opportunity to meet the city's decision makers and talk about everyone's role in our local democracy," said organizer Josie Romero of Glendale's Neighborhood Services Department.

GU 101 classes are held 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays September 8th through November 17th, with a one-week break for Veteran's Day. The series kicks off with "An Evening with your Mayor and Council." Subsequent sessions cover the inner workings of a variety of city services including law enforcement, libraries and more.

The classes, which are free, are limited in size to encourage interaction between attendees and the elected officials and city staff who teach each unit.

To participate in Glendale University, you must be 16 or older, a resident of Glendale or own a business in Glendale. Attendees who complete eight of the ten GU 101 classes will be honored on the final night, November 17th, in graduation ceremonies. These graduates are then eligible to attend the quarterly series of Glendale University graduate classes that enable attendees to take tours and further explore areas of special interest.

The deadline for registering for Glendale University 101 is September 2nd. Applications are available online at www.glendaleaz.com or call the Neighborhood Partnership Office for an application at 623-930-2868.



TIPS FOR A STRONGER, HEALTHIER YOU



ONLY 10 MINUTES A DAY ON CORE EXERCISES WILL PROVIDE GREAT BENEFITS.

Motivation, or a lack thereof, is one reason many people stop exercising. Here are some tips for avoiding burnout:

- √ Think of exercise as a menu rather than a prescription. Choose a number of different physical activities that are personally enjoyable such as sports, dancing, or biking. Although experts say you should get 30 minutes of aerobic exercises at least five times a week, those times can be divided into shorter periods -- such as 10 minute sessions.
- √ Stick to a prepared schedule and record progress.
- √ Develop an interest or hobby that requires physical activity.
- √ Adopt simple routines such as climbing the stairs instead of taking the elevator or walking instead of driving when possible.
- √ Try cross training (alternating between exercise types). Studies suggest it is more beneficial than focusing only on one form of exercise.
- √ Exercise with friends.
- √ Join a gym or take classes. Many affordable programs are available.

PROPER DRUG DISPOSAL—WE MAKE IT EASY!

The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing the community the opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. We encourage you to clean out your medicine cabinets and remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from your home.

Glendale's collection site will be at Cabela's on Saturday, October 29th. The collection box will be at the main entrance of the store at

9380 West Glendale Avenue. Police staff will be on site for proper disposal.

Strengthen your community and make your home safer by participating in this national initiative. For more information and to find a collection site in other parts of the valley, visit www.dea.gov.

This is a free event and open to everyone. For more information, call Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Freeman at (623) 930-4030.



Got Drugs?

KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE

As the kids head back to school, families are busy buying the right supplies and packing lunch boxes. However, it is important to remember that now is the time to do your homework on how to keep your child safe. Practice these tips to ensure your children are safe:

- ◇ Children walking or biking to and from school should use the buddy system.
- ◇ Choose the safest route and talk with children about avoiding alleys, vacant fields and busy streets. Contact your school for recommended routes.
- ◇ Slow down in school zones and do not block streets when picking up or dropping off children.
- ◇ Teach your child to use the telephone properly in case of emergencies.
- ◇ Have your child memorize their name, address, home phone number and your work phone.

FREE ENERGY SAVING DEVICES FOR RESIDENTS

Funded by the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, Glendale residents are eligible to receive free energy saving devices.

The City of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program is presenting residents with two classes, Saturday, September 24th at 12:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 29th at 6 p.m. Learn from the experts on how to be the biggest energy loser on your block! You must be a city of Glendale resident to receive free energy-saving devices such as a 4-pack of CFL's, a high-efficiency showerhead, and a programmable thermostat.

Classes will be held at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium at 5959 W. Brown Street. Call (623) 930-3760 or email

bpatrick@glendaleaz.com to register for the class.

For more great tips on how to cut costs and "Go Green," visit the website at www.glendaleaz.com/energyprograms.





DON'T JUST THROW AWAY JUNK MAIL, SHRED IT & FORGET IT!

SHRED IT & FORGET IT

The Glendale Police Department's Community Action Team is hosting the next "Shred It & Forget It" event on Saturday, October 1, 2011. The event will take place in the Target shopping center at the corner of 43rd Avenue and Peoria Avenue. Each household can bring five banker-size boxes to have

shredded on site for free. We will begin the drive-thru service at 8 a.m. and last until 11 a.m. or until the shred trucks are full.

There's no need to remove staples, paper clips or binding. All documents are accepted and all will be destroyed on site. Depending on the line of guests, the

process can take as little as five minutes and you don't even have to get out of your car! Police staff will be on hand to safely discard your materials and answer any questions.

Contact Angela Freeman at (623) 930-4030 for more information or visit online at www.glendaleaz.com/police.



GONZO & HALL GREET GLENDALE!

Sponsored by an employee organization, the Glendale Hispanic Network (GHN), you are invited to the Glendale Hispanic Heritage Month Breakfast. The breakfast is a celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15th through October 15th.

Individual or group tickets are available for purchase at the

Glendale Visitor Center at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite #140. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday, September 9th.

The goals of the GHN are to promote cultural awareness and professional development. This year's keynote speakers are former AZ Diamondback and current Special Assistant to

the CEO, Luis Gonzales; and President and CEO of the AZ Diamondbacks, Derrick Hall. The breakfast will be **Thursday, September 22nd** at the Glendale Civic Center in Historic Downtown Glendale, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. For more information, contact Josie Romero at (623)930-2916.



HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Did you know that common household hazardous waste can be dangerous when mixed with other garbage material? Simple items that mix together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors. Residents can get rid of their household hazardous waste all at once curbside through the Glendale's Household Hazardous Waste pick-up event.

The Glendale Sanitation Division offers residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste with its

home collection service. Residents can sign-up for the service by contacting the Sanitation Division starting September 26th through October 21st. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Beginning October 17th and going through November 4th (depending on the number of appointments scheduled), Hazardous materials that will be accepted. Included is paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool

chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5-gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents.

Visit www.glendaleaz.com for further details.



FREE VIN ETCHING EVENTS

Take a few minutes to bring your vehicle to one of the free VIN etching events that the Glendale Police Department offers.

VIN etching is the process of permanently marking a vehicle's 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number on each window of the vehicle.

The Glendale Police Department and the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority

will be hosting two more events this year.

As the owner of the vehicle, just show your proof of ownership, current registration and complete a consent form provided by the Police Department. Check with your insurance company; you may qualify for a discount for etching your vehicle.

Join us on Saturday, October 29th at Arrowhead Towne

Center near the movie theater (north end of the mall) from 9 a.m. until noon; and Saturday, December 3rd at Costco (79th & Bell Rd.) from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

This is a free event and open to the community. Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Chuck Eberspacher at (623) 930-2498 for further details.



This event made possible by funding from the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority.

AMERICA'S MOST STOLEN VEHICLES

The following list was taken from a report from CNN Money in August 2010.

1. Cadillac Escalade
2. Chevy Silverado
3. Dodge Charger
4. Chevrolet Avalanche
5. Infiniti G37 Coupe
6. GMC Sierra Crew Cab
7. Nissan Maxima
8. Hummer H2
9. GMC Yukon
10. Chevy Tahoe

Whether your vehicle is in the top 10 or not, it's important to take precaution. By using a layered approach, and fortifying your vehicle, you are less likely to become a victim.

Here is a list of good habits to get into (if you're not already doing them):

- ⇒ Lock your doors.
- ⇒ Don't leave windows down.
- ⇒ Keep valuables out of plain view.
- ⇒ Park in a well-lit area when possible.
- ⇒ Consider a service such as OnStar or Lojack.
- ⇒ Use a steering wheel lock or club.

For more information on safekeeping your vehicle, contact your Community Action Team Crime Prevention Specialist.



ABANDONED VEHICLES COULD BE A HELPFUL CLUE

The Arizona Attorney General's Office has a website designed to provide the public with the opportunity to assist law enforcement agencies in locating stolen vehicles. The site contains records from participating local agencies. It is updated twice daily. Visit <http://theftaz.azag.gov> to enter an abandoned vehicle's license plate number or vehicle identification number to submit a search.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WATCH



An ongoing crime trend that is occurring throughout the state is the theft of copper wire and damage to parks. Glendale's park system is taking a hit too. Copper thieves have pulled wire out of light posts; stolen solar lighting batteries and stolen backflow preventers, which protects water systems from contamination on items such as drinking fountains and irrigation systems. These thefts have occurred at several parks throughout Glendale costing the city valuable resources in both money (thousands of dollars) and staff time used to keep the

quality of parks high.

The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department is asking citizens of Glendale and people visiting the parks to keep an "Eagle Eye" on the parks. If you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary, please call 911. If there is not an urgency to the call, notify the Parks and Recreation Department at (623) 930-2820 to report your findings or concerns.

We are asking residents to keep an eye on the type of vehicles that are entering parks. **Only** city of Glendale vehicles will be in the parks to

do any maintenance or repairs. Other utility vehicles, including those that look like local utility companies, should be considered suspicious. Criminal damage to playground and park equipment includes vandalism and graffiti. Information involving any of these violations should be reported to the police department.

Thefts and damage not only cost the city money and time, they are leaving many parks without lighting, which can be a safety hazard and limit citizens' park activities.

GLENDALE'S GORGEOUS TRAILS



With more people discovering the beauty and benefits of Glendale's trails, they are getting more crowded. With additional users comes the need for safety awareness and guidelines for wise trail use. Such tools can enable all trail users to have the enjoyable experience everyone is looking for.

It is important to keep valuable items out of sight in your vehicle. Remember to put your purse, laptop, Ipod, wallet, cell phone or any other tempting possession in your trunk, out of sight. The parking lots can get very full and therefore gives a thief the opportunity to walk between the cars and check out what is left out.

Ensure that all of your windows are closed, including the moon roof. All doors on the vehicle should be locked too. A visible deterrent and practical tool such as a steering wheel lock, is also a good idea.

Before heading out on the trail, make sure you carry and drink water. Remember it's the water in your body, not the water in your canteen that keeps you fit.

Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Flip flops and other open-toe shoes can not only be dangerous and unsteady on rocks, but can become a target for cacti, snakes, and other wildlife. Use a walking stick for support and to fend off

threatening wildlife.

A cellular phone can be a life saver. Whether it's to report a needed rescue or suspicious activity, your cell phone should be charged and with you while hiking.

A mirror for signaling is helpful for rescuers to locate you if you are injured.

Allow faster travelers to pass. If you're hiking with a group, please be courteous and not block the trail.

We welcome you to enjoy the many miles of trails Glendale has to offer. We hope you have an enjoyable and safe experience.

For trail locations, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

VACANT HOMES ARE TARGETED

Everyone is affected directly or indirectly by the economy and the current housing market. Unfortunately many of our neighborhoods are experiencing an increase in abandoned or vacant homes. These vacant properties have become a target for criminals. Criminals have taken A/C units, copper wire, plumbing pipes, and other money-making materials that don't belong to them. Vacant homes have also become a haven for juvenile parties, drug houses and drop houses for illegal immigrants. These violations have continued throughout our communities causing great concern for your safety and that of your neighborhood.

The Glendale Police Department is here to provide tips for residents on how to deal with vacant home issues in your neighborhood. In an effort to thwart crime, the police and the neighborhoods need to work together and be proactive in dealing with such properties.

The following tips may help prevent potential problems:

- 1) If you see any suspicious activity at a vacant property, please call 911. Please don't hesitate to call. It's best when we can get to the property while it's happening.
- 2) If you've noticed vandalism or damage already done, call the non-emergency line for the police at (623) 930-3000.
- 3) If you suspect a home in your neighborhood has been abandoned you can contact the City of Glendale Code Compliance Office at (623) 930-3610. The city actively tracks abandoned properties.
- 4) If you reside in a neighborhood with a home owners association (HOA), attend the community meetings and ask your HOA to take action with any unsightly maintenance issues. The City of Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office can also assist with that, and they can be reached at (623) 930-2868.
- 5) If there is a pool on the vacant property and it still contains water, it can pose many safety issues. You can and should report that to the Glendale's Code Compliance Office, your HOA and to the Health Department.
- 6) The last very important tip is to start a Neighborhood Watch if you don't already have one. For info on how to form a Neighborhood Watch, contact the Community Action Team Hotline at (623) 930-3380.

For additional information concerning neighborhood related questions or issues, please visit:
www.glendaleaz.com.



Take note of the abandoned homes in your neighborhood.



PRACTICE STREET SMARTS WITH YOUR PETS

Every year as the temperature reaches triple digits, many pets can suffer from heat-related ailments. If your pet is experiencing loud, rapid panting; rapid pulse; glazed eyes; excessive salivation; excessive whining/agitation; staring and/or vomiting – attempt to cool pet down by placing them in a shaded area,

applying cool water to their body; and seek veterinary care.

Do NOT exercise your pet during the sweltering afternoon heat. If you are planning to walk your pet, do so in the very early morning hours or very late in the evening. Avoid long walks, hikes or excessive play.

Please NEVER leave your pet in a parked car; a car's interior temperature can reach 200 degrees in just minutes.

Failure to provide a pet with adequate water, shelter and/or leaving a pet in a car on a hot day can lead to animal-cruelty charges.



IF YOU WITNESS A PET IN DISTRESS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY EAMT'S™ AT 602.997.7585, EXT. 2073



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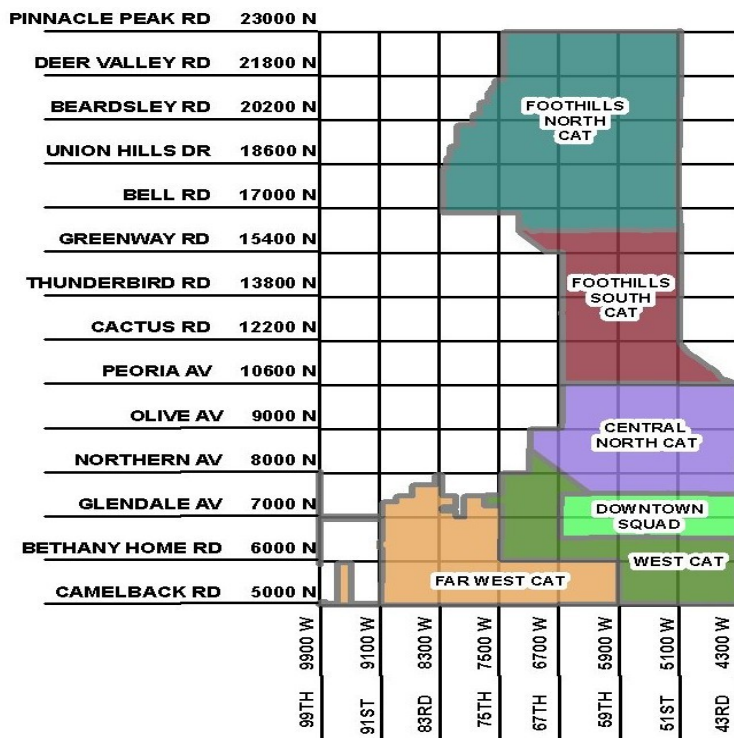
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**G.A.I.N. is
November 5th**

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“PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY
OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE”

YOUR COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS (CAT)



FOOTHILLS NORTH CAT

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Officer Andy Lynes (623) 930-2554

FOOTHILLS SOUTH CAT

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