Glendale residents learn to coexist with urban wildlife
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One longtime Glendale resident can recall when furry neighbors weren’t quite as plentiful.

“Some neighbors have said the coyotes were here first and we took over their territory. Not so. I have lived in my house since 1977 and there weren’t any around here,” Glendale’s Terri Gargis, who lives near Pioneer Elementary School, 6315 W. Port Au Prince Lane, said. “It’s been only in the past few years that they have appeared.”

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Sportsbooks may be coming to Glendale stadiums

New bill legalizes sports gambling, opens opportunities for Cardinals, Coyotes venues

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Imagine going to the neighborhood football and hockey stadiums in Glendale to plunk down money for merchandise, a hot dog and a beer; and a bet on the game that’s about to begin. That appears to be the future experience for sports fans in Arizona, including those taking in Cardinals games at State Farm Stadium, 1 Cardinals Drive, and Coyotes games at Gila River Arena, 9400 W. Maryland Ave.

Gov. Doug Ducey in mid-April signed a bill to allow a major expansion of gambling in the state that, among other things, for the first time allows sports betting under licenses issued to tribes and pro sports teams.

“The professional teams will have the ability to partner with an operator and open sportsbooks at their venues,” Jordan Rose, president and founder of Rose Law Group, which represents the PGA Tour, told the Glendale Independent. “This should create a more dynamic atmosphere for sports fans moving forward.”

The PGA Tour also is partnered with DraftKings, a sports betting operator who will operate a new sportsbook at the TPC Scottsdale Golf Club, home of the fan-favorite Waste Management Phoenix Open.

“The renowned economist Elliott Pollack studied the TPC Scottsdale potential and found that the annual revenues generated over the entire City of Scottsdale will be more than that received from the Cactus League, with a total revenue of $47.1 million annually,” Mr. Rose said.

It’s unclear at this point exactly how this will impact Glendale’s sports venues.

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In This Together

A resident of Arrowhead Phase III captured video of maintenance crews appearing to remove a duck habitat on a north Glendale pond. [Image taken from Nextdoor app]
Thank a nurse for national nurses week

The vital role nurses play in health care settings across the globe was perhaps never more apparent than in recent months. When COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020, nurses were on the front lines in the battle against the virus, and they have remained there since.

In recognition of the sacrifices nurses and other health care workers have made to help the sick, individuals across the globe have placed signs in their yards thanking essential workers. In addition, many more have taken to social media to highlight the lengths individual nurses have gone to while helping them or their loved ones who caught the virus or gone to while helping.

Communities can follow such individuals’ lead by making collective efforts to thank the nurses who call their towns and cities home.

- **Sponsor fundraising efforts.** Town officials can help to organize a community-wide fundraising effort or a 50-50 raffle with fundraising effort or a community-wide fundraising effort or a 50-50 raffle with proceeds going to local nurses. Health care facilities have been stretched incredibly thin during the pandemic, so a donation to a charitable organization that benefits health care workers can be a great way for communities to honor local nurses.

- **Encourage residents to lend a helping hand.** The work front-line medical workers have done during the pandemic has been endless and exhausting. In recognition of that, community organizers can promote volunteer programs designed to lift some burden off local health care workers’ shoulders.

Local hospitals, blood banks and health centers may need volunteers, and this is a great way for local residents to show health care workers their efforts are appreciated.

- **Celebrate holidays that honor nurses as a community.** The American Nurses Association notes that National Nurses Week begins each year May 6 and ends May 12. Though National Nurses Week is not a federal holiday, communities can still come together during the week to highlight the work local nurses do.

Local officials can encourage businesses in the community to offer special discounts to nurses during the week, while schools can take part in collective efforts to thank nurses. For example, students from every grade can work on a banner thanking nurses and then showcase the banner by the entryway to campus so passing motorists can see it.

- **Highlight a local nurse each week on social media.** Community leaders can ask residents to nominate a local nurse each week and then choose one nominee to highlight on social media. Students or local officials can interview the nominee, asking them about their careers, including what compelled them to become a nurse and their most interesting experiences on the job. Interviews can be posted on community social media pages so all residents can get to know the unsung heroes in their communities.

Communities can work together on a variety of collective efforts aimed at recognizing the extraordinary efforts made by local nurses every day.

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