

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Event provides help for Veterans**

Resources and assistance will be available to veterans at the Glendale Stand Up for Veterans Event 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sept. 23 at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave.

Stand Up for Veterans is a community-based effort that provides veterans access to employment, education and community resources.

Representatives from support agencies, businesses and nonprofit groups come together to serve veterans.

Services and programs available for veterans at the event will include free legal advice, Motor Vehicle Division services, free lunches and haircuts, an opportunity to apply for health care, apply for jobs and receive professional assistance with building a resume.

**New option for heart patients**

New treatment for aortic stenosis available at Abrazo Arrowhead Campus, will be discussed at 6 p.m. Sept. 26 at a support group meeting for heart patients and their families.

Dr. Nishant Gupta, an interventional and structural cardiologist, will talk about the relatively new and much less invasive way to receive a new heart valve. The procedure is called Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement, or TAVR.

The talk will take place at the newly formed Mended Hearts support group, which is open to the public and will be in the Physician's Plaza Building in the Sierra Room on the third floor, 18699 N. 67th Ave.

Mended Hearts is a national, non-profit organization that provides peer-to-peer heart patient support. The organization has formed a new chapter that meets at Abrazo Arrowhead Campus.

For information, call Alice Gonzales-Clark at 623-362-3374.

**Thermal cameras detect two wrong-way drivers**

Thermal cameras now being tested for detecting wrong-way vehicles on freeway off-ramps in the Phoenix area successfully alerted

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# Community

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## ROBOT

## Abrazo offers hands-on display of robotic surgery

Public given the opportunity to test-drive the da Vinci Xi surgical system

By Bette Sharpe  
GLENDALE DAILY PLANET

Children and adults could take the controls of the da Vinci Xi surgical system Sept. 13 and 14 at the Abrazo Arrowhead Campus, 18701 N. 67th Ave.

The Abrazo Arrowhead Campus acquired the da Vinci Xi, which uses remotely controlled robotic arms to perform surgery on patients, Aug. 21. It's first surgery was Aug. 28, according to Lori Baker, regional communications specialist for Abrazo. The Abrazo Arrowhead Campus has used earlier generations of da Vinci robotic surgical technology since 2013. The da Vinci Xi is designed to offer patients minimally invasive procedures and faster recovery from a variety of surgeries.



Dr. Jordan Glenn, back left, monitors as his children "operate" with the da Vinci Xi. Lola, 8, front left, inserts her finger under the device's camera in order to see it on the monitor in the upper right corner. Davidge, 7, center, and Remi, 5, right, look on as Lillian, 10, not pictured, operates the device's "hands" from the console. [Bette Sharpe/Glendale Daily Planet]

During the mock surgeries, which took place in the hospital lobby, student surgeons sat at the console and manipulated the "hands" to pick up test items in the dry box. In the real operating room when the da Vinci Xi is used, the surgeon controls the hands from a console in the operating room to perform surgery on the patient, who would be on a Trumpf medical table, which works with the Xi to provide greater efficiency.

The new technology provides advanced robotic technology including high-definition, 3-D visualization, according to a release from Abrazo. It also may allow for enhanced dexterity and greater precision and control for the surgeon. For example, the endoscope can be

used on any of the four arms and the Xi can be docked at different angles providing easier access to the patient and more flexibility for surgeons.

"The da Vinci Xi Surgical System provides surgeons with an alternative to both traditional open surgery and conventional laparoscopy, putting a surgeon's hands at the controls of an advanced robotic platform," said Frank Molinaro, Abrazo Community Health Network's Market CEO in Abrazo's news release. "The use of robotic-assisted surgeries continues to grow at a rapid pace, and Abrazo Arrowhead Campus is at the forefront of that growth. We are pleased to offer the da Vinci

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## RECONSTRUCTION

## Alley revitalization project underway downtown

By Ed Sharpe  
GLENDALE DAILY PLANET

A community enhancement project will reconstruct the existing alley connecting Glendale Avenue and Glenn Drive between 57th Drive and 57th Avenue to create a more accessible and pedestrian-friendly environment for Downtown Glendale visitors.

Construction began late August, and the project is slated for completion in January.

Work hours will be 6 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some evening or weekend work may be required to accommodate nearby businesses and neighbors.

"This is just another example of the city's investment in revitalizing Downtown Glendale and activating a city center that encourages commercial opportuni-



Fencing has been installed around the alley construction work area. The alley runs north and south, connecting Glenn Drive with Glendale Avenue between 57th Drive and 57th Avenue. During construction, there will be no public or business access to the alley to keep people safe and the project undisturbed. [Ed Sharpe/Glendale Daily Planet]

ties and private investment," said Jessi Pederson, economic development officer for the city's Office of Economic Development. "We look forward to additional enhancements as we work to brand downtown as a vibrant destination and the place to be."

Improvements will include the removal of exist-

ing asphalt pavement and the installation of landscaping, decorative brick pavers, ornamental screen walls, new street lighting, pedestrian seating and drainage improvements. This project is funded by the City of Glendale and the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality.



The alley under construction runs north and south, connecting Glenn Drive with Glendale Avenue between 57th Drive and 57th Avenue. [Courtesy of the city of Glendale]

Glendale Solid Waste Collection Services is arranging for alternate trash pickup locations with businesses impacted by the alley closure.

The project contractor is K.A.Z. Construction and the project administrator is the Arizona Department of Transportation.



This alley just to the west of the alley under construction has finished its revitalization process and gives an idea of what the other alley will look like when construction finishes in January. The pictured alley runs north and south, connecting Glenn Drive and Glendale Avenue between 58th Avenue and 57th Drive. [Courtesy of the city of Glendale]

For questions about the project, call the construction hotline: 602-264-6416.



# Election

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cial outlook has improved, all three councilmembers agreed that the council can focus on things it was not able to before.

“(We’re now able to) work on doing some of the things that we really should have been doing for our citizens all along,” Ms. Tolmachoff said. “The city just wasn’t financially able to take care of some of the stuff.”

Among the improvements the councilmembers spoke of were improving roads, parks and landscaping, extending library hours, getting the reserve fund to the \$50 million goal and conducting maintenance on certain city buildings. They mentioned progress toward a few of those goals, that the council is has a pavement management plan, has a capital improvement plan in place and is on track to reach the reserve fund goal in a few years.

Ms. Tolmachoff added that she felt the hard part of council’s job is over, that the city’s future looks bright and that a possible second term brings with it a lot of possibility.

“I think that a lot of the heavy lifting we had to do when I first got elected, we’ve done,” she said. “We’ve got a good city manager in place. We’ve got a good council. We’ve just got a lot of positive things happening, but we’ve still got a lot of work to do to keep moving the city forward.”

Ms. Tolmachoff said that she did not plan on announcing her re-election when she went into the Lunch Mob event in her district July 28. She had already decided she would run again and mentioned those plans to Vice Mayor Ian Hugh. Mr. Hugh spoke before Ms. Tolmachoff at the event and called her up, asking her to commit to running again and to make it official, Ms. Tolmachoff said.

“I was happy to do it; it was just kind of impromptu,” Ms. Tolmachoff said.

Mr. Hugh and Councilwoman Joyce Clark were re-elected in 2016 and Councilman Ray Malnar was elected for the first time in 2016. They will come up for re-election in 2020, should they decide to run again. Mayor Jerry Weiers was also re-elected in 2016, but serves a six-year term. His re-election opportunity will come in 2022.

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## Robot lends surgeons a hand

Davidge Glenn, 7, watches the da Vinci Xi perform mock surgery Sept. 13 at the Abrazo Arrowhead Campus, 18701 N. 67th Ave. Children and adults had the chance to take the controls of the da Vinci Xi Sept. 13 and 14. The device allows surgeons to operate remotely with robotic arms. Davidge is the son of Dr. Jordan Glenn, one of Abrazo’s surgeons specially trained to use the da Vinci Xi. [Bette Sharpe/Glendale Daily Planet]

## Robot

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Xi Surgical System as part of our continued efforts to offer significant surgical advancements to our patients.”

Surgeons with robotic privileges at Abrazo Arrowhead Campus can perform a wide range of robotically assisted procedures includ-

ing prostatectomy, kidney and bladder surgery and gynecological procedures such as removal of ovarian tumors and other cancers and pelvic prolapse surgery, Molinaro said.

Benefits of using the da Vinci Xi include a better clinical outcomes, significantly less pain, reduced risk of infection, less scarring and blood loss and a

shorter recovery time and a faster return to every day activities.

Surgeons using the da Vinci Xi also have more flexibility and a more ergonomic working environment that means less operator fatigue and discomfort.



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