

# What's Happening in... April

When	What	Where	Cost
1 9a-5p	<a href="#">Arboretum's Opening Day</a> - Guided tour of the gardens at 11am & 1 pm, view live and mounted arthropod specimens at the "Bugs at Work" exhibit featuring butterflies, spiders, scorpions and others, learn about native and exotic raptors at the live birds of prey program at 12 and 2 pm	Arboretum at Flagstaff <a href="http://www.thearb.org">www.thearb.org</a>	Free
2 6p-10p	<a href="#">Artlink First Fridays</a> - Phoenix Self-guided art tour of central Phoenix, galleries, art spaces, studios, first Friday of each month, free shuttle rides. 602-256-7539	Phoenix Art Museum <a href="http://www.artlinkphoenix.com">www.artlinkphoenix.com</a>	Free
3 8a-12p	<a href="#">Dolly Sanchez Memorial Easter Egg Hunts</a> - Candy hunts, carnival games, rides, visits with the Easter Bunny. Admission and parking are free when you bring a canned food donation.	Peoria Sports Complex <a href="http://peoriaaz.gov/specialevents">peoriaaz.gov/specialevents</a>	Free
3 10a-3p	<a href="#">Annual Children's Day &amp; Kite Festival</a> - Kite making and kite flying are primary activities of the day, but a stage of entertainment, Japanese food, and other cultural activities for children and families are also featured, Valley of the Sun Koi Club	Japanese Friendship Garden <a href="http://japanesefriendshipgarden.org">japanesefriendshipgarden.org</a>	\$5
7-11 Various Times	<a href="#">Fiesta Days Rodeo &amp; Parade</a> - Four days of good ol' Western fun in the sun and dancing the night away! Includes golf tournament, mutton bustin', rodeo dances, PRCA, rodeo parade and 3 rodeo performances.	Cave Creek Memorial Arena <a href="http://www.cavecreekrodeo.com">www.cavecreekrodeo.com</a>	Varies
10 10a	<a href="#">Arizona Barbecue Festival</a> - 50+ BBQ teams from world champions to first-timers compete for \$20,000 in prize money, live music, on-site farmer's market, cooking demos by celebrity chefs, Texas Hold-Em, beauty pageant, expo of green exhibitors, a Kid's Zone, and a BBQ expo	Scottsdale Waterfront 7025 E. Via Soleri <a href="http://www.azBBQfestival.com">www.azBBQfestival.com</a>	\$10
9-11 Various Times	<a href="#">2010 Tombstone Old West Founders Days</a> - featuring the Rose Tree Festival. Celebrating the 124th blooming of the world's largest rose tree with a rose parade, Taste of Tombstone, mining displays and contests, stick pony races, concerts, variety show at 1881 Scheffelin Hall	Tombstone <a href="http://tombstonechamber.com">tombstonechamber.com</a>	Free
10 8a-12p	<a href="#">Pioneer Day Parade</a> - Pancake breakfast, 5K run, family walk, wheel chair races, family bike ride, parade, entertainment, farmer's market, food, historical tours, games, 623-773-7198	83rd Avenue and Peoria <a href="http://peoriaaz.gov/specialevents">peoriaaz.gov/specialevents</a>	Free
10-11 10a-6p	<a href="#">16th Annual Arizona Asian Festival</a> - Ethnic cuisine, arts & crafts, entertainment, martial arts demonstrations, cultural dances & music from nearly a dozen Asian countries, include Japanese Taiko drums and a fashion show with traditional Asian costumes, Children's Wonderland.	Heritage Square Park 115 N. 6th St <a href="http://aaaa-az.org">aaaa-az.org</a>	Free
14-17	<a href="#">2010 Country Thunder USA</a> - This year's huge lineup - Keith Urban, Kid Rock, Miranda Lambert, Willie Nelson, Gary Allan, Neal McCoy and tons more at this year's huge event.	Florence <a href="http://www.countrythunder.com">www.countrythunder.com</a>	\$25 - \$119
14-18 10a-10p	<a href="#">35th Annual Maricopa County Fair</a> - An annual occasion to celebrate & pursue the traditional values of educational opportunity, agricultural prosperity & love of family, midway, commercial exhibits, hobbies, agriculture & youth exhibits, motorized events, horse show, chalk art	AZ State Fairgrounds <a href="http://maricopacountyfair.org">maricopacountyfair.org</a>	\$8
17-18 Various Times	<a href="#">11th Annual Rotary River Rally</a> - Featuring the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta with teams up to 8 people paddling a 200-yard course in home-made boats of cardboard, teams compete for best dressed, most spirited, best design, most sought-after, and the Titanic award.	Tempe Town Lake <a href="http://rotaryriverrally.com">rotaryriverrally.com</a>	Free
17-18 starts at 12p	<a href="#">Glendale's Gibson Jazz and Blues Festival</a> - Live jazz & blues music fill the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale. Enjoy the great weather outdoors with a variety of vendors including craft, food and much more.	Historic Downtown Glendale 58th Ave & Glendale <a href="http://www.visitglendale.com">www.visitglendale.com</a>	Free
17-18 12p	<a href="#">Great Arizona Picnic</a> - Food sampling from 50+ of the finest restaurants in the Valley, continuous musical entertainment & Sat "Concert Under the Stars"	Scottsdale Civic Center <a href="http://scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org">scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org</a>	\$10
22-2 Various Times	<a href="#">One Mo' Time</a> - Spirited musical revue brings back the great era of Black vaudeville by recreating a night at the great Lyric Theatre in New Orleans, also a tribute to the dances and dancers of the time	Phoenix Theratre <a href="http://blacktheatretroupe.org">blacktheatretroupe.org</a>	\$30
23-25 Various Times	<a href="#">7th Annual McDowell Mountain Music Festival</a> - Eclectic music festival promoting a community gathering & a charity benefit amidst RV & tent camping, a host of great acts with several Grammy winners among them, food, Kid's Zone, marketplace, silent auction.	Mayo Blvd. & 68th St <a href="http://www.mmmf.net">www.mmmf.net</a>	\$25- \$100
24 10a-6p	<a href="#">26th Annual My Nana's Salsa Challenge</a> - Statewide culinary festival showcasing the prominence and popularity of our #1 condiment in the United States: salsa!	Tempe Beach Park <a href="http://www.salsachallenge.com">www.salsachallenge.com</a>	\$8/online \$10/gate
24-25 8a-5p	<a href="#">Napa Auto Parts MonsterTruck Nationals</a> - Drag racing, 200 mile per hour jet cars, off road racing, unique midway, show & shine, Kids Zone, plus high flying, Car Crushin' Monster Trucks like Bounty Hunter, Avenger, Bigfoot and more.....	Firebird Raceway <a href="http://www.firebirdraceway.com">www.firebirdraceway.com</a>	\$25-\$45
30-2 10a-5p	<a href="#">Arizona Game &amp; Fish Department Outdoor Expo</a> - 1100 exhibits, includes the Green Showcase with green products and services, Uniquely Green Landscapes, 7th annual Student Interior Design competition, furniture expo, Flower Market and design, how-to seminars, international wine tasting, gardening seminars, and specialty products marketplace	AZ State Fairgrounds <a href="http://MaricopaCountyHomeShows.com">MaricopaCountyHomeShows.com</a>	\$5


**Website of the Month: SimpleHelp.net** The main purpose of Simplehelp.net is to help beginner-to-intermediate computer users learn how to do various things with their computers. They teach a wide variety of topics to all levels, such as troubleshooting email, preventing spam and removing spyware. Each of the tutorials gives step-by-step instructions that help answer frequently asked questions using easily-understood graphics and language. A picture can be worth a thousand words, especially for a beginner, and the graphics are optimized to load as quickly as possible.

# What's Happening in... Real Estate

**Real Estate Market Update for April** – This is the last month for the TAX CREDIT! The tax credit expires on April 30, 2010. It's \$8,000 for first time home buyers and \$6,500 for repeat buyers. Spread the word and don't miss this incredible opportunity! There is some great inventory to choose from and you have until June 30, 2010 to close escrow! There are many loan programs available and with FHA financing you only need 3.5% down.

Here is a great website where you can learn more about the tax credit: [www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com](http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com)

We're always available to answer your real estate questions.

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*Things to do around Arizona in the Month of April*



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