



Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

January 18, 2013



On Tuesday, January 15, Mayor Jerry P. Weiers and Councilmembers Ian Hugh, Cactus District; Gary D. Sherwood, Sahuaro District and Samuel U. Chavira, Yucca District were sworn in at the City of Glendale Installation Ceremony. View the ceremony online at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/video/index.cfm>

Pictured (l-r) are: Councilmember Manuel D. Martinez, Councilmember Yvonne J. Knaack, Councilmember Gary D. Sherwood, Mayor Jerry P. Weiers, Councilmember Ian Hugh and Councilmember Samuel U. Chavira. Not pictured, Councilmember Norma Alvarez.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No same-day Dial-a-Ride service will be available on Monday. Valley Metro buses will operate on a holiday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed. In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreations and Aquatics Center will remain open on the MLK holiday, however, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-4600.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

Understanding Your Monthly Sewer Charges. Each year in May, your sewer charge is adjusted based on your actual water usage billed for the winter months of January, February and March. Although each customer has a water meter to determine water consumption, there is no meter to measure how many gallons each customer sends into the sewer system.

It is estimated that 90 percent of the water being used in a single family house during these winter months is being used inside and goes down the drain into the sewer system. The remaining 10 percent is used for watering landscaping. In units other than single-family homes, it's estimated that 95 percent of the water used goes down the drain.

Your current year monthly sewer bill amount may vary from the prior year amount due to differences in your winter water usage and any rate changes.

An appeal can be made on the basis that a higher than normal amount of water was used outdoors from January to March or that there was a leak. Appeals are accepted for a period of 60 days after the May billing.

New residents or customers who did not have a full three months winter water usage have been assigned usage based on the average of all customers with a similar type of property.

If you wish to appeal or have other questions, please call the Customer Service Office at 623-930-3190.

Fire Department Warns Residents to Take Precautions against the Influenza Virus. The 2012-2013 Influenza (flu) season is well underway. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is reporting a sharp increase in the number of cases. In Arizona, flu activity started early this season and has been increasing over the past few weeks. The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) categorized activity as “Widespread” last week, when an estimated 1,000 cases were reported by laboratories. The Central Region, particularly the East Valley, is experiencing some issues with hospitals exceeding capacity—likely due to influenza-like illness.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness spread mainly by droplets made when people cough, sneeze or talk. It can cause mild to severe illness, and can sometimes even lead to death. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. This season, the circulating flu type is more severe than in the past. The good news is that the circulating strains are well matched to the strains in the 2012-2103 flu vaccine, so if you got this year’s flu immunization you should stay well.

Below is a list of ever-valuable tips from the Glendale Fire Department to help you, and those around you, stay healthy:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)
- Get the flu vaccine.
 - The CDC recommends a yearly seasonal flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against seasonal flu.
 - Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk of serious flu complications, including young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older.
 - Seasonal flu vaccine also is important for health care workers, first responders and other people who live with or care for high risk people to prevent giving the flu to those at high risk.

Detailed Flu information and handouts can be found at the following websites:

- Maricopa County Flu information: <http://www.maricopa.gov/publichealth/>
- Arizona State Flu information: at www.stophespreadaz.org
- CDC Flu information: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>

Around Town

17th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering. Join us from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 19 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. for the 17th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering. This free event has everything including live music performances on two stages throughout the day, song critique sessions and workshops and lectures on crafting songs, getting songs into film and television, music technology and more. Food and drink will be available for purchase. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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Live at the Library: Starry Messenger – The Life of Galileo. Enjoy the entertainment of Hannes Kvaran presenting “Starry Messenger,” a one-man musical based on the life of Galileo, the famous Italian scientist. Hannes lives in Glendale and teaches economics at Glendale Community College. “Starry messenger” will be presented on Thursday, January 24 at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Local Romance Authors at the Library. With Valentine’s Day and Glendale’s Chocolate Affaire approaching, it’s a good time to pick up a romance novel. Show support for local authors as they discuss and sign their small-press and self-published romance novels at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Authors will have approximately five minutes each to promote their book with a group signing afterward.

The program is free, but books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, call 623-930-3439.

Acoustic Jam. Join us for the Acoustic Jam from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style. The public is also invited to enjoy the music. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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