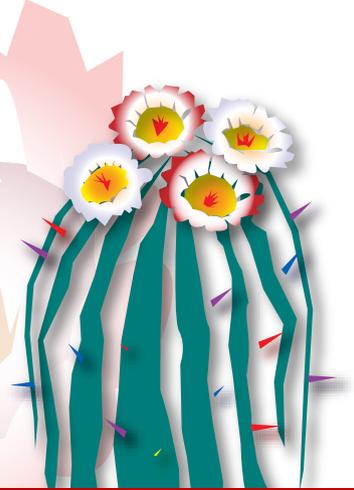




Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Bart Turner - Glendale, Arizona

March 20, 2015

Glendale City Council Decides Against Sale and Relocation of Foothills Library. On Tuesday, March 17, the Glendale City Council decided to NOT proceed with exploring the sale of Foothills Library to Midwestern University.

The Council made its decision after reviewing recommendations from the Library Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and Arts Commission following each group's public meeting on the proposed sale and relocation. All three groups had unanimous recommendations against the proposal.

In his remarks to the City Council during the workshop meeting, Councilmember Turner acknowledged that while the residents of north Glendale are understandably excited to keep the Foothills Branch Library, citizens living in the portion of Glendale that is south and west of Grand Avenue have no local library at all.

To help resolve this inequity, and more importantly, to provide for all of our residents the opportunities of nurturing imaginations young and old and promoting the lifelong learning that public libraries provide, Councilmember Turner requested staff research the feasibility of incorporating the library concepts proposed for the Foothills Recreation and Activity Center into our Media Center building at Westgate instead.

As you will recall, the proposed FRAC library was to include not only the most highly requested books, videos, and music recordings, but also a vast array of digital library resources available via computers and tablets. In addition, the proposal called for a 3-D printer, professional quality video cameras, and a green screen -- and classes to teach our residents how to use all this technology! Such technologies, and the training classes to go with them, are needed to assist students, entrepreneurs and business professionals to compete in today's market, and for all of us to better understand and interact with the quick changing world around us.

Once city staff has compiled information regarding this new proposal, they will present their findings to the city council in a public workshop session. City Council meetings can be viewed on cable channel 11, or from the city website: www.GlendaleAz.com



Councilmember Turner Participates In Meeting With Senator McCain. During a recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the annual National League of Cities (NLC) Conference, Councilmember Turner participated in a meeting of the NLC Military Communities Council with Arizona Senator John McCain, who is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, to discuss issues of importance to communities across the nation such as Glendale that are home to military installations.

Councilmember Turner also had one-on-one meetings with several members Arizona's Congressional delegation including Senator Jeff Flake and Representatives Matt Salmon, David Schwiekert, and Paul Gosar, and with key staff members for Representatives Kyrsten Sinema and Raúl Grijalva. In these meetings, Councilmember Turner discussed the needs and concerns of Glendale residents, while also pointing out the upward trend in Glendale's economic growth and fiscal stability.



Calling All Green Thumbs for Spring Planting Fun. Spring has sprung and it's time to grab your gardening guides, tools, and gloves. Learn how to create a vibrant, desert-friendly landscape at the Glendale Garden Gathering on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library and adjacent Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at 5959 W. Brown St.

This free, family event will include information booths, hands-on activities for kids, and landscape classes for adults. Exhibitors

from the Maricopa County Master Gardener program, Valley Permaculture Alliance, and Southwest Monarch Study will be on-hand to answer questions, share tips, and provide resources. Two free classes on desert landscaping will be offered in the Main Library's auditorium:

- **10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Gardeners Gone Wild!** Hear from two valley homeowners about how they developed their own xeriscape landscapes to attract pollinators, including birds, butterflies, and beneficial bugs. They did it, so can you!
- **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Create a Beautiful Yard with Native Plants.** Learn about how to create an attractive, colorful, and water-smart landscape with native plants.

Class attendees will receive a free, low-water-use plant after attending a class at the Garden Gathering. Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register for one or both classes by calling 623-930-3760 or emailing <mailto:wsimonson@glendaleaz.com>.

The Glendale Garden Gathering is coordinated by the City of Glendale Water Services Department –Conservation and Sustainable Living Division and funded by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund. For more information, please call 623-930-3550 or [click here](#).

Funding Available for Performing Arts Projects. To motivate, increase and support the performing arts in Glendale, the city's Public Art Program is offering up to \$4,000 per project in support funding for theater, dance, music and interdisciplinary performing arts activities and performances to be held in the city of Glendale.

The program is designed to offer aid for projects open and free to the Glendale community and may be used to support items such as artist fees, project-related expenses for producing performances and workshops and project-related expenses for cultural exchanges that result in performances. All activities must take place within the city limits of Glendale.

Applicants must be located in or co-sponsor with an organization, school or government agency domiciled within the city limits of Glendale. Applicant must be a 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit organization. Applicants without this status may apply through a 501(c)3 organization, school, or government agency. Examples of co-sponsoring organizations: City of Glendale Office of Special Events, Parks & Recreation, Public Libraries or any school or college located within the city limits of Glendale. The application deadline is 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2015. For the complete guidelines and a copy of the application, [click here](#). For more information, call 623-930-3557 or email <mailto:Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com>.

First of Several Public Workshops Set For Glendale General Plan. Glendale residents are invited to offer input at the first of three public workshops on the Glendale 2040 General Plan. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center located at 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

Every city and county in Arizona is required by state law to prepare and maintain a planning document called a general plan. A general plan is designed to serve as the jurisdiction's "constitution" or "blueprint," and is the document that is used by the City Council and Planning Commission to guide future land use, public service, and resource decisions.

As part of its Envision Glendale 2040 project, Glendale's General Plan update will cover the topics that are covered in the current General Plan (such as land use, growth areas, and circulation), as well as add some new topics required by Arizona law and local needs (such as energy and neighborhood preservation).

The March 25 workshop is the first of three public meetings. Dates for the other two meetings will be announced in the coming months.

For more information, please visit [Envision Glendale 2040](#) or contact Jon Froke, Glendale Planning Director at 623-930-2585 or by email at <mailto:jfroke@glendaleaz.com>.

New City YouTube Video Highlighting New trees for Glendale's Sahuaro Ranch Park from the NFL. During the Super Bowl festivities, the NFL donated almost 50 fruit trees to Glendale's Sahuaro Ranch Park as part of a Super Bowl 49 environmental program. During the celebration, Councilmember Bart Turner joined city residents who assisted with the planting of the trees, picked ripe fruit from existing trees, and pledge to do little acts each day to help the environment. [Click here to view the video](#).



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