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Cactus District Weekly Update

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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

[Cactus District Website](#)

City Announcements

Our Thanks To Mr. Dick Bowers

On behalf of the City I would like thank Dick Bowers for his leadership as Interim City Manager for the past year. Together we were able to accomplish many positive issues that will benefit the city for years to come.



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Cactus District Amenities



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Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

7637 N. 55th Ave.
 Located south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Watch a video on the park [here](#).



Short, Important Survey for Glendale Transportation Plan

The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, and wants YOUR input! The Plan will define how the City's transportation system will improve and change over the next 25 years, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made-to ensure that Glendale continues to provide and plan for its residents, businesses, and visitors' transportation needs.

Please visit www.glendaleaztmp.com and click on "Survey" along the Navigation Bar at the top of the home page to complete a short survey about Goals, Objectives, and Priorities related to transportation in Glendale.

The transportation system is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, entertainment and recreational opportunities, and more! The Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040 will address all modes-vehicular, non motorized, transit, and aviation. The more that residents, businesses, community and professional organizations, and other entities that use the transportation system in Glendale are involved in the development of the

Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040, the better the Plan will be.

Please feel free to share the link-and Thank You for your input!!

Planning Commission Set To Consider The Loop 101 Scenic Corridor.

The City of Glendale Planning Commission is set to consider a proposal to place a Scenic Corridor on portions of the Loop 101 west of 51st Avenue and north of Bell Road in the Arrowhead Ranch area.

The Planning Commission public hearing has been scheduled for **Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

Last year the Planning Commission initiated a General Plan Amendment and a Zoning Text Amendment. If approved by the City Council, the Scenic Corridor would protect view corridors of the portion of the Loop 101 through Arrowhead Ranch and vicinity and would prohibit off-premise signs (billboard signs and digital billboard signs).

Anyone wishing to learn more or to provide input should contact Glendale Planning Director Jon Froke at (623) 930-2585 or jfroke@glendaleaz.com.

February 2016 Events and Activity Listings

The following featured events are offered from Glendale's Parks and Recreation and Library divisions in February 2016. The programs are free unless otherwise indicated. To see many more events and activities, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation and www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Brown Bag Booktalk

Bring your lunch; we'll bring the coffee and some fresh-brewed book recommendations. 1:15 p.m., **Thursday, February 4, 2016** at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Feel free to bring a book to share with the group. For more information, call 623-930-3430.

Pet CPR and First Aid Training

Discuss the immediate care and temporary assistance that can be given to an injured or suddenly ill pet until competent veterinary care is



Rose Lane Park

51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue

Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

Rose Lane Park includes:

- Lighted ball field
- Lighted basketball court
- Two lighted volleyball courts
- Four lighted racquetball courts
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Grills
- Restrooms
- [Reservable ramadas](#)
- [Aquatic center](#)
- [Recreation center](#)



Rose Lane Recreation Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave.
623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours:
Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The Rose Lane
Recreation Center

available. Properly applied first aid can save your pet's life, reduce recovery time and be the difference between temporary and lifelong disability. In addition to basic emergency care, CPR and emergency choking, learn about the common illnesses and other problems that your pet may experience. Each participant will receive a student handbook and certificate of completion. This program is endorsed by the ASPCA. The class will run from 9 to 11 a.m., **Saturday, February 6, 2016** at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. The class is \$42 (non-resident \$50) and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Alzheimer's Care Partners Conference

The Alzheimer's Association will present lectures and discussions on topics related to caring for an Alzheimer's patient. Join others from 1 to 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016** at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Space is limited. For information or to register, call 602-528-0545.

Annual Winter Antique Tractor Show

Enjoy tractor pulls, displays and more! 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, February 13, 2016** and **Sunday, February 14, 2016** at Sahuaro Ranch Park - Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Admission is \$5, but ages 12 and under are free. Presented by Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association and operated in conjunction with the Glendale Historical Society, a separate, non-profit organization. Call 623-930-4201 for more information.

10th Annual Glendale Serve Day

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (times will vary based on project), **Saturday, Feb. 20**, various locations
Several hundred volunteers from various organizations, schools, and non-profits will again complete several community projects throughout Glendale. Projects include but are not limited to: gleaning fruit, a nature trail clean up, refurbishing downtown benches, neighborhood beautification and much more. Participating is an opportunity to give back to the community and help those in need. For the city, Serve Day is an opportunity to address projects that would not be possible without volunteer support. Please consider participating in Glendale's Serve Day! To register, please contact Michelle Yates at 623-930-2663 or myates@glendaleaz.com.

Citizenship & ESL Classes

features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. [More Information.](#)



Rose Lane Aquatics Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave. *
623-930-7905
(east of 51st Ave., north of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is only open to the public during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office. This facility is only staffed when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

At the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

[View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics Center here!](#)

Citizenship

5 p.m., Mondays, **February 1, 8, 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21, 28**

Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this 10-week class will teach you the fundamentals of United States politics, government, and history included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. For more information and to register, please contact Violetta Lopez at Violetta.Lopez@Rescue.org or 602-433-2440, ext. 191.

ESL

4 p.m., Wednesdays, **February 3, 10, 17, 24**

Free English language learning for adults. Using volunteers, the program provides a friendly and helpful environment for people who are just learning English, as well as native English speakers who need to improve their skills. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3430 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Glendale Has A Cure For Chocoholics & Hopeless Romantics With Annual Chocolate Affaire February 5-7.

Glendale will soon host the sweetest event in town. The 21st Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire will be a chocoholic's dream, with chocolate and so much more in Historic Downtown Glendale for three days, **Feb. 5-7**. The Chocolate Affaire is presented by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta Candy Company. The candy factory will offer tours during event hours and visitors can expect to see some special, giant-sized chocolate creations at the factory.

Event hours are **Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.** The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues. Admission to the festival is free! Preferred parking is available for \$10 in one of two downtown parking garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

For more information on Glendale's festivals, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events or call our special events hotline at 623-930-2299.

Call To Artists! Artists Are Invited To Paint "Open Air" Style At The 2016 Glendale Plein Air Painting

Artists are invited to paint outdoor scenes throughout Glendale, including the historic downtown area, which will be filled with all kinds of chocolate, people and entertainment on **Saturday, Feb. 6**, during the Plein Air Painting Competition held during the Glendale Chocolate Affaire.

Plein Air (open air) paintings are created outdoors and typically illustrate real-life scenes, as opposed to being painted from photographs in an artist's studio. The guidelines require that both painter and subject must be outdoors, photographs may not be used and the painting mediums should be oil, watercolor, acrylic or pastels.

Artists must be at least 18 years old to participate, bring their own materials and easels and register with competition officials prior to any work being done. Registration is free and will take place the day of the event between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the Promenade on Paltaire located at 5835 W. Paltaire Avenue in historic downtown Glendale.

Starting at 3:30 p.m., the artists will line up along the Promenade on Paltaire to display their paintings and judging will take place at 4:00 p.m. Winning artists will receive Purchase Awards and the paintings will become part of the city's permanent art collection.

Purchase Award categories:

- Council Choice, \$1,000 award
- Best of Show, \$1,000 award
- Second Place, \$500 award
- Third Place, \$250 award

This event is presented by the city of Glendale Public Art Program in conjunction with the Office of Special Events and the annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire, held **Feb. 5-7, 2016**. [Click here](#) for more information about Glendale Plein Air Painting Competition rules and requirements, or contact Mojgan Vahabzedah, Glendale Public Arts Program Manager, at 623-930-3557 or email her at Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com.

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