



# Cactus Weekly Update



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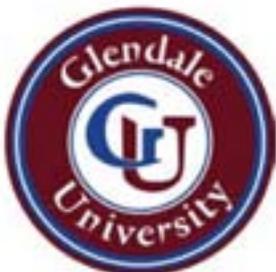
**Changes to Voluntary Donation to Glendale's "From the Heart" Program.** The Glendale City Council recently made a change to residents' options for voluntary donations to the city's "From the Heart" program. Formerly \$1, the voluntary donation requested is now \$2, and can be added to a monthly bill if a resident chooses. The increase will be implemented in billing cycles beginning Feb. 19.

This program, which began in 1997, was designed to directly address the needs of Glendale residents with the focus of promoting the positive development of youth, strengthening families, and assisting citizens of all ages with day-to-day necessities.

In 2013, the program distributed \$144,490 to several agencies through a grant application and selection process. In addition to funds donated by Glendale water customers, the Gila River Indian Community donated \$75,000 to the program, a matching partnership now in its fourth year. The following organizations were awarded funding through "From the Heart" grant process in 2013, with criteria that each organization provides services to Glendale residents:

- Alzheimer's Association – Desert Southwest Chapter
- Back-to-School Clothing Drive Association
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix (Glendale location)
- Central Arizona Shelter Services
- Duet – Partners in Health & Aging
- First United Methodist Church of Glendale
- Gabriel's Angels
- Hospice of the Valley
- Jewish Family and Children's Services
- A New Leaf
- Phoenix Gospel Mission
- St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance
- Salvation Army Glendale Corps
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Solecito Services
- Teen Lifeline
- YWCA of Maricopa County

For more information, [click here](#).



**Behind-The-Scenes Peek at City Government Offered In Glendale University Classes.** Glendale University 101, a free 10-session program sponsored by Cox Communications, offering a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works. GU 101 is now accepting applications through Friday, February 28 to attend classes that begin Monday, March 17.

Glendale residents and those who own businesses in the city can sign up for Glendale University 101 (GU) to learn more about city government directly from the Mayor, Councilmembers, city manager, and city staff. In the 18 years since the program was started, more than 900 people have attended Glendale University.

The program's continued popularity is credited to the one-on-one interactions among attendees and the core curriculum that focuses on everything from the city courts to utilities. GU 101 classes are held from 6 to 9

p.m. on Mondays, March 17 through May 19. The series kicks off with a night of getting to know your Mayor and Councilmembers. Subsequent sessions cover the inner workings of a variety of city services including: public safety, city court, public works, community services, finance, budget and much more. The classes are limited in size to encourage interaction between attendees and the elected officials and city staff who teach each unit.

To participate in Glendale University, you must be 16 or older, a resident of Glendale or own a business in Glendale. Attendees who complete eight of the ten GU 101 classes and attend a City Council meeting will be honored on the final night, May 19, at the graduation ceremony.

The deadline to register for Glendale University 101 is Friday, February 28. [Click here](#) to register online, or call the Neighborhood and Human Services department for an application at 623-930-2868.

# Around Town

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**Council Meetings and Workshops.** To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

**Song and Music Will Fill the Air During Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering at Library.** The Glendale Main Library will become a powerhouse of song and music during the 18th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering event from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25.

The gathering is free and offers live musical performances on two stages throughout the day. Songwriters perform in front of audiences and their peers, gaining an opportunity to showcase their talents and entertain. Songwriters will also have the opportunity to receive song critiques and experience lectures and workshops from some of the best names in the songwriting business.

The free workshops and lectures are designed for songwriters and others interested in the business and include topics such as crafting songs, getting songs into film and television, music technology and using social media to market music.

People come from across the country to attend this annual gathering that began as an event held by Phoenix at Encanto Park. It was moved in 2009 to the Glendale library to continue offering it as a free event.

The Friends of the Library will be holding a 50/50 raffle during the event to raise funds for future library programs along with a silent auction featuring donated items from the Comic Art Guy, Desert Springs Mortgage & Financial Services LLC, Hacker Accounting, Mary Kay – Char Sharp Consultant, Nothing Bundt Cakes and the Tulip Tree. All funds raised from the auction will benefit the library.

In addition, attendees can enjoy the tantalizing food and beverages served by the White Eyes food truck. White Eyes creates hot, fresh fry bread at events across the southwest, with toppings including the Indian taco, red and green chili, beans, powder and cinnamon sugar, honey or chocolate. They also feature beignets and funnel cakes.

For more information, call the library at 623-930-3573 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library). For more information about the Arizona Songwriters Association, visit <http://azsongwriters.com>.

**Arizona Artists Guild's Statewide Juried Art Exhibition Featured in February at Gallery Glendale at Westgate.** Gallery Glendale at Westgate will host the Arizona Artists Guild's fourth annual statewide open juried art exhibition Jan. 31 to March 2.

More than 100 artists submitted 240 art pieces to be juried for this exhibit and compete for cash awards totaling \$1,750. The jurors, Julie Gilbert Pollard, Ted Decker and Fred Tieken, selected 60 pieces from those submitted.

The exhibit hours will be from 6 to 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays with an award ceremony and opening reception on Friday, Jan. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is located in the Westgate Entertainment District at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd.

Founded in 1928, the Arizona Artists Guild is a nonprofit organization led by volunteers dedicated to providing and promoting opportunities in the visual arts including exhibitions, educational and outreach programs. Membership is made up of professional as well as aspiring artists working in a variety of media. For more information about the Arizona Artists Guild, call 602-828-4713 or visit [www.arizonaartistsguild.net](http://www.arizonaartistsguild.net).

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is a free public art gallery made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. For more information on Gallery Glendale, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale](http://www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale).

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