



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Pictured at the St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, (l-r) Councilmember Gary Sherwood, Councilmember Manny Martinez, Mayor Jerry Weiers, Councilmember Ian Hugh and Councilmember Sam Chavira



Myrtle Avenue Preservation Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. (l-r) Congressman Ed Pastor, Councilmember Ian Hugh, Mayor Jerry Weiers, Councilmember Sam Chavira, Councilmember Gary Sherwood, Councilmember Yvonne Knaack, Councilmember Manny Martinez and seated, Councilmember Norma Alvarez. [Click here](#) for information about the project.

St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on January 30th to welcome the new St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center located on 99th Avenue, north of Glendale Avenue and west of the Loop 101. Dignity Health is also the parent company of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Chandler Regional Medical Center, and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center.

The first phase of the new medical center will include a 60,000 square foot hospital on 35 acres with 24 inpatient beds, an emergency room, two operating rooms, a diagnostic services area and an ambulance bay. This \$44 million facility is expected to be open in March 2014 and will initially hire 200 employees.

Also announced at the groundbreaking ceremony will be the construction of a three-story, 60,000 square foot medical office building by Integrated Medical Services (IMS). The new building will house medical offices and additional diagnostic services. Construction is expected to be finished shortly after completion of the hospital in March 2014.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire – Feb 8-10. The 18th annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire is famous for its dozens and dozens of chocolatiers, but did you know that music, the arts and romance are also highlights of this award-winning festival?

While you are enjoying delights like chocolate-covered strawberries, goat milk fudge or chocolate-covered bacon, you can also enjoy fantastic musical performances, plein air artists painting throughout the festival, as well as myriad romance novelists meeting fans, signing books, and offering writing workshops.

Event hours are Friday 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The event will be held in Historic Downtown Glendale's Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information and the entertainment line-up, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events or call the special events hotline at 623-930-2299.



Glendale's Passport to Science. You've heard that Glendale's Got Game, but did you know it's got SCIENCE? From February 8 through March 16, Glendale will be the place to get your science fix – and all for free. Come and see the science of chocolate, butterflies, hockey, healthcare, airplanes and more at Glendale's 2013 Passport to Science! Get ready for an inspiring and fun scientific journey through Glendale for a series of very special events held in support of the annual AZ SciTech Festival. [Click here](#) for more information and a list of events.

Substance Abuse Seminar Offers Strategies to Protect Children. According to DoSomething.org, more than 60 percent of teens said that drugs were sold, used or kept at their school. This can give any parent cause for concern, but on Feb. 8, a seminar titled "notMYkid," will provide parents information to protect their children.

At the notMYkid seminar, parents will receive tips on how to speak with kids about substance abuse, an overview of legal implications of drug use and information on how to maintain trust in the parent/child relationship.

The seminar isn't just a presentation, but an opportunity to create a family plan, learn the most recent information about the most common drugs abused and gain strategies to keep children safe from the growing problem of drug abuse and addiction.

The seminar will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. The price is \$10 per adult; registration is accepted at 623-930-4600 or online at www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation under the "Quick Links" registration link. Child care is provided as part of the registration for ages 2-9, and a pass can be picked up at the front desk of the center before the seminar.

A buffet of finger foods, snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information, call 602-652-0163.

Sahuaro Ranch Park Site of Antique Tractor and Engine Show. A variety of gas engines and tractors from years gone by will be showcased and will perform at the 23rd annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

The show includes engine displays and demonstrations, tractor pulls, crafters, a blacksmith exhibition, children's activities, Sahuaro Ranch historic home tours, hayrides and a pedal tractor raffle. A plowing demonstration will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m., and a tractor parade will be held at 1 p.m. on both days. Attendees may also participate in a silent auction and peruse antique cars on display.

Admission is \$5 per adult with children under age 12 free with a paying adult. This event is presented by the Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association.

For more information on the event, call 623-435-3955 or visit www.aedgeta.org. For more information about Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area visit www.glendaleaz.com/SRPHA.

Around Town

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

Glendale Woman's Club Fashion Show and Luncheon. Mark your calendar for this annual fun-filled event. The Glendale Woman's Club Annual Charity Benefit Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 11:30 a.m.– 2 p.m. at the Woman's Club located at 7032 North 56th Avenue. This year's theme is Bodacious Bash at the Beach. Enjoy a delicious lunch, prizes, and raffles. Tickets are \$20. Fashions will be presented by Draper's and Damon's. For more information and group reservations call 623-271-4176.

Downtown Glendale will be Home to 2 Events on March 2. Imagine strolling in the open spring air, taking time to view rare collectibles, and watching paintings coming to life on canvas as you wind your way through the easels of working artists. It may sound like a picturesque day in Paris, but the same treats await in downtown Glendale as the city hosts two events on Saturday, March 2.

Paris in the Spring

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court

This is an opportunity to experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris without making a trip half-way around the world. Bring along your beret and enjoy entertainment, an art show, French Market, shopping and dining all with a Parisian theme! Start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking and event map. INFO: visitglendale.com or 623-930-4500

Open Air Market

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

5734 W. Glendale Avenue, Historic Downtown Glendale

Enjoy a beautiful spring day at an outdoor market in the heart of Glendale's historic shopping district adjacent to A Mad Hatter's Antiques. The market features antiques, collectibles, art, treasures, crafts and food. INFO: 623-930-4500

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