



# Cactus Weekly Update



**Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona**

**February 7, 2014**

**City Of Glendale Announces New Assistant City Managers.** The city of Glendale has appointed two new assistant city managers, both with numerous years of municipality experience and homegrown Glendale roots. Today, City Manager Brenda Fischer announced Jennifer Campbell and Julie Frisoni will join her management team.

Frisoni, Glendale's current interim assistant city manager, has been with the city since August 2002. During her tenure, she has held previous roles including executive communications director and assistant deputy city manager. Previously, she spent 17 years in broadcast news at KPNX-TV (NBC) in Phoenix in leadership roles, including acting news director and managing editor, overseeing a 24-hour news operation covering all regions of Arizona. A nearly lifelong native to Glendale, her bachelor's degree is in communications from Arizona State University and she graduated from Glendale's Apollo High School.

Campbell, the current Community Services Director for the city of Maricopa, has 16 years of local government experience, including management experience for the cities of Peoria and Goodyear. She is a graduate of Leadership West, has a master's of education degree with an emphasis in leadership and public administration from Northern Arizona University and a bachelor's degree in recreation management from Arizona State University. Since 2009, Campbell has been adjunct faculty at Glendale Community College. She is a graduate of Deer Valley High School in Glendale.

Frisoni will oversee Communications, Parks, Recreation and Library Services, Neighborhood and Human Services, Community and Economic Development, Intergovernmental Programs and Mayor and Council Services. As of July 1, under a new reorganization, Frisoni will oversee Communications, Community Services, Intergovernmental Programs (including Mayor and Council Services) and Economic Development.

For the remainder of the fiscal year, Campbell will manage Water Services, Public Works, Transportation and Technology and Innovation. At the beginning of the fiscal year, she will oversee Public Works, Development Services and Water Services.

Frisoni and Campbell officially begin their new assignments on March 3.

**Glendale Family Bike Ride.** One of Glendale's favorite family traditions is back! Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 13 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, located at 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Mountain View Road.



This is a free ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. This year features an extended route showing casing the 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Bridge making the ride 6, 15 or 23 miles. Bicyclist will take a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge.

The first 500 people to pre-register (online or via mail) and participate receive a free 2014 Glendale Family Bike Ride t-shirt. Helmets are required for this ride, and can be purchased at the event for \$10 (cash or check only). On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must be on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the routes. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the routes to assist any riders in need.

Activities, beginning at 7 a.m. will include music by DJ Ron Harkins, blood pressure checks offered by Barrows Neurological Institute and free bike tune ups provided by Southwest Bike. Valley Metro will also be on hand to instruct riders how to properly load a bike onto the bus. In addition, Glendale's Water Services Department will provide water for riders to fill their bottles. Transportation staff is also giving out free bicycle safety items. After the ride, children and families can enjoy inflatables at Sahuaro Ranch Park until 11 a.m.

Bring the whole family for great weather and free entertainment. To pre-register and complete a waiver form, or for more information, [click here](#), or call 623-930-2940.

**The Glendale Fire Department Promotes National Burn Awareness Week and Scalding Injury Prevention.** The Glendale Fire Department is currently promoting National Burn Awareness week, which runs through Feb. 8, 2014, and wants to provide residents with information on scald injury prevention.

Scald injuries occur when hot liquid, hot food or steam damages one or more layers of skin with most burns occurring in the home, usually in the kitchen or bathroom.

Burn injuries affect all ages. Young children and the elderly are the most vulnerable. Over 100,000 children were seen in emergency rooms across the country last year for scalding burn injuries.

Scalds can be prevented through increased awareness of scald hazards and by making simple environmental or behavioral changes. The Glendale Fire Department encourages residents to take these steps to ensure their home is safe and to prevent a scalding injury:

- Set water heater at lowest level. Water temp should never rise above 120°F in residences and 110°F in nursing homes/ day cares.
- Always establish a “kid-safe” zone in the kitchen, keep all children at least 3 feet from any cooking appliance.
- Use the back burners when possible.
- Turn pot/pan handles towards back of stove.
- Avoid using table cloths. Children can use these to pull hot object down on them.
- DO NOT warm baby bottles in the microwave.
- DO NOT hold a child while cooking or carrying a hot beverage.

For more information regarding burn injury prevention, please contact the Glendale Fire Department at 623-930-4400 or visit the American Burn Association’s website at [www.ameriburn.org](http://www.ameriburn.org).

## Around Town

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

**STEM @ The Library: The Science of Zombies.** Teens, indulge both your love of zombies AND science in this hands-on program for ages 12-18, as we explore the world of viruses, germs and zombie hordes on Monday Feb. 10, 6 p.m. at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Registration is required, and is for teens ONLY. To register, stop by the youth reference desk, [click here](#) or call 623-930-3537. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act.

**Local Authors Give Free Talks on Designing Water-Saving Landscapes.** Glendale’s Conservation and Sustainable Living Office is offering two free classes in the “Green Living” series in February to assist homeowners with landscape designs and renovations. Both classes will be held at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., in the auditorium.

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. to noon**

Jo Miller, co-author of *Earth-Friendly Desert Gardening*, will present “*The Nature of Design*” providing practical tips and techniques for designing or renovating your yard to create a beautiful landscape that is both water and energy efficient. This course will provide instruction on how to assess your specific property, as well as how to draw a conceptual map. Ideas and techniques will also be provided for the homeowner with an existing landscape.

**Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Brad Lancaster, author of *Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond*, will present “*Integrated Local Harvests*” offering simple and effective ways to enhance the abundance of your home and community. Lancaster’s goal is to help others by harvesting and enhancing free on-site resources such as water, sun, wind, shade and more.” His books explain what water harvesting is, how to do it appropriately and how to tailor water-harvesting strategies to unique conditions. After the class, Lancaster will be available to sign his books. Lancaster’s presentation is made possible through a partnership with the Watershed Management group and the city of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living office.

For a complete listing of the “Green Living” class series, go to [www.glendaleaz.com/green](http://www.glendaleaz.com/green). The classes are free, but advance registration is required by calling 623-930-3760 or e-mailing [bpatrik@glendaleaz.com](mailto:bpatrik@glendaleaz.com). You do not have to be a Glendale resident to attend.

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