Cactus Weekly Update

Vice Mayor Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona **February 13, 2015**

Some believe that President's Day is intended to honor all the American presidents, however most significantly is to honor George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 and was the first president of the United States. Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, and when he became president and helped reshape our country, it was believed that he should also have a special day of recognition.

Presidents Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents Day.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

- Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.
- While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.
- In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- Glendale's Foothills Recreations & Aquatics Center will remain open on Presidents' Day, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the center's classes and amenities, call 623-930-4600.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, http://www.glendaleaz.com/.

Public Meetings Scheduled to Explore Library Relocation. The public was invited to attend several meetings to give input and learn more about a proposed concept regarding the potential sale and relocation of the Foothills Library. The Glendale City Council has given direction for presentations on this topic to be conducted at public meetings with the Library Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and Arts Commission. These meetings were conducted on February 9, 11 and 12th at various locations.

The Library Services Division will compile the public input from these groups and share with the City Council. The Library Services Division has also established an online public comment form and phone hotline where residents can provide input. Those responses will be shared with the City Council. To access the online or phone comment opportunities or to learn more about this proposal, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/PotentialFoothillsRelocation.cfm.

Public Meeting Regarding Phoenix Sky Harbor Flight Path Changes. The public is invited to attend a public meeting regarding the Phoenix Sky Harbor flight path changes. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4, from 6-8 PM at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 West Brown St.

Glendale CVB Offers Chance for Free Family Fun at LEGO KidsFest. The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is holding a Facebook contest for one Family 4-pack of tickets to the LEGO KidsFest, which will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium February 27-March 1.

For more information on the LEGO KidsFest, visit www.LEGOkidsfest.com.

Heading to the LEGO KidsFest or any other events in Glendale? Download the Glendale CVB app, free for iPhone and Android devices, to get directions and find restaurants, shopping and other things to do while you're in the area. For more information, contact us at or 623-930-4500 or http://visitglendale.com/.

Glendale Civic Center Hosts Bridal Event. The city-owned Glendale Civic Center invites soon-to-be brides and grooms to a Wedding Tour of the Glendale Civic Center and Culinary Tasting on Friday, February 27. The free tour of the Glendale Civic Center begins at 6:30 p.m. in historic downtown Glendale, located at 5750 W. Glenn Drive. The tour is an opportunity for guests to see the entire 40,000 square-

foot facility including ballrooms, gardens and patios.

The culinary tasting, hosted by Arizona Catering, the Civic Center's official caterer, begins at 7 p.m. and includes a sampling of an assorted buffet, hors d'oeuvres, salads and entrees. The tasting costs $2.50 per person and a reservation is required by calling Arizona Catering at (480) 898-8848.

In addition to the tour and tasting, wedding vendors will feature items such as tuxes, invitations, photography services, make up, wedding cakes and DJ entertainment. The Glendale Civic Center has hosted hundreds of weddings since 1999 and for the past several years has been voted the number one venue for conference centers of its size in Ranking Arizona's annual publication 'The Best of Arizona Business.'

For more information call (623) 930-4311 or visit www.glendaleciviccenter.com.

Love Reigns at Glendale's Community Events in February. With Valentine's Day this month, the City of Glendale has a host of events in February that will win the hearts of the entire family.

On February 24 beginning at 4:30 p.m., the Foothills Branch Library will host a Valentine themed photo booth. Photos will be made available for participants so you can make your own personalized Valentine's Day cards. Participants, ages 10-18, are welcome to join for the photos, art, or both. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

What better way to capture the holiday spirit then spreading love through the community with service. Glendale's Serve Day will be on Saturday, February 21. Volunteers will join Glendale's Neighborhood Services to complete several community service projects, including fruit gleaning at Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area, teak bench refurbishing efforts in the downtown area, and trail clean-up in our parks. To participate in this year's Serve Day, please contact Michelle Yates at myates@glendaleaz.com, Lisa Robson at lrobson@glendaleaz.com, or call 623-930-4612.

For more information on any of these events or to see a complete listing of our events going on through the month of February http://www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/documents/Feb.ListingNew.pdf.

Glendale City Manager Recognized with "Outstanding Women in Business" Honor. Glendale's City Manager, Brenda Fischer, will be recognized at the 14th Annual Outstanding Women in Business event sponsored by the Phoenix Business Journal on March 30. Fischer is one of only 30 nominees who are receiving this year's prestigious award.

Fischer began her career in Glendale July 2013 and took the job as the city was facing a $30 million deficit. In just 19 months, Fischer has strengthened the city's financial outlook by eliminating Glendale's structural deficit leading both Moody's and Standard & Poor's to improve the city's outlook from negative to stable and overseeing the refinancing of bonds to save the city in excess of $47 million. She has also implemented a citywide organizational restructure, streamlining departments saving more than $1 million while improving services for residents. Most recently, Fischer directed efforts for Glendale's hosting of the 2015 Super Bowl, earning the city worldwide recognition while welcoming 100,000 people on game day to Glendale's sports and entertainment district.

More than 150 nominations were received by the Phoenix Business Journal and narrowed down to just 30 by the publisher, editor-in-chief and news team. Fischer was selected as one of this year's Outstanding Women in Business for her community leadership, professional accomplishments and personal achievements.

Fischer is Glendale's first female city manager with 20 years of municipal leadership experience. She served as the city manager for the city of Maricopa and had management roles in Glendora, California, North Las Vegas and Henderson, Nevada. She is a credentialed city manager from the International City/County Management Association and a member of the Arizona City/County Management Association. Fischer's master's degree is in public administration from the University of Nevada and her bachelor's degree is in journalism/public relations with a sports information emphasis from the University of Southern California.

Boards and Commissions. Are you looking for a way to serve and shape your community? Citizen involvement and input is essential to the success of local government. The city encourages you to consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's boards and commissions. Most boards/commissions meet once a month. We encourage you to apply for more than one board/commission because vacancies occur monthly. For the most current vacancies or a list of boards/commissions to serve on visit http://www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions/. For further information you may contact Kriss Carneal at 623-930-2814 or e-mail her at kcarneal@glendaleaz.com.

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