

Cactus Weekly Update



Vice Mayor Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

February 20, 2015

Dick Bowers Appointed Glendale Acting City Manager. On February 17, the Glendale City Council gave direction to appoint Dick Bowers as acting city manager during the recruitment process for a permanent city manager. Bowers, whose assignment began February 18, previously served as Glendale's acting city manager for four months in 2013. His experience includes 30 years in public service with 10 years as the city manager of Scottsdale.



Bowers has worked with Glendale on various projects over the years including establishing council guidelines for meetings, procedures and executive management performance evaluations as well as the development and implementation of the city's Centerline downtown redevelopment project.

In Scottsdale, the results of Bowers leadership included the city yielding a coveted AAA bond rating. The International City Manager's Association awarded Bowers with the "Outstanding Management Innovator" award for creating an environment which fostered teamwork, excellence and innovation. Bowers has also received the Arizona Republic's "Vision Weaver Award," the Institute for Community Cultural Diversity's "Diversity Leadership Award" and the highest honor for an Arizona city manager, the "Jack DeBolske" award from the Arizona/City County Management Association.

Bowers has been the president of his own consulting firm since 2001, has served on various boards including Free Arts of Arizona, the Arizona Citizens for the Arts, the Downtown Phoenix Partnership and is also the president and CEO of the Herberger Theatre Center in downtown Phoenix. He has a bachelor's degree in English, master's degree in Public Service and is adjunct faculty at Arizona State University's School of Public Affairs.

2015 Historic Sahuaro Ranch Show. Vice Mayor Hugh participated in the 2015 Tractor Pull and Parade from City Hall to Sahuaro Ranch Park on Saturday, February 14, 2015.



Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers Annual State of the City Address. Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers will deliver his annual State of the City Address on Thursday, February 26 at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa at 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd. The Glendale Chamber of Commerce is the host of this annual event that highlights the business community and community leaders.

A reception will be held from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., with the dinner and program beginning at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the Mayor's State of the City Address, outstanding Glendale Chamber of Commerce businesses will be recognized during the evening.

Tickets for the dinner are \$75 and tables of 8 are also available. To register, please visit the chamber's website at <http://www.glendaleazchamber.org> or call (623) 937-4754. For more information about the city of Glendale, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

ADOT **Arizona Department of Transportation** **Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan "Spine Study"**

Stuck in Traffic?
You're in good company.
More than 40% of all daily freeway traffic in Maricopa County uses the I-10/I-17 freeway corridor. The Spine of the Valley's transportation system—each day!
The Maricopa Association of Governments, the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration are studying the Spine corridor to find solutions to current and future traffic congestion. Your input is critical to this process! The outcome of the Spine Study will be a detailed strategy to manage future traffic along the I-10 and I-17 corridor.

Please attend a public information meeting to learn more and share your thoughts on necessary improvements. Meetings will be held in an open house format with no formal presentation.

YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1 Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 8-8 p.m. Madonna Del Public Elementary School Gymnasium, 201 E. Chicago St., Phoenix, AZ
- 2 Thursday, February 26, 2015, 6-8 p.m. Deer Valley Community Center Conference Room, 2055 W. Wahuila Ln., Phoenix, AZ
- 3 Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 6-8 p.m. Four Points by Sheraton Phoenix South Grand Ballroom, 10815 S. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ

Can't make a meeting?
Take our online survey: [spineazmag.gov](http://www.spineazmag.gov)
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MAG "Spine" Study. The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is conducting a study to determine future improvements on the I-17 and I-10. This corridor is referred to as the "Spine," because it serves as the backbone for transportation in the metropolitan Phoenix area. In fact, the corridor handles more than 40 percent of all daily freeway traffic in the region. The 35 mile Spine corridor begins at the I-17/Loop 101 North Stack interchange and continues south and east to the I-10/I-17 Split Interchange. The corridor then continues east and south along I-10 to the interchange with Loop 202 (Pecos Stack).

Many Glendale residents use these freeways to travel for work and play, which is why public input on this study is important. Input can be provided directly to MAG through attending 1 of 3 public meetings, an online survey tool, phone calls, email, or mail. Additional details about the study, the public meeting schedule, contact information, and the online survey can be accessed here: http://www.azmag.gov/Transportation/The_Spine_Study.asp

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 to 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, call 623-930-4500 or visit this site <http://visitglendale.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 than 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 visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/documents/Feb.ListingNew.pdf>.

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 via e-mail at kcarneal@glendaleaz.com.

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