



Cactus Weekly Update



Vice Mayor Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale Council Appointed to National Committees. Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and five members of the Glendale City Council received appointments to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2015 Policy Committees. The appointments were announced by NLC President Ralph E. Becker, Mayor, Salt Lake City, Utah. These committees have the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions that connect federal action with local economic efforts to help cities move forward with programs and resources that empower people and businesses to make investments and see innovation explode in cities.

Members of the Glendale City Council were appointed to the following NLC Committees for 2015:

- Mayor Jerry Weiers - Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee
- Councilmember Jamie Aldama - Human Development Policy and Advocacy Committee
- Councilmember Sammy Chavira - Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee
- Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff - Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Committee
- Councilmember Bart Turner - Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Policy/Advocacy Committee
- Councilmember Gary Sherwood - Transportation and Infrastructure Services Steering Committee

In addition to the committee appointments, two members of the Council were appointed to officer positions on NLC member networking councils with Mayor Jerry Weiers selected as Vice-Chair of the Military Communities Council and Councilmember Gary Sherwood selected as Vice-Chair of the First-Tier Suburbs Council.

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

For more information on NLC's other committees and councils, visit <http://www.nlc.org/influence-federal-policy/policy-committees>.

Batter Up! Calling All Glendale Youth Ball Players and Volunteer Coaches. As Spring Training fever hits the Valley, the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department announces the opening of registration for the 2015 summer tee-ball, youth baseball, youth softball and co-ed teen softball leagues. These leagues will focus on fitness, social development and will teach the importance of team building.

Youth tee-ball will be offered to boy and girl participants who are ages 4 to 6 as of the June 1, 2015 start date. Youth baseball and softball will be offered to boys and girls born between the years 2007–2008 as of the June 1, 2015 start date.

Registration is March 16 to April 10, 2015. The cost for a Glendale resident is \$55 and includes team t- shirt, baseball cap and up to 10 games. Nonresidents can participate for \$75.

There will also be a teens' coed summer softball league that will offer participants from the ages of 13 to 17 years old as of the June 1, 2015 start date to compete in fun evening games. Registration for coed league is open through May 8, 2015. The cost for a Glendale resident is \$40 and includes team t-shirt and up to 10 games and a double elimination tournament. Non-residents can participate for \$60.

Games for all the leagues will start June 1, 2015 and will be held at Sahuaro Ranch Sports Complex. For more information on each league visit, www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/YouthSports.cfm.

The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department is also searching for people interested in volunteering as coaches for the teams. A mandatory coaches meeting will be held on May 6, and practices will begin the week of May 11.

For more information on any of the summer youth leagues contact Mike Davis at 623-930-2841 or email mdavis@glendaleaz.com.

Glendale's Got Game...Spring Training is Here! On Wednesday, March 4, the first game of the Cactus League season at Camelback Ranch - Glendale has been designated as Glendale Appreciation Day. Glendale residents can receive special discounted tickets to the game and enjoy various pre-game festivities.

Residents can purchase tickets for \$12, which is a savings of \$11 off the regular ticket price, to the Los Angeles Dodgers v. Chicago White Sox 1:05 p.m. game only at the stadium box office (10710 W. Camelback Rd.) with a valid ID or proof of residency in Glendale. This offer is not applicable to previously-purchased tickets. The offer applies to "Infield Box" (\$23/seat) and "Baseline Field Box" tickets (\$23/seat). Box office hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on game days, 10 a.m. to 30 minutes following conclusion of play.

Pre-game activities will include the first pitch by Glendale Vice Mayor Ian Hugh and a chance to see and be photographed with the Phoenix Mercury's 2014 WNBA Championship Trophy. Glendale attractions will be highlighted and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) will have a booth and giveaways for fans in attendance. Glendale City Council members will be part of the festivities, welcoming Glendale residents and out-of-town baseball fans.

Spring training at Camelback Ranch-Glendale will feature additional promotions this season, such as spring break specials and Senior Day every Wednesday. Be sure to check out <http://www.visitglendale.com/gotgame/> for the complete line-up of events and promotions, as well as <http://web.camelbackranchbaseball.com/index.jsp>.

For additional information on Glendale Appreciation Day at Camelback Ranch-Glendale, contact the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500 or obtain information online at <http://www.visitglendale.com>.

Come One Come All! 2015-2016 Glendale Visitors Guide is Out! Travelers and locals alike will find no shortage of exciting events, shopping and dining opportunities and places to explore in Glendale and the West Valley in the 2015-2016 edition of **Visit Glendale, Arizona – Your Guide to Glendale & Arizona's West Valley**.

The publication, in its 9th year of production, was created by the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). The full-color, 32-page magazine is targeted to visitors and showcases, among other things:

- 10 Great Escapes
- Locals Guide featuring 20 insider tips on the best sights, sounds and flavors of the West Valley.
- Comprehensive listings for West Valley shopping, dining, attractions, museums and accommodations
- Section devoted to meeting planners
- West Valley Events Calendar
- Maps for Glendale, West Valley and Arizona

The guide is distributed to leisure travelers, sports fans, tour guide operators and travel planners, and is among the top five guides picked up by travelers at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

To download a digital version of the guide simply visit <http://www.visitglendale.com/>. And 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 623-930-4500 or online.

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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