



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Fire Operations 101

Councilmember Hugh joined some of his colleagues on the city council at the Regional Public Safety Training Facility recently where they got a hands-on opportunity to learn about operations at the Glendale Fire Department. Watch the video: <http://youtu.be/K83-pQHYSY>

Too Many Cats? We Can Fix That! The Spay Neuter Hotline, a program of the Animal Defense League of Arizona, has exciting news! Its trap neuter return (TNR) program for free-roaming cats has obtained funding from two sources, the Arizona Humane Society and PetSmart Charities, to TNR cats in two Glendale zip codes, 85301 and 85302.

This project will not only benefit cats by reducing the population and preventing unwanted litters of kittens born on the streets, but it will also benefit the community. Sterilizing feral cats reduces offensive behaviors that divide many neighborhoods.

Please join us in humanely ending the overpopulation of cats in our community! To learn more about trap neuter return and how to get started, please join us at this event on March 23rd!

TNR 101 & Colony Management

Saturday, March 23 • 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

[Glendale Adult Center](#), Room 108 • 5970 W Brown St.

Space is limited – you must RSVP to SoManyCats@adlaz.org to reserve your space. For more information, call the Spay Neuter Hotline at 602.265.SPAY (7729) or visit www.SpayNeuterHotline.org.

Glendale Woman's Club & Glendale CVB Team Up to Help Military Families.

The Glendale Woman's Club and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) are asking residents and visitors to donate books to support the USO and the United Through Reading Program®. Books can be dropped off at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., suite 140, through March 25. The Visitor Center is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The hardest hit members of a military family are often the youngest. Day-to-day life without a parent can be sad and confusing. The United Through Reading Program® allows servicemen and women to simply read a book aloud while being recorded on DVD for their child. This service is available at many USO centers in airports, community locations, military medical facilities and overseas bases. The DVD and book are mailed to the child and family back home. All recording equipment, books, packing and shipping materials are supplied by the USO.

Please donate new books, from the [approved list of books](#). To visit the United Through Reading Program Web site, [click here](#).

Join the Glendale Arizona Historical Society! Residents are invited to join the Glendale Arizona Historical Society. The society offers monthly programs, tours, unique exhibits, a research library, oral histories, historical trips and more. To join the society and become a part of preserving the past and promoting awareness and appreciation of Glendale's history, call 623-435-0072.

Residents are invited to the following Historical Society program meetings held at Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern Ave.

- Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m.
Pat Kennedy, Speaker; History of the Glendale Woman's Club
- Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m.
Rick Griset, Wing Historian, Luke AFB: History of Luke Air Force Base
- Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m.
Old-Fashion Ice Cream Social at Manistee Ranch

National Poison Prevention Week. In honor of Poison Prevention Week, March 17-23, the Glendale Fire Department is asking everyone to educate themselves about poisons, particularly ones that exist in most households. Some very common household items are extremely poisonous and they are within the reach of children every single day.

A poison is any substance that when absorbed through the nose, mouth, eyes and skin, can cause injury, illness and even death. In this day and age, poisons come in all shapes, sizes, colors and smells. Cosmetics, cleaning and laundry products, automotive products, gardening supplies, pesticides, gas and other types of fuels, and pool products are just a few examples of poisons. Some companies even market their products to look as inviting as possible so you'll buy them; including making their products look like grocery items.

Poison centers average 1 call every 14 seconds and over 50% of those calls are for children under the age of 6 that came in contact with some type of poison. For a child, determining which items are poisonous and which items are not is extremely difficult. Younger children are known to put everything in their mouth and it doesn't help when cleaning products smell like oranges and vitamins look like gummy bears.

Please be aware of all the dangerous poisons found in and around your residence. Here are some tips from the Glendale Fire Department to help everyone stay safe:

- Only buy products with child-resistant caps. Remember, child-resistant does not mean child-proof. Children can still open these caps.
- Do not take medications in front of children. Children often imitate parents and grandparents and may attempt to take the medication if they get a hold of it.
- Keep all cleaners, poisons and medications in a locked cabinet.
- Do not place any products in cabinets that a child can reach. One example of this is placing products under the kitchen sink. Children can learn to open these cabinets, even if they have child-resistant latches installed on them.
- Never place any type of poison in an old food or drink container. Someone could mistake it to be something edible and consume it.
- Dispose of all expired medications by taking them to your local pharmacy. Expired medication can still be potent and harmful if a child consumed them.
- After finishing household chores or projects, properly dispose of all cleaners, rags, fuels and any other products that were used.
- If someone comes in contact with or ingests a poison, call 911. After you call 911, if the person that was exposed to the poison is not having a seizure, unconscious or stopped breathing, call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222. Almost 80% of all poison exposures can be treated at home but it is always best to have the paramedics en route!

Glendale PD Event – Safely Dispose of Unwanted Drugs. The Glendale Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted.

Bring pharmaceuticals to one of the following CVS locations on Saturday, April 27 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for disposal:

- 18591 N 59th Ave.
(59th Ave. & Union Hills Dr.)
- 6030 N 43rd AVE
(43rd Ave & Bethany Home Rd.)

Glass containers, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, injectibles and syringes CANNOT be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens

For more information about this event, call 623-930-2554 or 623-930-4029.

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