



Cactus Weekly Update



Vice Mayor Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Topping off for Casino photo courtesy of Ed and Bette Sharpe-Glendale Daily Planet.

West Valley Resort celebrated a major milestone in construction with a celebration on March 12th.

Glendale City Council Decides Against Sale and Relocation of Foothills Library. On Tuesday, March 17, the Glendale City Council decided to not proceed with exploring the real estate transaction with Midwestern University that would have resulted in the relocation of the Foothills Library. The Council made its decision after reviewing recommendations from the Library Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and Arts Commission following each group's public meeting on the proposed sale and relocation. All three groups had unanimous recommendations against the proposal.

The collection of public comments is available for review [click here](#). For more information on Glendale's three public libraries, [click here](#).

Urban Irrigation Season Begins in Glendale. The city of Glendale will resume the annual private property flood irrigation service beginning in April. Service will begin in a limited delivery area on Monday, April 6 for properties on the east side of 59th Avenue and on Wednesday, April 8 for properties on the west side of 59th Avenue.

Urban irrigation is a remnant from an earlier era when Glendale was known for its agriculture and farming. The vast majority of water customers in the Valley and Glendale now receive potable (treated) water only from a municipal delivery system.

Urban irrigation refers to the direct delivery of non-potable (raw; untreated) Salt River Project (SRP) irrigation water to locations in urbanized areas. Urban irrigation from open or underground ditch systems for outside landscaping takes place in a small area of downtown Glendale.

Residents in the urban irrigation service area may call customer service at (623) 930-2288 if they wish to receive service and to verify that their property is in compliance with city irrigation specifications. In the case of a service related emergency after 5 p.m., please call (623) 930-3190.

At the time of sign-up residents connected to the urban irrigation system have the option of either paying the annual fee in one lump sum or the convenience of being billed in seven monthly payments.

If you are interested in knowing more about urban irrigation, call the Water Services Department (623) 930-4100 or visit their website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/utilities/>.

Calling All Green Thumbs for Spring Planting Fun. Spring has sprung and it's time to grab your gardening guides, tools, and gloves. Learn how to create a vibrant, desert-friendly landscape at the Glendale Garden Gathering on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library and adjacent Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at 5959 W. Brown St.

This free, family event will include information booths, hands-on activities for kids, and landscape classes for adults. Exhibitors from the Maricopa County Master Gardener program, Valley Permaculture Alliance, and Southwest Monarch Study will be on-hand to answer questions, share tips, and provide resources. Two free classes on desert landscaping will be offered in the Main Library's auditorium:

· **10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Gardeners Gone Wild!** Hear from two valley homeowners about how they developed their own xeriscape landscapes to attract pollinators, including birds, butterflies, and beneficial bugs. They did it, so can you!

· **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Create a Beautiful Yard with Native Plants.** Learn about how to create an attractive, colorful, and water-smart landscape with native plants.

Class attendees will receive a free, low-water-use plant after attending a class at the Garden Gathering. Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register for one or both classes by calling 623-930-3760 or emailing <mailto:wsimonson@glendaleaz.com>.

The Glendale Garden Gathering is coordinated by the City of Glendale Water Services Department –Conservation and Sustainable Living Division and funded by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund. For more information, please call 623-930-3550 or [click here](#).

Funding Available for Performing Arts Projects. To motivate, increase and support the performing arts in Glendale, the city's Public Art Program is offering up to \$4,000 per project in support funding for theater, dance, music and interdisciplinary performing arts activities and performances to be held in the city of Glendale.

The program is designed to offer aid for projects open and free to the Glendale community and may be used to support items such as artist fees, project-related expenses for producing performances and workshops and project-related expenses for cultural exchanges that result in performances. All activities must take place within the city limits of Glendale.

Applicants must be located in or co-sponsor with an organization, school or government agency domiciled within the city limits of Glendale. Applicants must be a 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit organization. Applicants without this status may apply through a 501(c)3 organization, school, or government agency. Examples of co-sponsoring organizations: City of Glendale Office of Special Events, Parks & Recreation, Public Libraries or any school or college located within the city limits of Glendale. The application deadline is 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2015. For the complete guidelines and a copy of the application, [click here](#). For more information, call 623-930-3557 or email <mailto:Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com>.

Glendale Civic Center Hosts Wedding 101 Workshop. The city-owned Glendale Civic Center invites brides and grooms planning their weddings to an informative Wedding Planning 101 workshop presented by Arizona Wedding Circles - West Valley Chapter.

The free workshop will include valuable wedding tips ranging from exciting themes featuring wedding planning, photos and invitations. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center at 5750 W. Glenn Drive in historic downtown Glendale.

The Glendale Civic Center has been named the number one facility for meeting and convention buildings of its size by Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business for the fourth consecutive year.

The Glendale Civic Center will be offering tours of the 40,000 square-foot facility including the ballrooms, gardens and patios. In addition to the facility tour, professional wedding vendors will be available after the workshop and will display and talk about featured items such as tuxes, invitations, wedding consulting services, photography service, and DJ entertainment.

Please RSVP by March 23rd to Arizona Wedding Circles (623) 455-2800 or [click here](#).

For more information on the Glendale Civic Center, call (623) 930-4300. For rates, menus, room layouts, photos and an online video tour, visit <http://www.glendaleciviccenter.com/>.

First of Several Public Workshops Set For Glendale General Plan. Glendale residents are invited to offer input at the first of three public workshops on the Glendale 2040 General Plan. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center located at 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

Every city and county in Arizona is required by state law to prepare and maintain a planning document called a general plan. A general plan is designed to serve as the jurisdiction's "constitution" or "blueprint," and is the document that is used by the City Council and Planning Commission to guide future land use, public service, and resource decisions. All plans, subdivisions, public works projects, and zoning decisions must be consistent with the general plan.

As part of its Envision Glendale 2040 project, Glendale's General Plan update will cover the topics that are covered in the current General Plan (such as land use, growth areas, and circulation), as well as add some new topics required by Arizona law and local needs (such as energy and neighborhood preservation).

For more information, please visit [Envision Glendale 2040](#) or contact Jon Froke, Glendale Planning Director at 623-930-2585 or by email at <mailto:jfroke@glendaleaz.com>.

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