



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

March 21, 2014

Councilmember Hugh invites residents living in the Cactus district to an open house style district meeting on Thursday, March 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. The open house will be held at Historic Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern Avenue. The entrance to Manistee Ranch is on 51st Avenue, south of Northern Avenue.

Executive Director of Finance Tom Duensing, Executive Director of Public Works Stuart Kent, Neighborhood & Human Services Executive Director Sam McAllen, and representatives from the Police Department will be available to answer questions from residents in attendance.

A BBQ dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to 623-930-2878 or via email to mlongoria@glendaleaz.com with the number of people attending and to advise if any special accommodations are needed.

Glendale Councilmember Ian Hugh Highlights Manistee Ranch on “Glendale Today” Councilmember Ian Hugh of the Cactus District takes us to one of the most historic places in Glendale, Manistee Ranch, in his new edition of the TV show “Glendale Today”. Councilmember Hugh’s guests are Louis “Buzz” Sands, whose family lived in the home which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Other guests include the President of the Glendale Historical Society, Ron Short, and the Vice President of the Glendale Historical Society, Carol St. Clair. The show is filmed on location in one of Manistee Ranch’s four buildings on four acres, which can be visited by anyone who wants a taste of Glendale history.

Hugh takes a trip down memory lane with Buzz Sands, whose family bought the property in 1907 and remained in the Sands family until it was sold to the Glendale Historical Society in 1996. Hugh also discusses how residents and visitors can learn more about the historic ranch and the entire area’s history from the Glendale Historical Society.

The show begins airing March 21 at 8 p.m. “Glendale Today” is produced by staff from the city-owned TV station Glendale 11. The show will air daily on Glendale 11 as well as online via the city’s video library at www.glendaleaz.com/video and exclusive segments can be found on the city’s YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11. For more information about the new TV show, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11. For more information about Manistee Ranch Park and the home, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation/ManisteeRanchPark.cfm.

2014 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award Nominations Now Being Accepted. The Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 19th Annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. The award recognizes individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions to Glendale’s historic heritage.

The award is named after Ruth Byrne, a Glendale native, who made significant contributions to historic preservation in the city of Glendale.

Nomination forms are available by visiting www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation. The Glendale Historic Preservation Commission will review the submitted nominations, and the award will be presented in May by the City Council to coincide with National Historic Preservation Month.

Nominations must be received no later than Friday, March 28 and should be sent to Jon Froke, Planning Director, city of Glendale Planning Department, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Suite 212, Glendale, Arizona 85301; or by e-mail to jfroke@glendaleaz.com.



City-Owned Glendale Civic Center Ranked #1 For The Third Year In A Row!

Glendale's crown jewel conference center located in the historic downtown has been ranked number one for the third year in a row. The Glendale Civic Center is the number one facility of its size for meeting and convention venues by *Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business*. The Glendale venue is the only government-managed venue to make the list and once again has outranked competition including nationally known corporate resorts.

The business opinion poll at features thousands of Arizona companies voted on this past year. The top-ranked 20,000 businesses in over 200 business and leisure categories such as the Glendale Civic Center are featured in the annual publication.

The Glendale Civic Center offers 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space for corporate events, trade shows, weddings and private parties. The facility brings an average of 62,000 guests a year to the downtown. Arizona Catering, a 25-year local business, is the venue's official caterer.

For the past seven years, the Glendale Civic Center has ranked in the top five in the state for meeting and convention facilities. For more information about the facility, rental rates or catering menus, call (623) 930-4300 or visit www.glendaleciviccenter.com.

Glendale Hosts Free Presentations on Valley's Water History and Future. Are we in a drought? Do we have enough water for the future? Bring your water questions to a free program hosted by the Glendale Water Services Department in partnership with Salt River Project (SRP).

Learn about the Valley's unique water history, and how water is being managed for the future at "*Our Valley's Water Story: From Watershed to Showerhead*" at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The program features presentations by local water resource and conservation experts.

Attendees will receive a free low-water-use red yucca plant and free energy- and water-saving devices, including a high-efficiency showerhead, a four-pack of CFL's and a programmable thermostat funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling 623-930-3760 or e-mailing bpatrick@glendaleaz.com. For more information visit www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

The Sun Valley Animal Shelter will Host Adoptable dogs (and cats) at March 22 Hockey Game! Global Spectrum Charities will host Sun Valley Animal Shelter, a no-kill animal shelter, and their adoptable pets for an adoption event and donation drive prior to the Phoenix Coyotes game against the Boston Bruins on Saturday, March 22. The adoption event and donation drive will take place during the pre-game tailgate located in Lot G at Jobing.com Arena. Fans are invited to stop by the shelter's space at the tailgate starting at 3 p.m., until doors open for the game at 5 p.m. The shelter will also be on the arena concourse during the game, accepting donations and distributing information about the pets they have available for adoption, as well as the work the shelter does for the Glendale community. Adoption forms will be available on-site to begin the adoption process. The shelter will also be accepting donations, both monetary and in the form of wet dog and cat food, pet supplies (leashes, collars, pet beds, etc.) and pet toys. [Click here](#) for a wish list of needed items for the shelter. For information call Global Spectrum at 623-772-3838.

Glendale Relay for Life. Almost all of us have been touched by cancer in some way. Several city departments including the Glendale Police Department, Glendale Fire Department and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau have formed teams along with local residents, schools and business owners to make a difference by walking and raising money in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event to be held April 26-27, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Ironwood High School. At the event, these teams will camp out overnight and take turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society. For more information, visit www.VisitGlendale.com.

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