



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

April 5, 2013

A Proclamation has been Issued Declaring April as “Fair Housing Month” in Glendale. April 1-6 is National Community Development Week in recognition of the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The city of Glendale administers these federal programs, with support and implementation through the Housing and Community Revitalization divisions, both part of the Neighborhood & Human Services Department. Through the federal CDBG program, the city has contracted with Community Legal Services to help citizens resolve fair housing issues. The mission of Community Legal Services is to strengthen families, protect against domestic violence and homelessness, and protect against unlawful denial of services such as health care, public school education, wages, government benefits and equal access to housing. Other programs that help residents include Glendale Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Home Repair, which provide much-needed home repairs to qualified Glendale homeowners. Glendale also acknowledges the great partnerships that make these programs highly effective, such as the one with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona.

For more information on Housing and Community Revitalization in Glendale, please call 623-930-3670 or [click here](#). For questions regarding fair housing, call Community Legal Services at 602-258-3434.

“Hug-a-Tree: Desert Tree Care” Workshop on Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m., Just in time for Arbor Day, on April 26, this interactive workshop will give residents an overview on planting, pruning and watering, which will include an informational session followed by hands-on demonstrations at the Tree Trail. The Tree Trail, which opened last year, is part of the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, adjacent to Glendale’s Main Library, at 5959 W. Brown St. Attendees will learn invaluable information on desert tree care, and have the opportunity to explore the entire garden to gain landscaping and gardening ideas.

The Conservation & Sustainable Living Program offers classes and workshops throughout the year, in addition to conducting educational programs in elementary schools. In addition, residents can pick up free landscaping publications at the library, or download them from the city’s website at www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation. More information, [Click here](#).

Glendale Celebrates Earth Day, Valley Bike Month with Social Media Contest Giveaways. Glendale is doing its part for environmental awareness by reminding residents to ‘go green’ in their homes and communities, and offering residents a chance to win prizes for showing what their green efforts are. “Like” riding your bike? Not loving record-high gas prices? Now you can get rewarded for riding your bike in Glendale. April 17 is Bike to Work & School Day; Simply “Travel Green” and ride your bike to work any day that week (April 15-19), post it on Facebook with a photo of you riding your bike and tag the city of Glendale so we can see you in action! Then, be sure you enter the Travel Green Contest on the city’s Facebook page (click on the contest tab at www.facebook.com/GlendaleAZ) to be entered in a random drawing for gift cards and freebies. For those who don’t have a Facebook page, entries can also be emailed to sadams@glendaleaz.com. Send a message with your name, phone number and email address to be entered into the drawing. Make sure you send along a photo. This contest is open to all residents. For more information, call 623-930-2940 or visit www.facebook.com/GlendaleAZ.

Around Town

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

Upcoming Water and Home Energy Efficiency Classes. The city of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program offers a variety of free classes for Glendale residents. [Click here](#) for upcoming events.

Job Searching Assistance and Workshops. Steve Schrade, former director of Human Resources for Bashas, and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available to offer coaching assistance to job seekers. These open labs include online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. Workshops are available at all three Glendale Library locations. [Click here](#) for more information.

Step into Spring at Sidewalk & Porch Sale April 6. Stores in downtown Glendale will be offering up to 75 percent off discounts and shoppers will be able to keep cool along the way with lemonade stands, ice cream treats and a cake walk. There will also be a "Make an Offer" area on select items. A popular offering of the day is the antique appraisal service at ABD Antique Appraisers. Bring any item down and an appraiser will provide a verbal appraisal for a \$15 fee per item. All proceeds will benefit a local veteran's association. This event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com.

Give Your Old shoes a Second Chance at Sidewalk Sale Event! The Glendale CVB is encouraging participants to donate new or gently worn shoes for the Soles4Souls organization during the Sidewalk & Porch Sale. The goal is to make this the biggest one-day collection in Soles4Souls history. During the day, shoes will be collected at the Glendale Visitor Center and, in the evening, Coyotes fans are being asked to donate shoes as they enter Jobing.Com Arena for the game on Saturday, April 6 against the Colorado Avalanche. For more information call 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com.

The Rose Society of Glendale Rose Show. The Rose Show will exhibit over 1000 rose blooms from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, April 6 at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Judges will determine the best show pieces for every category. Free rose care seminars begin at 2 p.m. For more information, call the Rose Society of Glendale at 602-469-4255.

Sahuaro Ranch Site Tour. Explore one of the Valley's oldest and most magnificent ranches featuring 13 original buildings, a rose garden, barnyard and historic orchards during a guided tour at 11 a.m., Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13. The 17-acre Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area preserves the ranch's more than 100 years of history. Wear comfortable shoes and meet on the Main House front porch. Sahuaro Ranch Park is located at 9802 N. 59th Avenue. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

Glendale Family Bike Ride. One of Glendale's favorite family traditions is back! Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 14 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. [Click here](#) for all the details and registration information.

Contact Councilmember Hugh
Council Office: (623) 930-2249
Cell: (602) 615-7672
E-mail: ihugh@glendaleaz.com