



# Cactus Weekly Update



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## Glendale Serve Day



**Volunteers Participate in Glendale Serve Day.** On April 27, more than 200 volunteers from various faith-based organizations, non-profits and corporations, completed 1,120 volunteer hours for Serve Day. They worked together to finish 10 different volunteer projects including: picking fruit that was donated to the local food bank, painting four homes, painting the Issac Imes School gymnasium, delivering PB&J lunches to the needy, cleaning up front yards, cleaning up the ROWs, painting house numbers on curbs, cleaning empty lots, and more. In addition, a celebration which included lunch for the volunteers, games for the kids and informational booths was held at Clavelito Park.

The City of Glendale's Neighborhood & Human Services Office and the Community Church of Joy identified the projects. The volunteers came from Community Church of Joy, New Life Community Church, Higher Praise Church, Breakthrough Life Church, Heart for the City, Tots Unlimited, Melvin E. Sine Elementary School, Isaac E. Imes Elementary School, Hope for Hunger, National Utility Contractors Associations of AZ (NUCA), the Heart of Glendale Neighborhood and Orchard Glen Neighborhood. Thanks to all who participated! [Volunteer Information.](#)



**Residents to Serve on Boards, Commissions.** Congratulations and many thanks go to the following Cactus District residents recently appointed to serve on advisory boards and commissions. These Advisory groups assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community.

The new appointees are Quentin Tolby, Aviation Advisory Commission; Laura Hirsch (chair), Commission On Persons With Disabilities; Sharon Wixon, Historic Preservation Commission and Steve Johnston, Planning Commission.

These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Residents are encouraged to request an application to serve on a citizen advisory group or obtain more information by calling the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or visiting [www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions](http://www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions).



**Glendale Presiding Judge To Receive Award For Judicial Excellence Award.** Glendale's Presiding Judge, Judge Elizabeth R. Finn, is the recipient of the Justice Michael D. Ryan Award for Judicial Excellence, presented by the State Bar of Arizona's Public Lawyers Section. This award was established in 1999 to honor a judicial officer who demonstrates a dedication and commitment to improving the justice system. This award is open to all federal, state and local

judicial officers (including judges, commissioners, magistrates, hearing officers and justices of the peace) who have at least five years of judicial experience.

Judge Finn was nominated by the O'Connor House and their Avon Project for Women in Justice for her work with both organizations on domestic violence issues. The award will be presented during the State Bar's annual luncheon on Friday, June 21 at the Annual State Bar Convention at the Biltmore Resort in Phoenix.

For more information on Judge Finn and the Glendale City Court, [click here](#). For more information on the Justice Michael D. Ryan Award for Judicial Excellence, [click here](#).

**Glendale Fire Hosts Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training for Public.** Being prepared for a disaster greatly increases the chance of survival; this is why the Glendale Fire Department will be hosting a 21-hour Basic CERT training program beginning May 31 at 6 p.m.

All classes will be held at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center, 11550 W. Glendale Ave. Anyone from Glendale or the surrounding area age 18 or older is eligible to attend the training program. Space is available for 25 participants and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Glendale Police Sponsored Take 25 Event.** The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC), in partnership with the Glendale Police Department will be observing National Missing Children's Day this year by participating in the National Take 25 Child Safety Campaign.

Glendale Police Officers, Detectives, Victim Assistance Personnel and Crime Scene Technicians will be joined by McGruff the Crime Dog from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday May 8 at the Foothills Branch Library, located at 19055 N. 57th Avenue. Officers will fingerprint children, provide Child ID kits, and give out balloons and stickers. Representatives from the Glendale Police Department will be available to speak with parents, guardians and educators about child safety, including giving them tips on how to have those conversations with their children. Teaching children about safety works. It saves lives.

For more information on the Glendale Police Take 25 event please call 623-930-3830.

**Gallery Glendale Opens May 17 with Public Party.** Westgate Entertainment District and the City of Glendale have finalized a year-long partnership to bring Glendale residents and Westgate patrons a free community art gallery and art, fitness and recreational classes. iStar Financial, owners of Westgate, are giving the City a 3,050 square-foot retail space next to Cold Stone Creamery, at no cost, which is valued at over \$100,000 annually. The space will house Gallery Glendale at Westgate, an art gallery featuring a sampling of Glendale's municipal art collection that will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 6- 9 p.m.

The city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District will present the unveiling party for Gallery Glendale at Westgate on Friday, May 17 from 6-9 p.m. This event is free and open to the public

The partnership includes the gallery and an array of classes and activities to include Story Time, Boot Camp, Zumba, CPR and First Aid Training, Glass Fusion Jewelry Making, Paint Along Party, Youth Hip Hop Dance and Youth Cheerleading. Other projects slated for Glendale Gallery include additional artists and collections, art shows, art walks throughout Westgate, other cultural events and school partnerships. Westgate's outdoor areas, Fountain Park and WaterDance Plaza, will play host to the fitness classes. [Click here](#) for more information.

**US 60 (Grand Avenue) Improvement Project.** Crews are scheduled to continue working on the Grand Avenue improvement project in Phoenix and Glendale throughout next week. A number of activities will be taking place throughout including concrete work, utility and traffic signal work as well as painting and wall construction. Please expect delays and plan accordingly. Drivers should expect the following restrictions:

- Westbound US 60 (Grand Avenue) narrowed to two lanes between 19th and 71st avenues from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday (May 6-10) for roadway and utility improvements.
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- Bethany Home Road lane restrictions east and westbound at Grand Avenue from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday (May 6-10) for painting.
- Myrtle Avenue lane restrictions east and westbound at Grand Avenue from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday (May 6-10) for traffic signal work.
- 51st Avenue lane restrictions at Grand Avenue from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday (May 6-10) for painting.
- 19th Avenue southbound lane restrictions at Grand Avenue from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday (May 6-10) for electrical work.

Prepare to slow down and merge carefully in the work zone. Call the project hotline at 1-855-712-8530 with questions or comments.

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

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