



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale Celebrates Dedicated Employees During National Public Works Week

Do you ever think about how your garbage is disposed of once it leaves your curb? Or who is on call to ensure your water is delivered to your home twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week? These are just a few of the many services carried out by Glendale's public works departments.

The American Public Works Association is designating May 19 through May 25 as National Public Works Week.

The city's Public Works Operation is made up of the following departments: [Field Operations](#), the [Engineering Department](#), the [Glendale Transportation Services Department](#) and the [Water Services Department](#). To highlight the many services that public works employees provide, Glendale 11 produced a brief video, available on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_UmlvY1SH-I.

Councilmember Hugh Spotlights The Glendale Summer Band and Ends Show with a Jam Session.

Glendale Councilmember Ian Hugh's new edition of "Glendale Today" features Glendale Summer Band. A tradition for 47 years in downtown Glendale, Hugh interviews past band members Curtis Rogers, Gordon Williford and Jay Maynes as well as the band's new director, Ken Jaeger. Hugh, a lifelong musician who has played in numerous bands including the Glendale Summer Band, also provides viewers with a jam session featuring him on the trombone and seven other local musicians.

The 30-minute TV show, produced by the staff at the city's TV station, Glendale 11, is currently airing daily on Glendale 11 as well as online via the city's video library. [Click here](#). Exclusive segments can be found on the city's YouTube channel. [Click here](#).

Memorial Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only GUS Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on Friday, May 25, by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Monday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau. Glendale's Foothills Recreations and Aquatics Center will remain open on the Memorial Day holiday, however, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-4600.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, [click here](#).

Help Shape Your City by serving on a Board or Commission. For additional information, meeting locations and how you can become involved, please call (623) 930-2249 or stop by the Council Office located in City Hall on the fourth floor, 5850 West Glendale Avenue to pick up an application or [click here](#) to apply on-line.

Vacancies become available regularly. Those interested are encouraged to apply for any of Glendale's 17 boards or commissions.

Cactus Vacancies:

Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission

At-Large Vacancies:

Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee

Library Advisory Board – Teen

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – Teen (2)

Risk Management Worker's Compensation Trust Fund Board

“Buckle Up Arizona...It’s The Law” Campaign. In an effort to save more lives on Arizona’s roadways this month the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety is partnering with the Glendale Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies to enforce Arizona’s Seat Belt and Child Safety Seat Laws.

Although Arizona has a secondary seat belt law, the enforcement campaign is based upon high visibility traffic enforcement with a “zero-tolerance” approach towards seat belt and child safety seat usage.

As part of the national “Click It or Ticket” seat belt enforcement campaign, law enforcement agencies across the state will be stepping up traffic enforcement patrols and increasing other enforcement efforts to drive home the message: Buckle Up Arizona...It’s the Law!

Despite widespread efforts to educate drivers about the importance of wearing seat belts, motor vehicle collisions continue to be the leading cause of death and serious injuries to the citizens of our state. The enforcement mobilization will run from May 20 through June 2.

Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. When worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45% – and by 60% for occupants of pickup trucks, SUVs and mini-vans.

Funding was provided by the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety.

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Glendale Municipal Airport Control Tower Update. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reconsidered the closure of 149 federal contract air traffic control towers (including the tower in Glendale) that was going into effect on June 15, 2013 as part of the FAA budget cuts under sequestration. As you may recall, the Glendale tower had been scheduled for closure on April 21st and that date was extended to June 15th. The new direction from the FAA effective Thursday May 9th, stated 149 air traffic control towers, including towers at Arizona airports in Glendale, Goodyear, Laughlin/Bullhead and Ryan Field in Tucson will remain open through September 30th.

Around Town

Watermelon Festival – June 8. The Melon Festival traces its roots back to 1949 as a celebration of the community’s agricultural industry, but the event is being brought into the 21st century, with a revived Arizona Watermelon Festival scheduled for Saturday June 8, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. in historic downtown Glendale, with free admission and free parking.

The event will feature all kinds of family activities, including a farmer’s market, an ice cream social, a kid’s fun zone, a rock-climbing wall, live music, a beer garden, and much more. In addition, there will be many watermelon-centric activities like a watermelon tossing contest, a seed-spitting contest and a melon-carving competition, featuring chefs from California and local resorts. This year’s festival will also revive the old watermelon festival queen by naming Miss Arizona Festival through the United States Organization Pageants.

[Click here](#) for more information on the event or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

More than Cold Feet: Peripheral Vascular Disease. Kelley A. Gillroy, D.P.M. of Midwestern University Foot and Ankle Clinic and Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine will present this lecture from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 21 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Poor circulation in the legs is more than just an inconvenience, it can be a sign of a more serious condition, which requires medical intervention. Join Dr. Gillroy as she takes you through the symptoms of Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) and Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), how the conditions can be diagnosed and the latest treatments that help offset symptoms and restore quality of life. For more information, call 623-930-3868.

Fire Department to Host CERT Training. 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 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program beginning May 31 at 6 p.m. All classes will be 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.

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