



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Memorial Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, [Click here](#)

Glendale Offers Fun Options for Children Over Summer Break. Summer is almost here...do you know where your kids will be? Parents looking for a safe, fun place for their children to go while school is out have a variety of options available through the Glendale Parks and Recreation office. [Click here](#) for information on Summer Recreation Sites, Summer Drop-In and Licensed G.R.A.S.P. Camps and many more classes, programs and activities.

Glendale Encourages Residents To Conserve Water, Energy During Hot Summer Months. With the mercury already reaching 100 degrees, summer is right around the corner. The city of Glendale has programs to assist residents in taking steps to conserve water and energy resources during the hot months ahead.

Whether you take the "Do-It-Yourself" approach or you prefer face-to-face time with the experts, Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program offers residents a variety of free resources and services tailored to our unique desert climate:

- [Click here](#) to view a brief video with indoor and outdoor water saving tips from a Glendale Conservation Specialist
- Attend free classes on Saturday, June 22 at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.):
 - 12-1:30 p.m. - Learn how to set your irrigation timer with hands-on practice using real timers.
 - 1:30-3 p.m. – Learn how to improve your home's energy efficiency and receive \$75 worth of free energy-saving devices (funded through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program).
- Adjust your irrigation timer for the summer season. *Landscape Watering by the Numbers: A Guide for the Arizona Desert* will help you determine how much water to apply and how long to run your system. Request a free copy of the guide by calling 623-930-3535.
- Get a rebate for converting grass to a low-water-use landscape by calling 623-930-3760.

To register for the classes, call 623-930-3760 or e-mail bpatrick@glendaleaz.com. For more information, call 623-930-3535 or [click here](#) to visit the water- and energy-conservation page.

Summer Is Hot But Downtown Glendale Deals And Events Are Hotter! Stay cool and save some cold hard cash in Historic Downtown Glendale with the third annual Catlin Cash Summer Promotion. During the promotion, shoppers can visit between June 1 and August 22 to earn special shopping rewards and take advantage of special offers.

Throughout the summer, shoppers and diners will be rewarded every time they spend money in the Catlin Court Shopping District, which is located between Palmyra and Myrtle avenues from 57th Drive to 59th Avenue. The Catlin Cash can be redeemed Aug. 23-24. On these dates, customers will have the chance to return to the store where they earned rewards and cash in for great discounts. This will be a two-day redemption period, so remember to save the date. Some rewards include \$1 Catlin Cash with every \$5 spent at various Catlin Court merchants.

To celebrate more shopping fun and deals, Downtown Glendale is offering events such as Christmas in July on July 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dog Days of Summer on August 3 from 7 to 10 a.m.

For more information and a complete listing of participating merchants, call 623-930-4500 or [click here](#).

Southwest Ambulance Recognized At Glendale Council Meeting May 28 Southwest Ambulance will be recognized at the Glendale City Council meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 28 for their continued support of water safety and children's swim lessons.

Southwest Ambulance will present a \$5,000 check to Glendale as part of its Pool Pack Swim Lesson Program to provide swim lessons for Glendale children. This is the eighth consecutive year Southwest Ambulance has provided funding for a grand total of \$40,000

with more than 2,000 Glendale children learning to swim. The Pool Pack Swim Lesson Program's goal is to reduce the number of childhood drownings in the Valley. Glendale is one of seven Valley cities receiving funding from Southwest Ambulance.

Drowning is the second-leading cause of death for children between the ages of one and five, and swim lessons reduce the risk of these incidents. Glendale Parks, Recreation & Library Services is dedicated to promoting water safety and providing opportunities for all ages to learn how to swim and be safe around water.

"Water safety and providing free or reduced price swimming lessons to those families who are unable to afford the service is key to the city's efforts to promoting a safe Glendale," stated Erik Strunk, director of parks, recreation and library services. "Southwest Ambulance helps us meet these needs and provide this important service."

For more information on Glendale's swimming lessons, [click here](#).

Glendale Launches Operation: Safe Summer To Remind Residents Of Seasonal Safety Information. The city of Glendale has created a new campaign designed to reinforce safety messages during the summer with residents titled Operation: Safe Summer, which kicked-off with National Safe Kids Day this month and culminates with a public safety event at Westgate on June 21.

There are several departments that will offer programs and events to remind residents of their mission: to keep the city's residents safe with an outstanding quality of life. These departments include the Police and Fire Departments, the Transportation Services Department and Parks, Recreation and Library Services.

With a dedicated website, the campaign will feature a different safety message each week, covering timely summer topics such as kids out of school for the summer, children being home alone and children riding bicycles more often, heat-related issues, vacation and travel safety, BBQ and fireworks precautions and of course, water and pool safety. Information will be distributed through public facilities in Glendale and at certain events.

The campaign will finish up with an event from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on June 21, called "Surviving the Summer," at Westgate Entertainment District, 6770 N. Sunrise Blvd. Held in the shopping center's Fountain Park, this free event will feature a variety of agencies and vendors to educate residents on water and sun safety and much more.

For more information on the event, [click here](#); for more information on the Operation: Safe Summer campaign, including great tips and resources you can take advantage of, [click here](#).

Around Town

Sign-up Now for Foothills 360. This 10-week summer youth program, for children 5-12 years old, includes art projects, rock climbing wall, swimming (once a week) and active games. The program runs from 7a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday, May 28 through August 2, at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. For information on fees and more call 623-930-4610.

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.

Glendale Summer Band. Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 47th season! The first concert of the season will be held at 8 p.m., June 6 in downtown Glendale's Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family, or bring your friends and neighbors. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts. [Click here](#) for more information!

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