



Cactus Weekly Update



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Glendale Awarded Large Wastewater Collections System of the Year. Glendale's Water Services Department brought home another award from the recent AZ Water Association Annual Awards Ceremony, an award that the department also received in 2012.

Glendale's Wastewater Collection Division is responsible for the conveyance of wastewater from residents' homes/businesses to the wastewater treatment facilities in an environmentally safe manner. This division performs proactive, preventive and corrective maintenance including hydro-cleaning, root control, roach control, customer service and emergency response, which includes minimizing sewer stoppages, sanitary sewer overflows and backups into homes/businesses, and reducing odors and corrosion problems in the collection

system. The city's system has a network containing 707.1 miles of sewer lines ranging in size from 6-inch to 54-inch diameter, 13,524 manholes, 1,695 cleanouts and 57,179 taps including seven odor-control stations located in strategic areas to reduce odor. A closed circuit television (CCTV) program is in place to inspect 26 miles of mains annually for surveying and inventorying the collection system components for prioritization of future system upgrades and maintenance.

During the 2012 calendar year, the division hydro-cleaned 1.3 million feet of pipe reducing sanitary overflows to only two, while removing 19 backups, completing nine sewer line repairs, resolving 279 roach complaints and repairing six manholes. This crew takes pride in cross-training opportunities and rotates in various functions throughout the year with minimal staff. Staff continues to hydro-clean "trouble areas" more frequently and works closely with the Pretreatment Division to minimize potential overflows.

For more information on Glendale's Water Services, including the city's annual Water Quality Report, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4100.

New Edition of "Glendale Insider" Debuts on Glendale 11 T.V. Television and online viewers can get the latest city news and information from the "Glendale Insider" currently airing on Glendale 11 TV and online. Stories include a feature on a new stop light installed on Glendale Avenue that uses innovative technology to make crossing the street safer for pedestrians. Viewers also get a front row seat to the grand opening of Gallery Glendale, the new city-sponsored interactive art gallery at Westgate Entertainment District.

Other stories include the inaugural Old Towne Car Cruise in the historic downtown that delighted car lovers from throughout the Valley, a feature on Glendale Police Officers who hit the streets for a Special Olympics Torch Run and the Fire Department's Volunteer of the Year award winner being honored in front of thousands at a Coyotes hockey game.

The "Glendale Insider" can be seen on Glendale 11 at various times throughout the day or each individual story can be seen on the city's YouTube channel by [clicking here](#).

Glendale Public Library Hits the Road to Bring Story Times to Westgate. The Glendale Public Library is taking its show on the road and presenting its popular children's story time at the Gallery Glendale within the Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D109.

Wee Readers @ Westgate is a program filled with stories, rhymes, finger plays and songs. Activities are geared for children from newborn to five years old held 10:30 to 11 a.m. on the first and third Monday of the month. Each program has a different theme.

For more information about the Wee Readers @ Westgate story times [click here](#).

Glendale Adult Softball League Registration Begins June 11. Glendale will be offering an adult summer softball league with men's and coed divisions playing at Sahuaro Ranch and Foothills softball complexes.

For specific divisions, days and locations, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2841.

Glendale Hosting Art Camps for Ages 6 to 12. The Glendale Public Art Program is offering a series of art camps for children ages 6 to 12 at Desert Mirage Elementary School, 8605 W. Maryland Ave., beginning June 24.

The camps are held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and each themed week features a local professional artist working with the campers. The price is \$45 per camp, per student (\$55 for non-residents). The camps are offered from 8 to 10 a.m. for ages 6 to 8 and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ages 9 to 12. For the camp dates, themes and artists [click here](#).

In addition, children can take part in the summer drop-in recreation program held at Desert Mirage Elementary School. The program features activities, games, fun, crafts and supervision and is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, through Aug. 2. The recreation program is \$45 a week per child (\$55 per week for non-Glendale residents). For information on the recreation program or to register, call 623-930-2820.

Glendale CVB Contest Offers Family Four-Pack of Tickets to Lego Kidsfest July 12-14. A major attraction for families and children is coming to Glendale this summer! Making its first appearance in the Southwest, the LEGO® KidsFest will arrive at the University of Phoenix Stadium and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau is giving away a four-pack of tickets to one lucky family.

There are multiple ways to enter through the contest app, including commenting on “Where’s the LEGO Minifigure?” posts, liking the page on Facebook, tweeting about the event, pinning to Pinterest and more.

One person will be randomly drawn to receive a “VIK” (Very Important Kid) four pack of tickets for the grand prize and two runners up will receive four packs each of tickets good for the Friday, July 12 session. The LEGO KidsFest VIK Preview Event takes place from 3 to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 12. This invite-only event offers attendees the opportunity to work one-on-one with a LEGO Master Model Builder, to be the first to contribute their LEGO build to Creation Nation, and to be the first to see the event experiences. This also includes admission to that day’s session from 4 - 8:30 p.m.

Prize winners will be selected and notified on Monday, July 8. Contest entrants must be 18 and older. Any posts, comments and images shared through this contest become the property of the Glendale CVB. Entrants agree to have their name and image used for promotional purposes for the Glendale CVB.

For more information on the LEGO KidsFest, [click here](#). For more information on the contest, [click here](#).

Around Town

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

June Youth and Teen Activities at the Velma Teague Branch Library. Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., is planning free activities for youth and teens in June. For further information or to register online [click here](#) or call 623-930-3437.

Teen Library Council Meeting - Thursday, June 20 - The library is currently recruiting teens, ages 12-18, to provide input on the selection of books and music for the branch’s teen collection. Council members also participate in the planning and presentation of library teen events. The meeting will be held from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3441.

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.

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