



# Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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**Independence Day Holiday Notice.** City of Glendale offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

All households' with Friday garbage and recycling pick-up will be shifted to Saturday July 5, 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 Thursday, July 3, by calling 623-930-3500.

No same-day service on Friday 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 Recreation and Aquatics Center will remain open on the Independence Day holiday, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For questions related to the Foothills Center, call 623-930-4600. For information on other Parks and Recreation facilities, call 623-930-2820.

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

**Summer is a Hot Season for Vacationing! Glendale Police Want to Help You Keep Your Home and Property Safe.** While a Glendale family was away on vacation, their home was burglarized by four suspects who entered their home through an unsecure, broken window at the residence. Over \$10,000 in property was taken by the suspects, including a family vehicle. During proactive patrol, a Glendale Police Officer observed a traffic violation and suspicious behavior by one of the suspects in the stolen vehicle. The Glendale Police Officer initiated further investigation into the incident and through the diligent work of several Glendale Police Officers, all four suspects were successfully located and apprehended. This family was fortunate in that officers were also able to recover all the stolen property that had been removed from the residence.

No one wants to come home from a fun, relaxing vacation to find their home has been the target of criminals! Home security is an important part of any vacation planning. Prepare for your weekend getaway or extended vacation with a little extra vigilance that will help keep your home and belongings safer while you are away. The Glendale Police Department suggests the following five preventative measures that will help you avoid being a tempting target for criminals during the vacation season:

- Lock All Doors and Windows – Sounds simple, but just like the example above, it is the one thing that many families fail to do. All it takes is one unlocked window or broken latch to allow easy access for criminals. Also,

remove all spare keys you may have hidden on the exterior of the home.

- Ask a Friend or Family Member – Have a friend or family member regularly check on your home while you are away. If available, also notify your neighborhood watch program.
- Hold Mail and Stop Deliveries – Have your mail held at the post office and stop all newspaper deliveries. Do not have packages delivered to your home while you are away. If you regularly have flyers and free press left at your home, have a friend or neighbor remove them.
- Maintain the Norm – Do not do anything outside of your normal, daily practice. Do not close your curtains if you typically leave them partially open. Do not leave your TV and lights on 24/7. Consider investing in timers that will turn your lights and electronics on and off during scheduled times of the day.
- Don't Tip Off Criminals on Social Media – Be very careful about announcing on social media your vacation plans. Even if you believe your 200 friends on Facebook won't rob you, be aware that criminals are pros at compromising security measures and may access your account and information. It is a good practice to wait until you are home from vacation to post your pictures



and vacation activities.

Don't let the anticipation of a well-deserved vacation blind you to potential risks. A little extra vigilance goes a long ways in protecting your home and property while you are away having a relaxing or adventurous vacation! The Glendale Police Department wishes you a fun and safe summer vacation season. For more tips and information, visit our website at [www.glendaleaz.com/police](http://www.glendaleaz.com/police) , follow us on Twitter @GlendaleAZPD and download our free mobile "MyPDApp" in the Android or iPhone marketplace.

**Glendale's "From The Heart" Program Distributed \$151,500 to Social Service Agencies.** Sixteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to Glendale's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents received \$151,500 in grants recently from Glendale's "From the Heart" program. The grant-award checks were presented to the various agency representatives at the Glendale Adult Center in a brief ceremony.

The money will be used in a variety of ways including feeding the hungry, providing emergency programs for victims of domestic violence and abuse and providing clothing and needed supplies for school-age children in need. Money distributed was raised through Glendale's "From the Heart" program, which allows residents and businesses to add \$2 to their city utility bills each month.

"From the Heart" also receives funding through partner donations, including Chicago White Sox Charities and Phoenix Coyotes Charities. In addition, the Gila River Indian Community donates \$75,000 annually for a three year period, totaling \$225,000.

Since "From the Heart" began in 1997, more than \$2.25 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies servicing Glendale residents. Agencies receiving grant funds this year include:

A New Leaf - \$7,500; Alzheimer's Association - \$7,500; American Red Cross - \$5,000; Back to School Clothing Drive - \$10,000; Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix - \$7,500; Duet: Partners in Health & Aging - \$7,500; First United Methodist Church Brad Riner Program - \$7,500; Hospice of the Valley - \$14,000; Jewish Family and Children's Services - \$7,500; Maggie's Place - \$5,000; New Life Center - \$7,500; Phoenix Gospel Rescue Mission - \$15,000; St. Mary's Food Bank - \$15,000; St. Vincent De Paul - \$15,000; Teen LifeLine - \$5,000; and YWCA of Maricopa County - \$15,000.

For more information on Glendale's "From the Heart program", [click here](#).

## Around Town

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

**Glendale Community Band Brings Music to Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings.** Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 48<sup>th</sup> season in Downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. through July 24, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58<sup>th</sup> and Glenn drives.

Each week will feature a different musical theme.

- July 3-To Honor Them (Patriotic Concert with guest choir). Highlights: honoring service men and women with special tributes to veterans of the Korean War and Vietnam

The Glendale Summer Band Concert Series is sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride and Glendale Rotary Club. For more information call the Glendale Special Events hotline, 623-930-2299 or [click here](#).

**Stars and Stripes – A Patriotic Celebration!** Enjoy a patriotic show on Thursday July 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, Palo Verde Room, 5970 W. Brown St., presented by Arizona Swing Kids, a large children's dance troop. This performance is built on interaction between the youths and seniors, which is rewarding for all parties involved, resulting in long lasting memories and generation connection. Enjoy a slow-roasted beef lunch with all the trimmings. Door prizes generously provided by CAREMORE. For more information call 623-930-4335.

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