



# Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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## Glendale Cares

The city of Glendale remembers those firefighters whose lives were lost battling the Yarnell Hill Fire. The Glendale Fire Department and the Glendale Police Department are providing assistance to the families of the fallen, the city of Prescott and the investigators. Citizens can provide support by making a donation to [The 100 Club](#), [the United Phoenix Firefighters Association](#), [the American Red Cross](#) or the [Arizona Humane Society](#).

**New Glendale City Manager.** The Glendale City Council has officially approved the appointment of Brenda Fischer to the city's top executive position of city manager.

Since 2011, Fischer has managed the city of Maricopa and has worked in city government in Arizona, Nevada and California for the past 18 years. Highlights from her management background include public administration, public finance, human resources, intergovernmental relations, economic development, strategic planning, labor relations and public information.

"This is an absolute honor and amazing opportunity to be selected for this position in the city of Glendale," said Fischer. "I'm looking forward to leading the city and working with the mayor, council, city staff, residents and businesses to carry out the council's vision and continue to make Glendale one of the leading communities in the Valley and the state."

Under Fischer's leadership, she oversaw the entire business plan for the city of Maricopa to construct a new city hall, police station, two fire stations, 120 acre regional park and a 52,000 square foot multi-generational and aquatic center. She also implemented Maricopa's first-ever mid-year budget forecast, the city's first

business incubator program and zoning code updates to enhance economic development.

"We look forward to working with Ms. Fischer and believe she will bring new leadership for a new era in Glendale." Said Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack.

Prior to joining the city of Maricopa, Fischer was a Deputy City Manager in Glendora, California and spent 15 years in management positions in southern Nevada working for the cities of Henderson and North Las Vegas. Fischer is a credentialed city manager from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and a member of the Arizona City/County Management Association. She has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a bachelor's in journalism/public relations with a sports information emphasis from the University of Southern California. Fischer becomes Glendale's first female city manager and the only currently-seated female city manager of the major cities in the Valley. She competed with more than 40 other candidates to earn the top position in Glendale. She will officially begin work with Glendale on July 22.

**City Announces New Classes for Graduates of Glendale University 101.** Registration is now available for continuing education opportunity for Glendale Residents who have previously graduated from Glendale University 101.

Glendale City Court "Court Functions and Mock Trial" will be held on July 23-24 from 6-8 p.m. The City Court tries criminal and civil traffic violations, as well as non-traffic criminal misdemeanor cases. Some of the cases the court handles include driving under the influence, drag racing, child restraint violations and assault. This two-day class will focus on the functions of the court and a tour of the courthouse. The students will also be involved in an interactive night where they participate in a mock trial. Both classes will be held at the Glendale City Court complex located at 5711 W. Glendale Ave. Parking is available along 57th Avenue and in a public parking lot located south of the court building.

Registration is open through Friday July 19 and is limited to 20 students. To register, call 623-930-2868 or [click here](#) to register online.



**Glendale Celebrates National Parks And Recreation Month.** July is National Parks and Recreation Month across the country and Glendale has created a calendar of activities to celebrate.

Fun, healthy entertainment and adventures for you and your family are featured during the month of July at Glendale's recreation centers and parks for the public to experience and enjoy. Activities include sliding down Rose Lane Aquatics Center's water slide, early morning hiking at Thunderbird Conservation Park, visiting a dog park, a bread-baking class and many more.

The calendar is available at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation> and is interactive, so viewers can click on an activity and go to more information and details on the web.

Parks and recreation is an important quality of life feature for individuals, communities and families. It can provide social, economic, environmental, health and community benefits. For more information call 623-930-2820.

**Reminder! Vote for Sahuaro Ranch Park to Win.** Help Glendale make Sahuaro Ranch Park number one in the "America is Your Park" contest sponsored by Coca-Cola. The winning park will receive a \$100,000 grant to help restore, rebuild or enhance activity areas in parks. "America Is Your Park" is just one of the ways Coca-Cola is inspiring people to rediscover the joy and fun of being active this summer. For more information about the contest, [click here](#). For more information about Sahuaro Ranch Park, [click here](#).

**Glendale CVB Launches New Blog.** The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau is offering a new tool to attract travelers to Glendale and the West Valley and help people keep up with events and tourism-related activities. The Glendale CVB is now blogging about the best places, deals and events to check out.

The Glendale CVB is launching this new blog to accompany the full lineup of interactive tools designed to help connect the traveler with the various sights and experiences available in Glendale and the surrounding West Valley cities.

Regular posts, featuring pictures and videos will be compiled from staff and guest bloggers. [Click here](#) to read the blog.

## 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](#).

**Reel Talk Film Series.** Join film scholar Jeannie Berg on Saturday, July 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. to view and discuss The Usual Suspects (1995). An all-star cast includes Stephen Baldwin, Chazz Palminteri, Gabriel Byrne and Kevin Spacey. This stylish and absorbing film is directed by Bryan Singer. Beginning with a police roundup of suspects to an aborted hijacking of a gun-running truck, an engrossing mystery slowly unravels into an imaginative story that comes full circle. The Reel Talk Film Series is held at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. (Rated R, 105 minutes.) [Read more](#).

**Glendale Summer Band.** 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. The next concert will be held on Thursday, July 11 in downtown Glendale's Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

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!

**Youth Basketball Clinic.** Players will improve their basic fundamentals of shooting, ball handling, offense, defense and intramural games in this interactive basketball clinic. The clinic will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4 weeks beginning July 9 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Ages 6-7 meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 8-10 meet from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and Ages 11-15 meet from 1 to 2 p.m. Clinic price is \$40 (non-resident \$48). Preregistration required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, [click here](#).

**Christmas in July - July 20.** Santa is vacationing in Arizona this year, appearing in Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the city's annual Christmas in July celebration. Visitors will enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Old Towne and Catlin Court, while having the opportunity to donate to a summer food drive. With only 158 days left to get all shopping for gifts and decorations complete, start early and avoid the rush! For more information, [click here](#).

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