Cactus Weekly Update

Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona **July 12, 2013**

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.

July Is Smart Irrigation Month. With triple digit temperatures and drying winds, July is traditionally the month of peak demand for outdoor watering in the Valley. The city of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program is celebrating Smart Irrigation Month by helping residents save water, money, and be successful with their landscapes.

Smart Irrigation Month is a public awareness campaign to promote efficient water use. The national campaign highlights simple practices and innovative technologies to help homeowners minimize overwatering while keeping lawns, gardens, and landscapes healthy and attractive.

Homeowners typically overwater lawns and landscapes by as much as 30 percent. By selecting and planting carefully, watering wisely, and maintaining and upgrading automated irrigation systems, homeowners can save money, save water and see better results. Residents can improve water efficiency in their landscape through free print and online resources, offered by the city of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program.

For more information, call 623-930-3535 or click here.

Help Shape Your City by Serving on a Board or Commission. For information, meeting locations and how you can become involved with Glendale Boards and Commissions, please call (623) 930-2249. 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 volunteer boards or commissions. Cactus District vacancies are:

At-Large
Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee
Library Advisory Board – Teen
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – 2 Teens

Cactus
Water Services Advisory Commission

Adult Center Celebrates 10 Years. In 2003 the Glendale Adult Center moved from five small buildings located in downtown Glendale to a new, 30,000 square-foot building, which could house more activities and better serve the residents. The new building, located at 5970 W. Brown St., included features not previously available such as a computer lab and fitness center.

On Monday, July 15, the center staff will celebrate 10 years at the expanded location with a reception at 12:15 p.m. in the Palo Verde Room. Staff and center members will celebrate the center's successes, share stories and enjoy a piece of cake.

The center provides a variety of social, community, nutritional, health and wellness benefits to those who attend. Adults, ages 18 and older, are invited to participate at the Glendale Adult Center. It offers aerobics, cards and games, a lunch program, computer classes, special holiday events, a fitness center with trainers, craft and art programs, music and dance activities, social services, trips, movies and yoga.

For more information or for a tour of the Glendale Adult Center, call 623-930-1234 or click here.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please click here.

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 18 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!

Glendale Civic Center Hosts Wedding Event For Those About To Say "I Do." The city-owned Glendale Civic Center invites soon-to-be brides and grooms to a Wedding Tour and Culinary Tasting Open House on Wednesday, July 17. The free tour begins at 5:30 p.m. at 5750 W. Glenn Drive in historic downtown Glendale. The tour is an opportunity for guests to see the entire 40,000-square-foot facility, including ballrooms, gardens and patios. Guests will also visit the Civic Center's Design Center where they can get a first-hand look at table settings, dinnerware and linen choices as well as beautiful photos of previous weddings held at the facility.

The culinary tasting, hosted by Arizona Catering, the Civic Center's official caterer, begins at 6 p.m. and includes a sampling of assorted buffet items, hors d'oeuvres, salad and entrees. The tasting costs $5.00 per couple and a reservation is required by calling Arizona Catering at (480) 898-8848.

In addition to the tour and tasting, special wedding vendors will be available featuring items such as wedding cakes, flowers and DJ entertainment ideas.

For more information, call (623) 930-4300 or click here.

Christmas in July, Historic Downtown Glendale 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 of your shopping for gifts and decorations complete, start early and avoid the rush! Christmas cheer begins at the Glendale Visitor Center, where you'll pick up your holiday map, coupons and savings pack and take a spin on the prize wheel (for the first 250 visitors). Santa himself will greet visitors and pose for photos, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at A Mad Hatter's, located at 5734 W. Glendale Ave. Photos will be available for a nominal fee or shoppers are welcome to take their own pictures with Santa. For more information, click here.

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