



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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New Cactus District Board & Commission Members. Glendale's boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study, and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Congratulations and many thanks to the following Cactus District residents who have recently been appointed to serve on Glendale advisory boards and commissions: **Carol Ladd**, Chair-Arts Commission; **Jeff McAfee**, Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission; **Ken Wixon**, Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods; **Susan Sommer**, Vice Chair-Library Advisory Board, and **Julie Stiak**, Risk Management/Worker's Compensation Trust Fund Board.

[Click here](#) to view current vacancies and download an application to serve on a citizen advisory group. For more information, call the City Council Office at 623-930-2249.

Local Entrepreneur with Passion for Old Buildings Honored with 2013 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. David Chang was selected by the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission to receive the Ruth Byrne Award for 2013.

Chang, an active figure in Glendale as both a developer and a restaurateur, has a passion for revitalizing historic structures and turning these buildings into places that house modern uses. He was integral in several revitalization projects in Glendale's downtown area, with the first being the transformation of the Coury Building located at 6835 North 58th Drive. This structure was constructed in 1940 by H.D. McNeely and the Glendale Lumber Company for a local entrepreneur Tom Coury. Soon after construction, the building became home of a small grocery store that was owned by the Smart & Final Wholesale Company. Today the Coury Building houses Chang's culinary gem ZANG Asian Bistro. After a temporary closure, Chang will soon reopen the restaurant. Part of the Coury preservation efforts included refurbishing and exposing the original wood on the interior.

The second undertaking was the adaptive reuse of the Humphrey & Davidson Building located at 5819 West Glendale Avenue. This structure was originally constructed in 1895 to house dry goods for S. Humphrey and A. Davidson who were prominent agricultural shipping agents in Glendale. This space has been designed to be the home of an American Bistro. In addition, Chang is currently renovating the adjacent historic building, transforming this site into the Star Venue which will be a multi-use performance space that will offer a dinner theatre, live entertainment, comedy shows, movies and more.

The third project was the revitalization of the Glendale State Bank Building located on the southeast corner of 58th Drive and Glendale Avenue. This building was originally built in 1909 by business leader and member of the first City Council, C.L. Gillett and housed the city's first bank. Today Chang leases this space to The Storm Antique Store. All of his projects reflect a focus on preservation as he keeps the original style and design properties intact.

The Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award was established in 1996. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation of Glendale's historic and cultural resources. This prestigious award is named after Ruth Byrne, a Glendale native, in honor of her dedicated work and ongoing efforts to preserve Glendale's history. The award was presented to Chang at a recent council meeting. For more information on this award and the city's historic preservation efforts, [click here](#)

Before



After



Around Town

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

It's a 'Ruff' Life in Downtown Glendale for Annual Dog Days of Summer Event August 3. A community of dog lovers will gather in downtown Glendale for the city's annual Dog Days of Summer event on Saturday, Aug. 3, 7-10 a.m. This day will celebrate man's best friend with fun activities and shopping in the park and pay special tribute to public service dogs who dutifully help humans. The city's fourth annual event, Dog Days of Summer will be recognized in "Dog Fancy" magazine's September issue, and the publication named Glendale as the Regional Runner-up in their Dog Town USA competition for the canine-friendly communities and businesses.

Head to the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau booth located in Murphy Park to start your day, where the first 250 visitors will receive a savings pack, as well as a run-down of the day's activities.

The Dog Days of Summer also includes a donation drive for pet food and supplies to benefit the animals at Sun Valley Animal Shelter. For a wish list of items needed, [click here](#). For more details on the donation drive and the overall event, check out www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500.

Volunteer for "Project Connect." The City is partnering with the Valley of the Sun United Way, Basic Mission and the Glendale Nazarene Church on this year's "Project Connect" event, which will take place on Aug. 13, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glendale Nazarene Church, 5902 W. Cactus Rd. Project Connect is part of Valley of the Sun United Way's strategy to end homelessness in our community.

Volunteers will work one-on-one to escort guests through the array of service providers available on site. For more information and to register to become a volunteer, [click here](#).

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center Hosts 101.5's Sub Zero Ice Cream & Yogurt Pool Patrol. The 101.5 Pool Patrol, powered by Sub Zero Ice Cream & Yogurt, will bring their music and ice cream to the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics center from 3 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 1. Visitors will receive free Sub Zero ice cream made in its unique way and can enjoy the 101.5 Entourage with music, prizes and other summertime stuff.

Sub Zero is the only company that makes ice cream and yogurt fresh in front of your eyes in seconds with a method of freezing ice cream using nothing more than liquid nitrogen. This allows customers to completely customize their frozen dessert.

The radio station 101.5 Jamz will have a DJ playing today's top music hits.

The Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., will have recreational swim available. Prices for swim admission are free for ages 2 and under, \$2.50 for ages 3-17 (\$3.50 for non-Glendale residents), \$5 for ages 18-54 (\$6 for non-residents) and \$3 for ages 55 and older (\$5 for non-residents). The aquatics center features two slides, an aquatic playground, lazy river and dive pool.

For more information about the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4600.

Tribute to Arizona's Fallen Comes to Glendale Public Library. Glendale hosts "Remembering Our Fallen" Exhibit Aug. 12-25.

Since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, many Arizona service men and women have given their lives in defense of our country. West Valley residents are invited to view an emotionally moving tribute to the Arizonans who made the supreme sacrifice in these wars.

The Honor Walk Foundation and the city of Glendale are proud to bring the "Remembering Our Fallen" exhibit to the Glendale Public Library from Aug. 12 through 25. Comprised of five 10-foot panels, the traveling exhibit features photos, biographical information and personal mementos of the Arizona residents who died serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The exhibit will be located inside the Main branch of the Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Visitors can view the exhibit during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, from 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays.

An opening ceremony for the exhibit will be held Monday, Aug. 12. A color guard and brief program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on The Honor Walk Foundation, [click here](#)

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