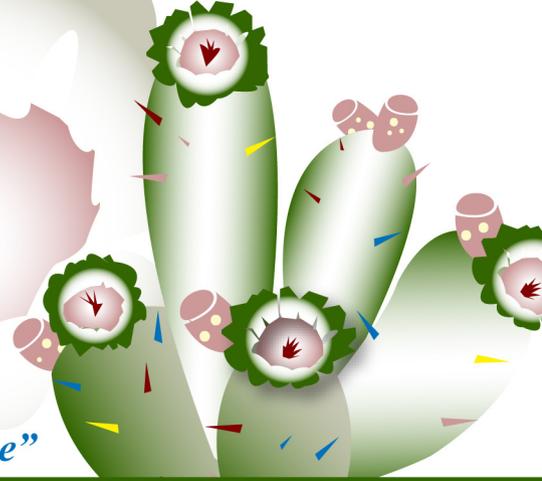




# Cactus Chronicle

*“Glendale –  
Proud to be the home of Luke Air Force Base”*



Councilmember Phil Lieberman, Glendale Arizona

September 26, 2008

## Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards.

**Glendale Park + Ride.** Glendale's first park and ride recently picked up a major accolade at the Valley Forward 28th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards.

The Valley Forward Association recognized the new park and ride for its innovative environmental design by awarding the city of Glendale an Award of Merit in the Site Development and Landscape category for Industrial and Public Works. [Read more.](#)

**Glendale Outdoor Environmental Classroom.** The Glendale Main Library's unique combination of the environment and education has been celebrated for its efforts. The library was recognized at the Valley Forward Association's 28th Annual Environmental Excellence Award Ceremony for its Art in Public Places.

The Valley Forward Association presented the city of Glendale Library with the Crescordia, which was given as the highest honor in the category of Art in Public Places for its modern and functional architecture intertwined with impressive landscape.



Dear Cactus District Residents,

**IT'S NOW UNDERWAY!** The new Glendale City Court Building at 47<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues in the Cactus District is the first step in the city's efforts to revitalize the Glendale Avenue corridor.

I urge each of you to be an active participant in the plans for redevelopment of Glendale Avenue from 43rd to 67th Avenue.

We must work with the business community and owners along the Glendale Corridor to bring about the best possible strategy to make this area come alive. And it will! The courthouse alone creates a need for law offices, restaurants, coffee shops, book stores and more.

I am already hearing from Cactus Citizens about what new businesses they would like to see with the development of Glendale Avenue. Please call or write to me with YOUR ideas; or join us at the upcoming Community Vision Fair on Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Murphy Park in Downtown Glendale. The fair will be a great opportunity to learn more about the Glendale Centerline Project and provide input, feedback and comments. There will be interactive activities, games, city booths, food and an opportunity to actually draw your vision for the area! If you are unable to attend the Vision Fair, Join me at one of my upcoming Cactus District meetings.

Thank you,  
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**NLC Human Development Committee.** As a member of the National League of Cities, Human Development Committee, Councilmember Lieberman and the City of Glendale hosted the committee's fall meeting last week at the Renaissance Hotel in Glendale.

As part of the program, attendees were given a tour of the Foothills Aquatic Center, the Adult Center, Rose Lane Aquatics and Recreation Center, the Community Center and Copper Canyon High School.

Following the tour, the meeting was held with items of discussion that varied from "Faith Based Organizations as Service Providers" to Supporting Working Families" to the "Promotion of Diversity". Additional discussions included "Support for Affirmative Action Programs" and "Early Childhood Development." Many resolutions will be sent to the NLC Board of Directors to be forwarded to the U.S. Congress as a result of the conference. Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, the National League of Cities serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages, and towns it represents. More than 1,600 municipalities of all sizes pay dues to NLC and actively participate as leaders and voting members in the organization. For more information about NLC [click here!](#)

**Abandoned or Foreclosed Property Tips.** Are you concerned about an abandoned home in your neighborhood or HOA? The city has a new web page that provides guidance to residents who may be concerned about vacant homes, code violations or graffiti. City programs and departments are listed that can address these issues, along with contact phone numbers and links.

For those who may be facing foreclosure, the site lists free local counseling as well as social services for help during difficult financial times. [Click here](#) to visit the site.

### City Services.

- The Glendale Sanitation Division is once again offering residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted **household hazardous waste** with its home collection service Monday, Oct. 20 to Friday, Nov. 7. Residents can sign-up for the service, beginning Monday, Sept. 29 through October 24 by contacting the Sanitation Division. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and the first 750 households will be eligible for the service. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2660 for more information.
- Beginning in October, residents' **water and sewer rates** will be adjusted. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2700 for details on the changes.

**2008 Glendale Hispanic Network Breakfast.** The Glendale Hispanic Network (GHN) will sponsor a community breakfast in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:45 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn in Historic Downtown Glendale. Frank Camacho will be the keynote speaker for the breakfast. Camacho is the weekend news co-anchor/general assignment reporter for 3TV. **Oct. 3 is the deadline for purchasing tickets.** [Read more.](#)

## Around Town

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[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

**Glendale HOA Training Academy.** This eight session educational program is open to all Glendale Homeowner Association (HOA) board members and residents who want to learn how to more effectively manage, lead or participate in their HOA. Each class highlights a different topic. HOA classes will be on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The course runs Oct. 7 through Nov. 1.

For more information, including a registration form and list of featured topics for each class, [click here](#) and scroll down to **HOA Training Academy**.

**VIN Etching – Saturday.** Bring your vehicle to the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown Street, on Saturday, September 27 or October 25 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for free VIN Etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching the vehicle's 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number on each window on the vehicle and serves as a visual deterrent against auto theft. You will be required to show proof of ownership, current registration and complete a consent form. Call the Glendale Police Department at (623) 930-3328 for more information. [Read more.](#)

**Understanding Your Landscape Watering System.** Get the basics on understanding how your drip irrigation and sprinklers work and how to water properly. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 30 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., in the Large Meeting Room. [Read more.](#) Call (623) 930-3760 to register.

**Art Awakenings Exhibit – Closes Oct. 2.** "Art Awakenings" at the Glendale Adult Center includes the work of new members and the most successful work from the recent workshops. The exhibit will show through October 2 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 West Brown St. The center is open 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. [Click here](#) to visit the Art Awakenings Web site.

**Fire Prevention Parade.** The Glendale Fire Department will host the 26th Annual Fire Prevention Parade sponsored by Southwest Gas, in downtown Glendale on Oct. 4. The ever-popular parade will begin at 10 a.m., traveling west on Glendale Avenue from 52nd to 58th avenues. It will feature fire vehicles, clowns, scouts and much more! The parade will end at Murphy Park, where families will find a fun safety fair which will include food vendors, arts and crafts, safety information booths, live music, attractions for the kids and a static display of fire apparatus from around the state. The fair will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, [click here](#) or call the Fire Department at (623) 703-1571.

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