



# Cactus Weekly Update



**Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona**

**September 26, 2014**

Councilmember Hugh invites residents of the Cactus District to the upcoming Open House style Cactus District Meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. at the Historic Manistee Ranch at 5127 W. Northern Avenue (enter at 51 Ave., just south of Northern Avenue). Representatives from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code Compliance, and City Manager Brenda Fischer will be available to speak with residents.

Dinner and refreshments will be available. Please R.S.V.P. no later than October 20 to Martina Longoria at 623-930-2878 or via e-mail [mlongoria@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mlongoria@glendaleaz.com)

### **City of Glendale & Arizona Coyotes Team up for 100 Club of Arizona Event Includes Teddy Bear Toss to Benefit Local Children.**

The City of Glendale is teaming up with the Arizona Coyotes to host an intrasquad charity game on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Gila River Arena. All proceeds from the benefit game will support the 100 Club of Arizona, a non-profit organization that provides support including financial and emotional assistance to statewide public safety agencies, police officers, firefighters, paramedics and their families.

Tickets for the game are just \$5 and can be purchased in advance at the Gila River Arena box office or online at ArizonaCoyotes.com and parking is free.

Other game day activities include an auction of autographed jerseys worn by Coyotes players during the intrasquad game and a 50/50 Raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will also benefit the 100 Club of Arizona.

Fans can also provide charitable support by participating in the Teddy Bear Toss. At the conclusion of the game, fans will be asked to toss a new Teddy Bear (12 to 18 inches) onto the ice. All the bears will be collected and distributed to Glendale Police and Fire Departments who will use them to comfort children involved in car accidents or who may be part of an investigation or a crime scene.

Fans can also donate online [click here](#) (keyword - azcoyotes) or by texting "Coyotes" to 68494. For more on the 100 Club of Arizona [click here](#).

**Library Programs Offer Help for Victims of Domestic Violence.** Did you know that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month? Learn more about the services available for victims of domestic violence at free presentations by the Glendale Police Department Family Violence Unit at all three Glendale Public Library locations throughout the month.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. To raise awareness about the issue and the ways the Glendale Family Advocacy Center can help, Glendale is offering a presentation titled "Domestic Violence: Help is Available" for the following dates and locations:

- 3 to 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
- 3 to 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

For more information, call 623-930-3431 (Velma Teague Branch), 623-930-3573 (Main Branch), or 623-930-3844 (Foothills Branch). For information about Glendale's library system, [click here](#) and for information about the Glendale Family Advocacy Center, [click here](#).

**City Court Introduces New Auto Payment Option.** The Glendale City Court now offers an Auto Payment option for defendants to pay any fees or fines with the court. This new option is offered to improve the process of paying fees in a timely manner, and benefits patrons who won't have to worry about late fees if the due date is forgotten.

The Automatic Payment is set up for customers to provide a credit or debit card so that the court can automatically charge when the next payment is due. Defendants will no longer have to come down to the court, call in, or go online every month to make payments. This will simplify the process and reduce the frequency of late fees. To set up the auto pay option, patrons must fill out an Automatic Recurring Billing Authorization form (ARB). The form can be obtained at the City Court or online, [click here](#).

For more information about this new process or other City Court issues, call 623-930-2400 or [click here](#).

**20th Annual Front Porch Festival Ushers in Autumn in Historic Downtown.** The 20th anniversary of Glendale's Front Porch Festival will offer a fun day of shopping and dining and hopefully, cooler weather. Come down to explore the Catlin Court Shopping District in Downtown Glendale on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a variety of activities, entertainment and special guests.

The historic district will delight visitors, with more than 80 shops that will welcome all on their lawns and front porches, with demonstrations, crafts and more. There will also be a contest among the merchants for the "Favorite Scarecrow" decoration. Guests will be encouraged to vote for their favorites, to be entered to win a basket full of treats and goodies. The business that receives the most votes will get a blue ribbon and of course, bragging rights.

Another highlight will be an ornament-making activity. At select locations, visitors can contribute \$1 to create an ornament that will be used to decorate the Community Tree during Glendale Glitters, beginning Nov. 28. All proceeds from the ornaments will be donated to the Treats for Troops program that will take place in November, as well.

Visitors are encouraged to start at the Glendale Visitor Center, at 5800 W. Glenn Dr. Suite 140, to pick up a list of activities and participating merchants. Admission and parking are free. For more information, contact the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500 or visit [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com). You can also follow Glendale on [www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB](http://www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB) and [www.twitter.com/GlendaleCVB](http://www.twitter.com/GlendaleCVB) for updates.

**Trucks and Construction Equipment Open for Exploring at the Empire Cat Touch-A-Truck.** Kids of all ages will enjoy discovering trucks, finding out how they run, climbing through them and exploring the worlds in which they work at Glendale's Empire Cat Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, Oct. 18. The family event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Westgate Entertainment District east parking lot, 6770 N. Sunrise Blvd.

Commercial and industrial vehicles including a mouse stretch limousine, tow trucks, fire trucks, dump trucks, commercial bucket loaders, sanitation vehicles, backhoes and 18-wheelers will be onsite to explore. Live demonstrations of some of the equipment will also take place.

Along with the trucks, there are special activities for children including a sand play area, a miniature roadway with toy vehicles called Tiny Tot Drivers and The Big Dig where children can try their hand at scooping sand with a contraption that works like a backhoe.

Admission to the event is free and no registration is required. Bring a camera to capture photos of family behind the wheels.

Empire Cat Touch-a-Truck is a Glendale Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services event and is presented by Arizona Trucking Association, Westgate Entertainment District, Bedrock Sand and Gravel, CEMEX and American Institute of Trucking.

For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation) or call 623-930-2820.

**Local Author and Veterinarian Dr. Kristen Nelson Attends Book Signing and Discussion at Velma Teague Library.** Local author and veterinarian Dr. Kristen Nelson will discuss and sign the two books in her Coated with Fur animal series during the Authors @ the Teague event at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Packed with animal anecdotes, "Coated with Fur: A Vet's Life" and "Coated with Fur: A Blind Cat's Love" chronicle Dr. Nelson's lifelong love of animals and the triumphs and trials of owning her own veterinary practice. A free digital copy of "Coated with Fur: A Vet's Life" is available on her website at [www.coatedwithfur.com/Contact\\_Dr.html](http://www.coatedwithfur.com/Contact_Dr.html).

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Nelson has practiced veterinary medicine for the past 24 years, relocating to the Phoenix area from Minnesota in 1997. After serving on the Animal Health Committee of the Phoenix Zoo from 2001 to 2005, she became a whistleblower concerning issues with the zoo's treatment of animals. She has appeared in "USA Today," "The Los Angeles Times," "The Ladies' Home Journal" and numerous radio and television interviews. Her awards include the Duluth Kennel Club Award for Outstanding Small Animal Surgery and Medicine and the Carl F. Schlotthauer Memorial Surgery Award. She currently cares for small and exotic animals in Scottsdale, Arizona while writing the third book in her series.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, call 623-930-3431.

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