# Cactus Weekly Update

**Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona** **September 27, 2013**

Councilmember Hugh to host Cactus District meeting,
Wednesday October 23, 6:00pm,
Historic Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern Avenue.
(enter at 51st Avenue, south of Northern)
Appetizers & Refreshments will be available

**City Offices Closed Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day.** City of Glendale offices will close Monday, October 14 for the Columbus Day holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a normal weekday schedule from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on Friday, Oct. 11 by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Monday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a normal weekday schedule, with ADA service provided based upon normal weekday fixed-route schedules.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will remain open on the holiday, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the recreation center, call 623-930-4600. For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, click here.

**Glendale Police Announced as a Recipient of Grant Funding for Police Officers.** The Glendale Police Department was announced as one of 7 recipients in the State of Arizona of a Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) 2013 hiring grant.

The award is a 3-year grant for $1.2 million dollars to assist the Glendale Police Department in hiring 10 new police officers. The Police Department intends to use these funds to focus on enhancing the safety of our community by increasing patrol and proactive officers in the areas of Glendale with the highest incidence of crime. The department also intends to add officers to investigative units to address illegal possession and trafficking of guns.

The COPS Hiring Program offers grants to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to hire or rehire community policing officers. The program provides salaries and benefits for officer and deputy hires for three years. Grantees for the 2013 hiring program were selected based on their fiscal needs, local crime rates, and community policing plans. For more information, click here.

**Historic Park Unique Location for Family or Business Events.** Wedding receptions, company retreats, business meetings and seminars, retirement parties, proms, and family reunions will be even more memorable and enjoyable held at a unique and beautiful location.

The Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area has multiple venues, both indoor and outdoor, that will provide a special touch of atmosphere to any personal or business event. The ranch was built in the late 1800s and its historic buildings and grounds offer a great escape from the usual. With 17 acres, one feels far away from the hustle and bustle of the city making it a perfect retreat and very impressive to attendees.

The prices for rentals are very affordable too, and discounted rates are available for reservations held Monday through Thursday.

With the Valley of the Sun's weather perfect in the fall and spring, now is the time to make reservations for a gathering. For information on rentals at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic area, visit http://www.glendaleaz.com/SRPHA/SRPHARentals.cfm or call 623-930-4202.

# Around Town

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

**Glendale CVB Kicks-off Stockings for Soldiers Drive.** Stuff a stocking for a soldier and get into the holiday spirit early with the Glendale CVB, which is coordinating a *"Stockings for Soldiers"* program through Nov. 9, with the conclusion of the drive at the 17th Annual Downtown Glendale Holiday Open House.

The CVB is asking the public to donate items from a list (see below) and encouraging all to stop by the Glendale Visitor Center to sign holiday greeting cards, which will be included in the boxes. The Glendale Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The holiday greeting cards, along with the collection boxes are located in the lobby of the Visitor Center.

Items that are needed include: small canned food & fruit (Pop-Top Lids), individual drink powder packets (Wyler's, Crystal Light) coffee bags (Folgers Singles) candy and snacks, beef jerky, foot and body powder, microwave popcorn, tuna packets, crackers, hand towels and wash cloths, travel pack facial tissue, twin sheets and pillow cases, Lysol, air freshener, sunscreen, non-aerosol insect repellant, wet wipes, razors, hand and body lotion, hand sanitizer, crossword puzzles, pocket-sized games, AA batteries, calling cards, DVD's and CD's and holiday-themed candy/candy canes. Travel size items are preferred.

The holiday-themed boxes will be sent to deployed military men and women in mid-November just in time for the holiday season. For more information call 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com.

**Pick Up Great Books With Great Prices at Library's Book Sale.** Tables stacked with the best reading deals in town will be available during the Foothills Branch Library's semi-annual Fabulous Fall Book Sale to be held from 12 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19.

Westerns, mysteries, romance, general fiction and non-fiction ranging in subjects from arts and entertainment to travel and vintage will be available for all reading tastes. Also available will be children's books, DVDs and audiobooks, which sell quickly, so come early for the best selections.

Additionally, a "*Buck-a-Bag*" sale will be held all day in a separate room. The library will provide bags and you can fill a bag with books for just $1 a bag. Only cash will be accepted in the "*Buck-a-Bag*" room.

All the proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library. For more information on the sale, call 623-930-3854. For information on the Foothills Branch Library and Glendale's library system, click here.

**Front Porch Specials Mark 19th Annual Event in Downtown Glendale.** Enjoy autumn temperatures and great discounts at the 19th Annual Catlin Court Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace in historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, Oct. 19. The shops will turn inside out as they showcase hundreds of items on lawns and front porches from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Starting the day at the Glendale Visitors Center is encouraged to pick up a walking map and discount card for various stores. It is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com. You can also follow Glendale on www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB and www.twitter.com/GlendaleCVB.

**Football Widows Intercept Sundays with Club of Their Own.** When your significant other sits in front of the television all day watching football on Sundays are you bored? Wouldn't you like to find some activities, creative projects and a way to socialize instead of hanging around the house? Turn your Sundays into "*fundays*" and join the Football Widows Club.

With 14 weeks of activities in the West Valley, the club is for people just like you, who aren't into spending their Sundays in front of the television yelling as if the players and referees can hear. As a club member, you can take part in a variety of activities designed just for you. Some of the planned events are free and some have a nominal charge, and you can participate in all of them or pick and choose.

Members will receive additional benefits such as discounts on the regular prices for most of the activities, along with coupons and other surprises. The club isn't just for women either.

This club is for adults ages 18 and older. Transportation will not be provided to events, but carpooling is highly encouraged. Signing up for the club is free, although some of the activities have an entry/registration fee. For details and to sign up for the Football Widow's Club, visit www.glendaleaz.com/footballwidows. For more information, call 623-930-2822.


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