



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

October 3, 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 by calling 623-930-2878 or via e-mail mlongoria@glendaleaz.com

Glendale Receives Improved Outlook From Moody's Investors Service. For the first time since February 2011, the city of Glendale's financial outlook has been upgraded from negative to stable by Moody's Investors Service. The positive reaction from Moody's solidifies the actions of the Glendale City Council and city staff over the past year to manage and maintain fiscal stability for the city.

Moody's also affirmed Glendale's General Obligation bond rating of A3, an upper medium-investment grade rating held since August 2013.

In addition to the positive news from Moody's, on Sept. 25, Standard and Poor's Rating Services affirmed its AA ratings on Glendale's series 2007 transportation excise tax revenue obligations. In summary, the bond rating for these particular bonds has not changed and reflects a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments supported by Glendale's transportation sales tax fund.

[Click here](#) to read the entire news release.

The Glendale Police Department Participates in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On September 23rd, 2014 Mayor Jerry Weiers and the Glendale City Council proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month provides the Glendale Police Department with additional opportunities to educate the community, emphasize that domestic violence is a crime, warn abusers that they will be prosecuted and offer victims aid and support.

The Glendale Police Department's Family Violence Unit will be presenting information about the dangers of domestic violence and what resources are available to help with leaving an abusive relationship to residents of several local domestic violence shelters, medical students at Midwestern University, and Child Development students at Kellis High School during the month of October. They will also be providing Patrol officers of the Glendale Police Department additional training for handling domestic violence calls for service and will be providing advanced domestic violence training for outside law enforcement agencies. The public is invited to three opportunities to learn more about domestic violence during "Awareness Presentations" being held in conjunction with the Glendale Public Library on the following dates and times:

- Velma Teague Library (7010 N. 58th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301) – Oct 2nd from 3-4pm
- Main Library (5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302) – Oct 9th from 11am-12pm
- Foothills Library (19055 N. 57th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85308) – Oct 10th from 3-4pm

The crimes related to domestic violence are serious, repetitive and have the tendency to escalate in brutality. Domestic violence includes the use of physical, emotional and psychological abuse and control, which affects people from all walks of life and of every age and demographic. The consequences of domestic violence have far reaching effects.

Finally, the Glendale Family Advocacy Center offers numerous resources for victims of family crimes. It's very important that victims of domestic violence realize they have choices. If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship and would like more information, please contact the Glendale Family Advocacy Center (GFAC) at (623) 930-3720. If you are a victim of a domestic violence crime currently being handled by the prosecutor's office you can call (623) 930-3323 and a Victim Advocate can provide assistance with case-related needs. Anyone wanting more information about domestic violence resources is also encouraged to visit the GFAC website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/advocacycenter/index.cfm>. *Spanish translation available

Dog's Spirit Lives on Through Donation to Fire Department. Recently, the Glendale Fire Department accepted three FIDO bags that were donated by the AZ Jack Russell Rescue (AZJRR) through the Fetch Foundation. One of the bags donated was in memory of Sasha, a 13-year old rescued Jack Russell Terrier, who lost her battle to Valley Fever last December.

The FIDO bags, created by a Glendale firefighter, are medical bags containing customized oxygen masks and other medical supplies specifically made to care for animals in emergency situations like fires. The bags were placed on Glendale fire trucks in April of 2007 after the Sun Valley Animal Shelter made a generous donation of \$4,000 to fund the FIDO bag program. Glendale firefighters, having saved numerous animals using the FIDO bag equipment, believe that the bags are a necessity since 70% of households have pets.

Sasha was taken in by the rescue three years ago after her owner surrendered her to the Maricopa County Animal Care and Control. She was adopted quickly but returned when she was diagnosed with Valley Fever. The new family did not want to cover the costs of treatment and without medications Sasha did not have a chance for survival. Gary and Sandy Mittendorf, owners of AZJRR, decided they would take care of her with several volunteers sharing duties of an "around the clock" treatment and care schedule. When extensive care was no longer needed, AZJRR board members Doug and Carolyn Latham took Sasha in for almost two years until her advanced age and health issues proved too much for her.

"It was important for us to donate one of the bags to the Glendale Fire Department in honor of Sasha since her foster home was in Glendale," Sandy Mittendorf said. "We also wanted to spread the word to encourage others to help the Fetch Foundation to provide these much needed bags to help save animals' lives. "

To help support and maintain the FIDO bag program, people can donate to Glendale Firefighters Charities by calling 623-930-4400 or by visiting the Fetch Foundation's website at www.thefetchfoundation.com.

Help Design a Child's Dream Park in Glendale. Do you want Glendale's kids to have an inspired place to play -- in only ONE DAY? Help volunteers from the City of Glendale, the Arizona Coyotes Foundation, and the KaBOOM! nonprofit agency in planning a brand-new playground on KaBOOM! Design Day on

Monday, October 6, at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the basement-level Employee Lounge of Glendale City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

Please take advantage of this exciting opportunity to enrich our children's lives. To RSVP for the meeting, please call Michelle Yates of the Glendale Community Services Department at 623-930-2044 or email myates@glendaleaz.com. For further information [click here](#).

Great Books at Great Prices at Library's Fall Book Sale. Tables stacked with the best reading deals in town will be available during the semi-annual Fabulous Fall Book Sale at Foothills Library, 19055 N 57th Ave. Mark your calendar for this event, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Roadrunner and Hummingbird Rooms.

There will be something for everyone in the Roadrunner Room, with prices starting at 50 cents. Westerns, mysteries, romance, general fiction and non-fiction ranging in subjects from arts and entertainment to textbooks and travel will be available for all reading tastes. In addition to books for adults, teens and children, there will be DVDs and audiobooks for sale. These items generally sell quickly, so come early for the best selections.

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

Although the book sale begins at 10 a.m., please note that the library itself does not open until noon.

All proceeds from the sale will directly benefit the library. For more information about the sale, call Janet at 623-930-3854. For information on the Foothills Branch Library and Glendale's library system, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

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