



# Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

October 18, 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

## **Lifetime Achievement Award To End Domestic Violence Goes To Presiding Glendale Judge.**

Glendale's presiding Judge Elizabeth Finn received the Saguaro Award: Lifetime Achievement during the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence's annual Thrive Gala and Awards Dinner.

The award recognizes a person's lifetime dedication to ending domestic violence. Judge Finn received the award based on her dedication to the anti-domestic violence movement, her experience in survivor centered advocacy for victims and their children, the length and level of involvement she has participated in domestic violence advocacy, her help in resolving both the micro and macro level issues faced by Arizona's victims, her leadership in ending violence against women and her commitment to social justice.

Judge Finn was nominated for the award by Glendale Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack.

Judge Finn has been a judge for 34 years and is the most senior judge in the State. Throughout her career on the bench, she has devoted herself to improving judicial responses to domestic violence issues and collaborating with all levels of court stakeholders to maximize the resources and efficiencies necessary to reduce the impact of domestic violence in our communities. To watch video of the Thrive Gala award ceremony, [click here](#).

## **City of Glendale Will Close Administrative Offices During Holiday Week in December.**

The Glendale City Council has approved closing city administrative offices the week of Christmas, Dec. 23-27, this year. The closure was a recommendation from an internal employee group which represents all city employees. The committee presented the idea to management who then brought it forward to the council with a recommendation for implementation.

The intent of the closure is to ensure there is minimal impact to residents. Critical services, including police and fire protection, sanitation and water services and Dial-a-Ride will maintain service to residents at normal levels during that week. Pass-holders and day-users of the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center will be able to use the facility with slightly adjusted hours. All three branches of the library and the Adult Center will be closed, along with the customer service office in city hall. Water bills can be paid the week prior to the closure, online or over the phone during that week.

The internal employee group brought forward the closure idea based on a practice that several other Valley cities have offered in years past when pay increases were not an option. The Glendale employee committee was formed earlier this year and designed to suggest non-traditional ways to recognize and reward employees since during the past five years the city has not given across the board merit or cost of living increases and has also implemented three years of mandatory furloughs.

For more information, [click here](#).

**Glendale's Free Household Hazardous Pick-Up Service Offered Through October 25.** Households can easily fill up with hazardous waste, but your car doesn't have to – not if you act quickly. The first 750 Glendale households that call for an appointment can schedule a home pick-up of hazardous waste and avoid having to transport toxic chemicals in their own vehicles.

Twice a year, Glendale's Sanitation Division offers the free service. Residents can call now through Oct. 25 to request the service. Collections will be done in October and November.

The service not only helps residents avoid transporting dangerous products, but helps keep regular garbage collections safer. The improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can cause problems for the entire community. Simple items that mix together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors that can harm city workers or others.

Residents can sign up for a free household hazardous waste pick-up service by contacting the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis up to 750 households. Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners.

Items that are **unacceptable**: explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes. There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than five gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents. For more information, [click here](#).

# Around Town

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**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (Wyer’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 repellent, 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](http://www.visitglendale.com).

**Glendale Hosts Free Vegetable Gardening Workshop October 26.** Glendale’s Conservation & Sustainable Living Program will hold a Vegetable Gardening Day on Saturday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Residents can attend this workshop free of charge to learn how to grow their own vegetables, learn about container gardening and gain information about soils and composting. The schedule will be:

- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vegetable Gardening
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Container Gardening
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Soils & Composting

Representatives from the Valley Permaculture Alliance (VPA) and Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer specific questions. In addition, the VPA will have their Seed Lending Library available for homeowners to learn about seed saving and opportunities for swapping seeds with others in the community. A composter, donated by Glendale’s Recycling Division and other garden-related door prizes will be raffled at 2:30 p.m., following the Soils & Composting Class.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. To register, call 623-930-3760 or email [bpatrick@glendaleaz.com](mailto:bpatrick@glendaleaz.com). Additional information is available online at [www.glendaleaz.com/green](http://www.glendaleaz.com/green).

**Shredding Event - Nov. 2 at Glendale Adult Center.** The Glendale Police Department Community Action Teams want you to know that shredding old and unwanted documents has become a vital part of protecting yourself from data and identity theft. Please Join us Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Glendale Adult Center parking lot, 5970 W Brown Street for a free shredding event. Each household can bring up to five boxes of documents to be shredded on site. This service will be offered 8 a.m. - noon or until the disposal trucks are full. For more information, [click here](#).

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