



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

November 21, 2014

You are cordially invited to the Farewell Reception for Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack and Councilmember Manny Martinez on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 from 5:00 – 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers Lobby at 5850 West Glendale Avenue. Please join us for cake and coffee.

Pavement Management Program. The City of Glendale regularly evaluates the condition of roads and streets to assess the need for maintenance or repair, in addition to prioritizing and scheduling how this takes place. Beginning in late October, slurry seal and overlay applications have been scheduled to take place in various areas of the city. This work is estimated to take ten weeks to complete.

For additional information on areas scheduled for maintenance, [click here](#).

City of Glendale Sponsors 3rd Annual Resource Fair. City of Glendale Community Services Department has partnered with Maricopa Integrated Health System for the 3rd Annual Health and Resource Fair this Saturday, November 22. The fair is free and open to the public and offers onsite resource assistance for Glendale residents.

Utility assistance for residents who qualify will be available through the City of Glendale. In addition, the Salvation Army Project Share, Southwest Gas LIRA Discount Plan, SRP Economy Price Plan Monthly Discounts, AHCCCS Enrollment, WIC, Affordable Care Act and others will be on hand to offer on-site enrollment and assistance.

Those attending the fair can also take advantage of the free health screenings and other medical treatment checks available. The first 250 families to attend will receive a free turkey for the upcoming holiday. The fair will be held on Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

For more information, [download the flyer](#) that is available in both English and Spanish. To see a full list of requirements for utility assistance [click here](#) or call Glendale's Community Action Program office at 623-930-2854. For more information about the city's Community Action Program, visit www.glendaleaz.com/CAP.

Free Kids Hockey Event Invades Bonsall Park. The City of Glendale Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Division announces a fun youth engagement outreach event on Saturday, November 22 as part of the upcoming KaBOOM! Playground project.

The City of Glendale, the Arizona Coyotes Foundation and the KaBOOM! non-profit agency have teamed up to build a new exciting playground at Bonsall Park in December. As part of the project, children ages 4-14 can attend a free youth engagement outreach program hosted by the City of Glendale. The event will feature hockey mini-clinics, hockey games and other fun events provided by Desert Hockey Development and the City of Glendale. The outreach event will be held at the Bonsall Park near the hockey rink on Saturday, November 22 from 2-4 p.m. Attendees can also learn about the upcoming KaBOOM! Power Play playground.

The KaBOOM! Power Play design will be constructed in one day on December 8 at Bonsall Park, 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road with the help of nearly 200 volunteers. Registration is now being accepted if you are interested in helping! The Power Play design features a tire swing, rock wall climbing area, slide, monkey bars and several other fun features.

The youth engagement outreach is free but participants need to register to participate in the hockey clinics. Registration can be done online at the [Desert Hockey Development page](#).

With Dropping Temperatures, GFD Wants Everyone to Stay Warm Safely. With low Temperatures now in the 40's at night throughout the Valley, many homeowners will be turning on their heaters and using their fireplaces for the first time since the beginning of the year. The Glendale Fire Department urges everyone to use caution as accidents can occur because of heating equipment.

National statistics show heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during December, January and February. According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 2011, heating equipment was involved in an estimated

53,600 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated losses of 400 deaths, 1,520 injuries, and \$893 million in direct property damage.

Fireplace & Space Heater Safety Tips

- Fireplaces, chimneys, chimney connectors, wood and coal stoves need to be inspected annually by a professional and cleaned regularly.
- A sturdy chimney screen will keep sparks from flying into the room.
- Get on the roof and make sure no vines or debris are blocking the chimney opening or are in a position to catch on fire.
- Space heaters need space. Keep them at least three feet from anything that can burn such as curtains, blankets, clothing and furniture.
- When buying a new space heater, make sure it has the mark of an independent test lab.
- When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- When buying heaters, look for devices with automatic shutoff features.
- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline.
- Do not burn holiday wrapping paper in the fireplace because the coating on it could cause a flash fire.

Recycle Your Cell Phone for a Good Cause in Glendale this November. Have an old phone just lying around? Donate it during the month of November in Glendale, and your donation will benefit victims of domestic violence.

In celebration of America Recycles Day on November 1, the city of Glendale will again hold its annual cell phone recycling program, with collection points at the following locations:

- Gila River Arena, 9400 W. Maryland Ave. (northwest corner Gate 3)
- Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., Office A-57 (northwest corner of the administration building)
- Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr. suite 140
- Glendale's three public libraries:
 - Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Rd.
 - Foothills Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.
 - Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

All phones collected will be refurbished and available for victims of stalking and domestic violence, through the Glendale Family Advocacy Center (GFAC). The goal of the GFAC is to provide comprehensive and coordinated services to crime victims in a safe, comfortable and convenient setting.

The one-stop center is a partnership between the Glendale Police Department, A New Leaf, Child Protective Services, Scottsdale Health Care, Phoenix Children's Hospital and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office; and includes facilities for forensic interviews, medical examinations, counseling and collaboration between law enforcement and victim services personnel. The center is designed for victims of violence, child abuse and sex-related crimes, and is available for crime victims and law enforcement agencies throughout the West Valley.

America Recycles Day is the only nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the US. Thousands of events are held across the U.S. to raise awareness about the importance of recycling and to encourage Americans to sign personal pledges to recycle and buy products made from recycled materials. For more information on America Recycles Day, [click here](#).

To watch a video about this recycling campaign, [click here](#).

Glendale Library Debuts New eBook Collection for Kids. Attention young readers! The Glendale Public Library is launching a new eBook collection for kids of all ages. Children and parents alike will love the gorgeous, full-color picture books featuring beloved characters like Thomas the Train, the Berenstain Bears, My Little Pony, and the Sesame Street Muppets. Older kids will appreciate readers and chapter books, including Junie B. Jones, the Magic Treehouse series, and the Wimpy Kid books. With the latest John Green and Veronica Roth titles available for download by the start of the year, teens will feel right at home too. As always, it's all free with a Glendale Library card.

A Glendale Library card number, PIN, and a tablet or device are all parents and kids need to start downloading and reading their favorite eBooks. To help with first-time setup, the Library provides various instructional pamphlets and tutorials which are available by [clicking here](#).

The new youth materials come courtesy of the Arizona State Library, thanks to an "eMerging Readers" LSTA grant focused on digital reading and literacy skills in children ages 2–18. Digital children's books can be read on tablets or phones. The grant-funded eBooks are hosted on the library's pre-existing Axis 360 adult eBook platform.

This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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