



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale's Newest Council Members Sworn-In. The first official photo of the new Glendale City Council was taken during the



installation ceremony on Tuesday, December 9. New Councilmembers who took their oaths of office include: Jamie Aldama from the Ocotillo District, Lauren Tolmachoff from the Cholla District and Bart Turner from the Barrel District.

Aldama, a Glendale native, is a past Vice-Chairman for the Glendale Planning and Zoning

Commission, past Vice-Chairman of the Glendale Parks and Recreation Commission, and a former member of the Mayor's Water and Sewer Task Force. He is a graduate of Glendale University, a graduate of the Hispanic Leadership West Institute, and currently serves as Clerk to the Glendale Elementary School District Governing Board. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the West Valley Foundation. Aldama attended Glendale High School and currently works for the Maricopa County Community College District.

Tolmachoff has been a realtor for a decade following a successful 14 year career in banking. She is the former president and current secretary of the Glendale Kachina Rotary Club, a Realtor® Champion of the West Maricopa Association of Realtors® and a volunteer for the 100 Club of Arizona. She moved to Glendale in 1974, graduated from Thunderbird High School and attended Phoenix College.

Turner, a Glendale native, was a founding board member of the Valley Citizens League. He has a wide range of service on community boards, commissions, service organizations, and committees and was awarded the Glendale Community Council's *Volene Stockham Humanitarian Award* recognizing a lifetime of community service. He also received the Glendale Commission on Neighborhoods *Spark Award* recognizing leadership in neighborhood revitalization in the Catlin Court neighborhood. Turner graduated from Apollo High School, studied business and economics at Northern Arizona University and has a Master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.

The newly elected Council will have their first Council meeting on **Thursday**, December 18 at 6 p.m. For more information on each member of the City of Glendale Council visit, www.glendaleaz.com/CityCouncil/members.cfm.

Glendale Seeks Input for Funds to Combat Homelessness. The City of Glendale Community Development Advisory Committee announces a public survey aimed to solicit input and opinions on a Five-Year Consolidated Plan that assess affordable housing and community development needs while allocating federal funds .

The public, in addition to representatives from non-profit and community organizations, are invited to share input on the utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program funds over the next five years.

These funds are allocated to the City of Glendale by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and may be utilized for public facilities improvements, public services, housing-related projects, removal of architectural barriers, economic development and homelessness. Projects must generally benefit low and moderate-income people.

Survey results will be used to determine the overall needs, strategies, and priorities that will be summarized in a new, Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the period from July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2020.

The survey process is open to Glendale residents, non-profits and community organizations. For a list of the survey groups and to complete the Five-Year Consolidated Plan survey visit the Glendale website or select from the following categories and select the link.

- Resident Survey click [here](#).
- Non-Profit or Community Organization doing business in Glendale click [here](#).

Residents wishing to provide additional input for consideration, please mail your comments to the City of Glendale, Community Revitalization Division, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, Suite 107, Glendale, AZ 85301, by Friday, March 20, 2015. You may also e-mail your comments to: Con-Plan@GlendaleAZ.com.

Glendale Parks Undergo Repairs Following Rains. In the aftermath of the epic monsoon storms this past September, the City of Glendale Park and Recreation Division continues their work to repair parks, retentions, sporting facilities and trail systems affected by the record rain fall.

On December 1, the latest phase of repairs began as contractors worked in 11 areas at four different parks repairing parking lots, portions of trails, fencing and other damage. The repairs will be conducted at the Grand Canal Linear Park, Sahuaro Ranch Park, Thunderbird Paseo Linear Trail and Thunderbird Conservation Park. The repairs are slated to continue through January.

“With more than three inches of rainfall on Sept. 8, several trail sections along the Grand Canal Linear Park were damaged. We will also fix the parking lot near the equestrian center that has been closed since the storm,” King said. In addition, repairs will be made to the 75th Avenue parking lot landscaping north of Camelback Rd.

Sahuaro Ranch Park will have planters and gravel slopes mended. Thunderbird Paseo Linear Trail will have work done to replace a drainage culvert on 59th Avenue. The final repair will be to the picnic area in the inner parking loop of the Thunderbird Conservation Park, from the 59th Avenue access point.

The work will be done during the work week and will begin after 6:30 a.m. each day, No trail closures are anticipated but parking lot restrictions will occur to allow for heavy equipment and repairs.

The repair work is estimated to be completed by mid-January. For more information on Glendale’s Parks, Recreation and Community Services page at www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation.

Glendale Glitters Events Continue Through December 20. The holiday magic continues in downtown Glendale Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 5-20, from 6-10 p.m. each night, with 1.5 million dazzling lights, free admission and fun for the whole family.

Two highlights of these events will be a textile recycling drive and a social media contest. Through Dec. 20, the city will hold a textile recycling drive with Go Recycle Arizona. There will be collection boxes on site during each festival weekend, as well as boxes at Glendale City Hall and the Glendale Visitor Center during the week. A portion of every pound of recycling will be donated to the Glendale’s official social service program, *From the Heart*. Household textiles that will be recycled include clothing, shoes, towels, bedding and more, and can be given a second life, turning into things like car seat stuffing and pavement materials. For more information on Go Recycle Arizona, [click here](#).

In addition, the city is offering a contest through social media with a Glendale Glitters prize basket to a randomly-selected recipient. Simply use #GlendaleGlitters when posting a photo of friends, family or yourself at the event. Entries will be funneled through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram if the hashtag is posted with the photo. The contest will conclude on Dec. 20. To view the photos posted from Glendale Glitters thus far this season, [click here](#).

Winter Wonderland Weekend - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For the first time in downtown Glendale, this year’s Winter Wonderland weekend will feature an ice skating rink, complete with skates you can borrow on site. The frozen ice might also be accompanied by some popular “*Frozen*” characters! Free make-and-take crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and musical entertainment, plus a movie showing of The Polar Express on Friday, and the Walt Disney favorite, Frozen on Saturday.

Friday, December 12

6 p.m. Glendale Community College Choirs
7 p.m. Desert Star Dance
8 p.m. Glendale Union HS District Vocal Ensembles

Saturday, December 13

6 p.m. Lori Ford’s Studio
7 p.m. The Dance Project
8 p.m. My Kids in Sign
9 p.m. Cactus High School Dance

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