Cactus Weekly Update

Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona **December 31, 2014**

Upcoming City of Glendale Holiday Notices. City of Glendale offices will be closed on January 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. On New Years' Day, (Thursday, January 1) will be collected Friday, January 2 and regular Friday service will be collected on Saturday, January 3. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will close on January 1. For more information about the city's sanitation services, call 623-930-2660.

Valley Metro will be operating a holiday schedule (Sunday service hours) on Thursday, January 1. Gus 1 only will be running a Sunday schedule (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on New Year's Day. For Dial-a-Ride service on January 1, reservations should be made by noon on Wednesday, December 31. Reservations can be made by calling Glendale's Transit Division at 623-930-3500.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during these holidays, the airport's administrative office will be closed on January 1.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will be open on New Year's Eve, December 31, from 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and January 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600.

For more information on Glendale's programs and services, visit our website or call 623-930-2000.

Glendale's from the Heart Application Season Nears. Glendale's *From the Heart* program puts donations made by residents and businesses to work every day to make life better for countless Glendale residents. Whether serving meals to the elderly, giving emergency help to homeless families or supporting abused children, *From the Heart* gives agencies providing services to our neighbors a helping hand.

Non-profits wanting to apply for funds through the *From the Heart* program can attend a free application workshop on January 5 at 10 a.m. at Glendale City Hall at 5850 W. Glendale Ave. in room B3. The workshop will walk through the application process and discuss deadlines while giving an overview of the From the Heart program.

Since starting in 1997, *From The Heart* -- largely funded by residents and businesses who add $2 to their city utility bills each month -- has collected and distributed more than $2.25 million to non-profit agencies in Glendale.

In the past, local agencies receiving *From the Heart* funds through a grant-application process have provided myriad of services to residents. Some of the grant-funded programs have focused on the positive development of youth, while others helped deliver nutritious, home-delivered meals to the elderly and provided emergency programs for victims of domestic violence and abuse.

For more information or to reserve space at the application workshop please email Paula Moloff at paulafmoloff@gmail.com. For more information on *From the Heart* visit http://www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart/.

Glendale Helps with New Year Resolutions. As the holiday season nears its peak and rich desserts and big family meals take a toll on

the waistline, don't let it dampen the festivities. Regardless of what New Year's resolutions await on the horizon, the City of Glendale can help.

Through the end of January, Glendale's Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center is hosting a new membership drive. During the drive, visitors can purchase a three month pass for the price of two months, or buy an annual membership and receive an additional two months for free. Membership to Glendale's award-winning facility includes access to fitness and exercise equipment, an indoor track, aerobics classes, open gym hours with basketball and pickleball, racquetball courts, lap swimming, water aerobics and child care. For more details, call 623-930-4600, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/foothillscenter.

For those wanting to ease into a healthier New Year, a variety of yoga and Pilates classes are available at various Glendale city locations. Here is a complete list of classes.

If the New Year brings resolutions to become more musical make http://www.glendaleaz.com/pressroom/documents/JanuaryEvents.pdf sure to attend Glendale's Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering, now in its 19th year. Players and audiences of all ages are welcome to this free event which will feature a performance from Dolan Ellis, Arizona's Official State Balladeer. The day-long event will feature 72 performers playing on two stages. There will be workshops and lectures on a variety of songwriting topics. For more information visit our January event listings.

Finally, for those wanting to introduce culture and art to the New Year, join an array of artists at the Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibition. On January 10 -11, artists from across the state will have their works on display to be chosen and juried for the final show at Glendale's Historic Sahuaro Ranch Park that begins January 25. For more information on the exhibition, call 623-930-4201.

The Associated Press Photo Exhibit Makes a Touchdown at Gallery Glendale! The host city of the 2015 Super Bowl is gearing up for the big game with "Super Moments, Superstars, Super Game — An Associated Press Photo Exhibit" at Gallery Glendale. Located inside Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., the Gallery will be open from 6-9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays in January. It will also be open on Pro Bowl game day, Sunday, January 25, and on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The City of Glendale proudly presents this exhibit of 50 compelling AP images, including a photo from every championship game since the first game in 1967. The public is cordially invited to the opening celebration on Friday, January 9, from 6-9 p.m. *Relive* the trials and triumphs of these iconic moments as Arizona embarks in hosting its third Super Bowl.

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Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The Gallery is located next to Cold Stone Creamery. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-3557 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale. For more information about the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl hosted by Glendale, visit www.visitglendale.com/superbowl/index.html.

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