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Cactus District Weekly Update

April 15, 2016

Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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Cactus District Meeting a Success!



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Cactus District Meeting Update!

Last week's Cactus District Meeting was a resounding success!

Thank you to all who attended for taking the opportunity to speak with me individually regarding issues that concern you, as well as meeting with staff from many of the important departments that help this great city run smoothly and continue to grow. We broke attendance records last night, and coupled with the beautiful weather, the event could not have been so successful without your taking such an important interest in the well-being of your City.

With over 150 attendees, representatives of many of the most important departments in the City, the Mayor and several other representatives of the City Council, staff from Apollo High School as well as the Apollo Hawk Drumline, wonderful food as catered by Shane's Rib Shack, and of course the staff of the Historic Manistee Ranch, it was an honor to host you all last night as your Councilmember for the Cactus District, as well as the Vice Mayor to the City of Glendale. It was so heart-warming to see so many people come out and enjoy the best of what Glendale has to offer as well as what the City of Glendale is doing to improve the livelihood of its citizens.

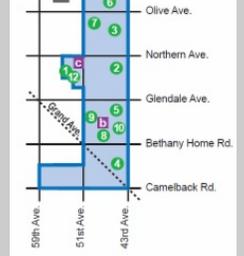
Glendale is one of the most unique places to live in the state with all of the amenities of a large and burgeoning City, as well as the comfortable feeling of a small-town. Meetings like last night make me feel the best of both worlds and I was glad to personally hear your comments and concerns as well as share my ideas to continue making Glendale the greatest city in Arizona.

- Vice Mayor Ian Hugh
Cactus District

Keep your Children Safe around Water!

GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTING DROWNING TRAINING

Glendale Firefighters are preparing for an event they hope



Cactus District Amenities



Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

7637 N. 55th Ave.
Located south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Watch a video on the park [here](#).



never happens again: a drowning. Approximately 175 firefighters will participate in a two-hour long training exercise over the next several weeks during the department's regularly scheduled weekly medical training known as "EMS Wednesdays".



The drowning training began April 13.

The Glendale Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Division is conducting the training, which will cover up-to-date information, review of protocols and lifesaving drug dosages, an examination of recent drowning calls, and an opportunity for firefighters to partake in a realistic drowning scenario that includes a life-size pediatric mannequin. Glendale has had 3 drowning-related incidents in 2016, one in which a 5-year-old child died.

Remember, water hazards are dangerous year-round. Drowning's don't have an off season... Make sure the gate or door that leads to the pool is always locked. Interior fences provide an additional barrier and should have self-closing, self-latching gates.

Remember the A-B-C's for water safety:

- Always have Adult supervision around water.
- Barrier fencing around your pool is extremely important.
- Classes: Get involved - Adults should take a CPR class and teach their children how to swim.

Supervision is needed around ALL bodies of water: Never allow your children to play around canals; they are deep and have strong undercurrents.

Never leave your children while bathing them in the tub or sink. Always have everything you need on hand before you start their bath.

Children can also drown in buckets, the toilet, or even the dog's water dish.

The best drowning prevention tip is to always know where your children are, especially when around water.

Congratulations to the Glendale Fire Department



Rose Lane Park

51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue

Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

Rose Lane Park

includes:

- Lighted ball field
- Lighted basketball court
- Two lighted volleyball courts
- Four lighted racquetball courts
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Grills
- Restrooms
- [Reservable ramadas](#)
- [Aquatic center](#)
- [Recreation center](#)

Rose Lane Recreation Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave.



623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours:
Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The Rose Lane



GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORS 19 AT CEREMONY

The Glendale Fire Department recently honored 19 members of the department at a promotional ceremony on April 7. The ceremony was held in the Glendale City Council Chambers and formally acknowledged the recent hires for Glendale Fire, as well as newly-promoted firefighters.

The Fire Marshall's Office, which is responsible for code enforcement, fire investigations and fee-related ordinance development among other things, hired four new employees. Those employees are: Assistant Fire Marshall Robert Popa and Fire Inspectors Jeff Ashley, Jennifer Levario and Eric Davis.

The fire department also promoted the following 15 members:

Assistant Chief
Dave Jensen

Battalion Chiefs
Eric Eckert
Skeeter Lorence
Mark Manor

Captains
Josh Brayer
David Colson
Ron Hart
Randy Rodriguez

Jarrett White
Jason Zeller

Engineers
Amber Johnsson
Amber Jones
Anthony Valverde
John Walter III
Matt Zongas

Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. [More Information.](#)



Rose Lane Aquatics Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave. *
623-930-7905
(east of 51st Ave., north of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is only open to the public during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation

swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office.



**GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ART EXHIBIT
PRESENTED AT GALLERY GLENDALE AT WESTGATE
GUHSD**

Students and Teachers exhibit art through the end of April

The city of Glendale proudly presents a month long exhibit featuring the artwork of the Glendale Union High School District's students and faculty beginning April 1 at Gallery Glendale at Westgate Entertainment District. A public reception for this art exhibit will be held on Friday, April 15 from 5-9 p.m.

On display from April 1 to April 30, 2016, the exhibition features approximately 90 pieces of student work from all nine schools in the Glendale Union High School District. In addition to the students' artwork, 25 teachers from around the district will have pieces on exhibit. The art will include drawings, paintings, mixed media, 3-D art and photography.

Most artwork will be available for sale.

The public reception is a gala affair to celebrate the talents of these gifted student and faculty artists. Appetizers and refreshments will be served by Apollo High School Culinary students. Music students from throughout the district will perform during the evening. The reception is a free event. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. Gallery hours are 6-9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Gallery is located at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd. suite D-102, next to Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-3557 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

More News and Notes From the City Council



Councilmember Jamie Aldama's
2nd Annual
Hook a Kid on Fishing Event

Saturday, April 16, from 9am-2pm
Bonsall Park South on 59th Ave and
Bethany Home Rd

For more information, please call:
623-930-2878

Free Rods!
Free Tackle!
Free Bait!



Next Saturday, April 16!

Come join Glendale Councilmember Jamie Aldama of the Ocotillo District at Bonsall

This facility is only started when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

[View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics Center here!](#)

Come join Glendale Councilmember Jamie Adams of the Central District at Doris Park South on 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, Saturday, April 16, from 9am - 2pm for his second annual Free Hook a Kid on Fishing event. Kids of all ages are welcome to come out to the park and fish, but those kids ages 10-17 - who are accompanied by a parent - can sign up for a free Arizona fishing license that is good for twelve months at any Arizona lake.

Arizona Game and Fish will be loaning free rods, tackle, and bait for kids who do not have the equipment on Saturday, and Cabela's will be providing additional giveaways throughout the event.

Bring the whole family out to enjoy the wonderful Arizona Spring weather and catch some fish!

For more information, read [here!](#)



GLENDALE COUNCILMEMBER BART TURNER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON "GLENDALE TODAY"

Glendale Councilmember Bart Turner of the Barrel District showcases 50 years of education at Glendale Community College on his new edition of the TV show "Glendale Today." Councilmember Turner also takes viewers on a tour of the campus, highlighting the Public Safety Science Department, the Public Arts and Life Sciences buildings, the Fitness and Wellness Center and the new state-of-the-art Phillip Randolph Automotive Technology Center.

Guests on the show include Eric Leshinskie, interim vice president of academic affairs, who talks about the first 50 years of educating West Valley residents and what new programs are being offered to the 25,000 students currently enrolled, and Jeff Hynes of the Public Safety Sciences Department, who discusses the important relationship between the city and the college in training tomorrow's first responders. Here's a sneak peek at the show.

The show begins airing Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m. "Glendale Today" is produced by staff from the city-owned TV station Glendale 11. The show will air daily on Glendale 11 as well as online via the city's video library at www.glendaleaz.com/video and exclusive segments can be found on the city's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11. For more information about the new TV show, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

The City's Boards and Commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact our community. These citizen advisory groups research, study, and discuss specific issues. You can find the full list of all 17 commissions



and apply online at:

www.GlendaleAZ.com/boardsandcommissions or you can call (623) 930-2878 and I will be happy to send you a brochure in the mail.



Congratulations to this Semester's Glendale University Graduates!



For more information on how *you* can become a Glendale University Graduate, and what the program covers, please click on [this link!](#)

Learn Proper Tree Care

THE GIVING TREE: DESERT TREE CARE CLASS AND DEMONSTRATION

Learn proper tree care at the Glendale Main Library and Xeriscape Demonstration Garden on April 16

Did you know that a mature mesquite tree can provide nearly \$100 in environmental and economic benefits each year? Protect your landscape investment by learning how to be a good tree owner at the "Desert Tree Care" workshop from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 16, at the Glendale Main Library and Xeriscape Demonstration Garden (5959 W. Brown St.).



A certified arborist will teach an in-class workshop, followed by live tree care demonstrations in the Xeriscape Garden where attendees will get to see first-hand how to properly plant, water, and prune a tree. Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to help answer attendees' questions. The class and demonstration are coordinated by the City of Glendale Water Services Department.

Just in time for Arbor Day, tags showing the environmental and economic value of trees will be displayed on a dozen specimen trees in the Xeriscape Garden. Trees help

will be displayed on a dozen specimen trees in the Xeriscape Garden. Trees help improve our environment by providing clean air and water, shade and energy savings, and wildlife habitat. Healthy mature trees can even raise your property value.

Desert tree care information can be accessed through the city's tree webpage at www.glendaleaz.com/trees. This content-rich webpage includes how-to videos, resources, and a slideshow. For a complete listing of Glendale's free "Green-Living" class series, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green. The classes are free, but advance registration is required. Simply call 623-930-3760 or e-mail greenliving@glendaleaz.com.



Make Your Taxes Less Taxing Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by appointment only), through Apr. 18, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-627-7222.

GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS HOSTING 5K RUN/WALK, KIDS MUSTACHE DASH, TO BENEFIT LOCAL VETERANS



Grab your running (or walking) shoes and get ready to lace them up for the Glendale Firefighter Charities 5K Run/Walk and Kids Mustache Dash on Saturday, April 16, 2016, which will benefit local veterans. What

is a Mustache Dash, you ask? The event

has incorporated a fun element for kids to wear fake mustaches during their race.

Mustaches will be provided by Glendale firefighters the day of the race.

The event, sponsored by Essential Water, will be held on the beautiful, expansive grounds of the city's spring training facility, Camelback Ranch, located at 10710 W.

Camelback Rd. Proceeds will be used by Glendale Firefighters Charities to make the much-needed repairs to disabled or injured veterans' homes, such as fixing broken wheelchair ramps, installing grab bars and other household necessities. Glendale Firefighters believe this is the least they can do to show their appreciation for those who have fought for our freedom.

"One of our main focal points, with the help of Glendale's Community Action Program, is to identify veterans in need within our community and help them and their families," said Glendale Firefighters Charities President Cecil Tudor. "We will strive to make this an annual event so we can truly make a long term difference in the lives of our veterans."

Glendale Firefighters also hope to raise awareness of heart disease and promote healthy living in the community.

The 5k registration fee is \$35 and the Kids Mustache Dash is free. Online registration is available now, at the link below. Registration will also be available on the day of the race. The Kids Mustache Dash begins at 8 a.m. The 5k run starts at 9 a.m.

Register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2016/6922/be-my-hero-5k>

For more information about Glendale Firefighter Charities, visit www.glendaleazfirefighters.com

For more information about the City of Glendale's Community Action Program, visit www.glendaleaz.com/CAP

For more information about Camelback Ranch-Glendale, visit www.camelbackranchbaseball.com.



GLENDALE LIBRARY GO MOBILE PROGRAM OFFERS FREE WORKSHOP ON HEALTH APPS

Keep that New Year's resolution!

The public is invited to participate in "Healthy Apps at Your Library" on Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., Glendale.

"Improving your health is just a touch away on most smart devices, but the amount of information at your fingertips and learning about the wide range of health and medicine apps available through mobile devices can be overwhelming," said librarian Stephanie Rumsey, Go Mobile Program instructor.

The special one-night instructional course about health and fitness apps is being presented as part of the Go Mobile Program series. Hand-held Android tablets will be provided for use during the class. Participants will discover their best health app fit by learning how to download, evaluate, compare and customize different specialty apps to optimize their use and maximize their potential health benefits.

The Go Mobile Program series is open to adults and requires prior registration at <http://bit.ly/findhealthapps>. For more information or special accommodations, please call 623-930-3440.

Android tablets used for instructional purposes were purchased by the library with support by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Public Hearing On General Plan Updates Schedule For April

*Meetings in April to discuss approval of Envision Glendale
2040.*



The city of Glendale's Planning Commission will hold two meetings in April to discuss the approval of the update to the city's General plan, which residents will have the opportunity to vote on in the Aug. 30 primary election.

What exactly is a general plan? Every city and county in Arizona is required by state law to prepare and maintain a planning document called a general plan. It is a policy statement, designed to serve as the jurisdiction's "constitution" or "blueprint" for future decisions concerning land use and resource conservation. All specific plans, subdivisions, public works projects, and zoning decisions must be consistent with the city's General Plan. Glendale's general plan was last updated in 2002. The city began this general plan update process almost two years ago, and is now entering the final stage. The public review period of the draft plan ended on April 9, and the next step is to bring the plan before the Planning Commission, and hold a subsequent public hearing before bringing the issue before the City Council.

The meeting schedule is:

- Planning Commission meeting: Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center (Bobcat Room), 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.
- Planning Commission public hearing: Monday, April 25, 6 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.
- Glendale City Council meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 6 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

If the plan is brought forth by the commission and approved by the City Council, residents will have the opportunity to vote on the plan update in the Aug. 30 primary election.

More information on the Envision Glendale 2040 is available online at www.glendale2040.com, or by contacting Planning Director Jon Froke via email at jfroke@glendaleaz.com.

Glendale Empowerment Expo
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Saturday, April 23, 2016
Glendale Civic Center

The Glendale Empowerment Expo, hosted by Glendale's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, will connect local community members with more than 20 nonprofits, community-based organizations and government agencies serving individuals with physical disabilities. The event will feature a resource and information fair, an open forum town hall style meeting to encourage public dialogue about important topics and issues facing persons with disabilities and an award ceremony recognizing one outstanding individual and one service provider organization for their significant contribution toward improving the quality of life for the disabled community in Glendale.



**ALL ABOARD FOR A GLENDALE HISTORICAL
JOURNEY: 13TH ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION
TOUR**

Space is Limited for this Popular Tour Sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride

Take a step back through time during Glendale's 13th annual Historic Preservation Tour. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale, as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant

DATE & TIME OF TOUR

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Check in and Boarding Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Departure Time: 9 a.m.

Return Time: Noon

Point of Departure & Return: Glendale Civic Center

5750 W. Glenn Dr.

A detailed itinerary, along with maps and other informational items will be provided on the tour. Participation is limited to the 95 seats available on two motor coaches, and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Children ages 15 and above are welcome, if accompanied by an adult. The tour is offered for free, thanks to a sponsorship from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

To make a reservation or request additional information, contact City Planner Martin Martell at mmartell@glendaleaz.com.

2016 Events and Activity Listings

Movies at the Murph!

Take your kids out to Murphy Park and enjoy a family movie, free! The first movie will take place on Friday, March 25, 2016, at Murphy Park Amphitheatre, which is located at 58th Avenue & Glendale Avenue starting at dusk. Here is a list of the dates and the movies. Pre-movie events kick off at 6:00 pm.

1. Minions (PG) - March 25th
2. Inside Out (PG) - April 8th
3. The Good Dinosaur (PG) - April 22nd
4. Frozen (PG) - May 6th
5. Big Hero 6 (PG) - May 22nd



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