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## Cactus District Weekly Update

February 19, 2016

Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

[Cactus District Website](#)

### City Announcements

#### Annual Winter Antique Tractor Show

The annual Winter Antique Tractor Show was a success! Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the sights and sounds of these magnificent machines as Glendale celebrated its history as a farming community.

Presented by the Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association and operated in conjunction with the Glendale Historical Society, nearly a dozen antique tractors were brought out for display and kids of all ages were given the opportunity to sit on and even ride the gofers of the local gaucho. Thank you to all who participated and



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to all those who enjoyed the show!

### We Need Your Input!

#### *Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library*

In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale. The Library Advisory Board is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services. [Details](#)

### Arizona House Appropriations Chairman to Hold Budget Conversation in Glendale

Representative Justin Olson, Chairman of the Arizona House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, will host five town hall forums for the public to learn about budget proposals and offer their input on what they would like to see from the Arizona State Legislature. We are excited to announce that one of these forums will be held in Glendale. We encourage the public to attend to learn more about the state budget and to offer their feedback on proposed state spending.

The Glendale forum will be held on Saturday, February 20th at 1pm in the Glendale City Council Chambers.

Topics at the forum will include current budget proposals, a recent history of the state's budget and an invitation to all attendees to offer their views and budget recommendations.

The hearings will be broadcast online and live streamed via social media when available.

For additional information, please contact Representative Olson's office at 602-926-5288.

**Glendale Gears up for 10th Annual Glendale Serve Day Feb. 20  
Volunteers Wanted!**



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### 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](#).



Remember all those New Year's resolutions you made? Here's an opportunity to make good on some of them and get 2016 off to a great start! Glendale Neighborhood Services is recruiting volunteers to participate in the city's 10th Annual Serve Day, slated for Saturday, Feb. 20.

Groups, organizations and individuals can participate by choosing among multiple community service volunteer projects scheduled at locations throughout the city. Community service projects include picking fruit in the park, a nature trail clean up, neighborhood beautification activities or refurbishing library chairs and outdoor benches in and around historic downtown Glendale.

"One of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you can have is working together with your neighbors and friends," said Mayor Jerry Weiers. "Participating in Serve Day is an opportunity to give back to the community and help those in need. For the city, Serve Day is an opportunity to address projects that may not be possible without volunteer support. Everyone's a winner when you team up to help your community."

2016 Serve Day Volunteer Projects - Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016:

Fruit picking at Sahuaro Ranch Park Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. All fruit will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.

Refurbishing Downtown Teakwood Benches  
Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in front of the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Nature Trail Litter Patrol at Skunk Creek Linear Park  
Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Nature Trail Litter Patrol at Thunderbird Paseo Park  
Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on 59th Avenue just south of Thunderbird Road.

Xeriscape Garden Workday at Glendale Main Library  
Volunteers will help with weeding, raking and garden maintenance, meeting at 8 a.m. in front of the library at 5959 W. Brown St.

Refinishing Wooden Benches and Youth Chairs at Velma Teague Library  
Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m.



### **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
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### **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  
Recreation Center

in front of the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Registration is required. For more information about other service projects or to volunteer for Glendale's 10th Annual Serve Day, contact Michelle Yates with Glendale Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2663 or at [myates@glendaleaz.com](mailto:myates@glendaleaz.com).

### **Short, Important Survey for Glendale Transportation Plan**

The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, and wants YOUR input! The Plan will define how the City's transportation system will improve and change over the next 25 years, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made-to ensure that Glendale continues to provide and plan for its residents, businesses, and visitors' transportation needs.

Please visit [www.glendaleaztmp.com](http://www.glendaleaztmp.com) and click on "Survey" along the Navigation Bar at the top of the home page to complete a short survey about Goals, Objectives, and Priorities related to transportation in Glendale. The deadline to take the survey is Monday February 29!

The transportation system is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, entertainment and recreational opportunities, and more! The Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040 will address all modes-vehicular, non motorized, transit, and aviation. The more that residents, businesses, community and professional organizations, and other entities that use the transportation system in Glendale are involved in the development of the Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040, the better the Plan will be.

Please feel free to share the link and Thank You for your input!!

## **February 2016 Events and Activity Listings**

### **10th Annual Glendale Serve Day**

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

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (times will vary based on project),  
**Saturday, Feb. 20**, various locations  
Several hundred volunteers from various organizations, schools, and non-profits will again complete several community projects throughout Glendale. Projects include but are not limited to: gleaning fruit, a nature trail clean up, refurbishing downtown benches, neighborhood beautification and much more. Participating is an opportunity to give back to the community and help those in need. For the city, Serve Day is an opportunity to address projects that would not be possible without volunteer support. Please consider participating in Glendale's Serve Day!

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

To register, please contact Michelle Yates at 623-930-2663 or [myates@glendaleaz.com](mailto:myates@glendaleaz.com).

[Click here for more information](#)

The following featured events are offered from Glendale's Parks and Recreation and Library divisions in February 2016. The programs are free unless otherwise indicated. To see many more events and activities, please visit [www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation) and [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

### **Citizenship & ESL Classes**

At the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

#### **Citizenship**

5 p.m., **Mondays, February 8, 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21, 28**

Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this 10-week class will teach you the fundamentals of United States politics, government, and history included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. For more information and to register, please contact Violetta Lopez at [Violetta.Lopez@Rescue.org](mailto:Violetta.Lopez@Rescue.org) or 602-433-2440, ext. 191.

#### **ESL**

4 p.m., **Wednesdays, February 10, 17, 24**

Free English language learning for adults. Using volunteers, the program provides a friendly and helpful environment for people who are just learning

English, as well as native English speakers who need to improve their skills. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3430 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

**Save The Date!**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2016** - 8:00 am  
Glendale Family Bike Ride  
at  
Sahuaro Ranch Park  
59th Avenue and Mountain View  
Questions? Call 623-930-2940

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