



Cholla District Network News



Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

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Location Changed for April 2nd Cholla District Meeting. – The location of the community meeting that I will be hosting on Thursday, April 2 has changed. The meeting, at 6:30 p.m., will now be held in the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center's Bobcat Room. The center is located at 5600 W. Union Hills Drive. I will be joined by Mayor Elaine Scruggs and the city's Economic Development Director Brian Friedman, Code Compliance Director Sam McAllen and Field Operations Director Stuart Kent. In addition to providing updates on Cholla District and citywide projects and activities, staff will be available to answer questions from residents.

The Cholla District is located in the northern part of Glendale and is bounded roughly by 51st to 83rd avenues, from Union Hills Drive to Pinnacle Peak Road. Residents can view their council district boundaries on the city's web site by visiting www.glendaleaz.com and clicking on the "City Officials" menu. For more information on the upcoming meeting, call 623-930-2016.

Casino Update: At the Cholla District Meeting on March 12 at Legend Springs Elementary school, the Mayor and I briefly discussed the proposed Casino project at the southwest corner of 91st and Northern Avenues. I stated at the meeting that after staff met with Tribal leaders on March 23rd, the Council would probably take a position on the proposed Casino. The meeting was held and on Wednesday, March 25th the City issued a news release stating that the City of Glendale is opposed to their plan and current application for the Federal Government to take the 134 acre area into trust and create an Indian Reservation at that site.

The land in question has no historic relationship to the Tohono O'odham Nation and it is clear that removing the land from all state and local regulatory control and converting this property to an Indian Reservation presents very significant issues for the citizens and business owners of Glendale. The city has also released an economic impact study which shows that even under the best case scenario, the cost to the city of Glendale and its citizens would be significantly higher than any benefits associated with the proposed resort and casino.

Important Traffic Alert for NCAA Championship. Drivers are being advised of heavy traffic expected on the Loop 101 from Northern Avenue to Camelback Road in the afternoon of Saturday, March 28. The NCAA tournament will begin sometime between 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and a concert at the Arena begins at 7 p.m. Message signs will be posted on the freeway to indicate suggested exits. Basketball traffic is encouraged to exit Bethany Home Road and concert traffic should exit Glendale Ave. Heavy traffic is also anticipated on the surface streets in and around the Glendale Sports and Entertainment District.

95th Avenue west of the stadium between Bethany Home Road and Maryland Avenue will be closed to vehicle traffic. Glendale Police will be directing traffic to establish a safe and steady traffic flow. Follow traffic signs for direction. For complete traffic information, visit www.glendalesgotgame.com

Final 3 Games Spring Training Special. Camelback Ranch is offering special 2-for-1 tickets to the last three games at Camelback Ranch on March 30, 31 and April 1. [Click here](#) for a ticket voucher that can be printed and brought to the Camelback Ranch Glendale box office. This offer is good for any ticket except the Home Plate Club. For more information about Camelback Ranch, visit www.camelbackranchbaseball.com.

Residents Appointed to Serve on Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council has appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Congratulations to the following Cholla residents: Bradley Meek (vice chair) – Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee; Rose Jacobson (chair) and James Podzius – Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission; JoAnn Lee (chair) – Library Advisory Board; and Michelle Tennyson (chair) – Planning Commission.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale. To request an application to serve on a city advisory group, call the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions.

City of Glendale - Get Your Green On! The city of Glendale Water Conservation Office invites you to attend the 2009 Glendale Green Festival featuring the SRP Water Conservation Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. This family-oriented free event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency and other green practices. The festival will feature informative displays and booths, green vendors, landscape classes, green-living workshops, free giveaways and a Family Zone powered by Radio Disney with all kinds of fun and games for all!

The SRP Water Conservation Expo and Green Workshops will be located at the Glendale Main Library's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street and the landscape classes and green vendor booths located nearby at the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 North 59th Avenue. [Click here](#) for more information and a schedule of events.

Around Town

The 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival. The city of Glendale's 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 4-5. The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 5. Admission and parking are free. Parking is located throughout the downtown area, including handicapped parking. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, [click here](#) or call the city of Glendale special event hotline at (623) 930-2299.

Second Annual Family Fun Night. The Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center is hosting its second annual Family Fun Night from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28. Families can enjoy an evening of ping pong, basketball, volleyball, foosball, rock wall climbing, music, billiards and more. Light refreshments will also be served. Entrance fee is \$3 per person. The Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center is located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Attendees should wear gym shoes/gym attire. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Consumer Credit Classes. Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a non-profit organization, will be presenting the following two programs. Patrons may attend one session or both. Registration is required; to register or for more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

- Keeping Debt under Control:
March 31 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.
- Surviving a Layoff:
April 20 at 7 p.m. at Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

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