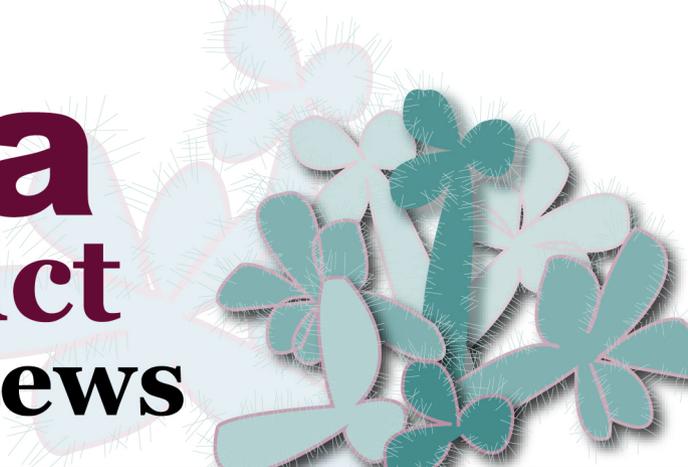




# Cholla District Network News



Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

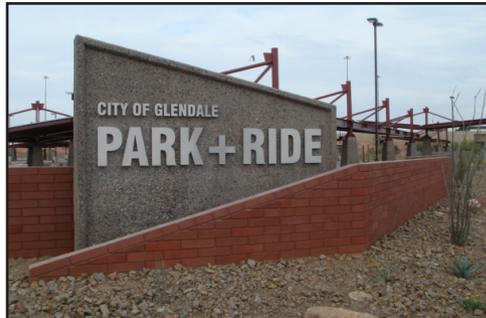
September 26, 2008

## Cholla District Meeting with Vice Mayor Manny Martinez

Thursday, October 16th  
6:30 p.m.

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center  
5600 W. Union Hills Drive  
Bobcat Room

For more information, call  
(623) 930-2016



**57th Avenue/Skunk Creek Bridge Update.** The bridge design has been completed and the project is out for bid. It is anticipated the bid will go to City Council for approval in late October. Once the bid is awarded, construction will begin and is expected to take approximately eight months to complete. The bridge will provide safe access for vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic over storm water flow. The estimated completion date is June/ July of 2009.

[Click here](#) to check the status of this and other city of Glendale projects.

**Thunderbird Conservation Park Update.** In continuing with the park's master plan recommendations, the following projects are in the works. The parking lot at Pinnacle Peak Road will be resurfaced with a desert environmental-friendly product that hardens the surface, allows for striping the parking lot and meets Maricopa County environmental dust control standards. Also, a new sign for the main entrance at 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue is being designed. The sign will be constructed of durable material and incorporate the same type of stonework used at the newly completed bridge over 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Thunderbird Conservation Park is a 1,185-acre desert park in the Hedgpeth Hills. Park activities include picnicking, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, jogging and bird watching. About 15 miles of multi-use trails have been constructed thanks to the efforts of many volunteer groups. [Read more.](#)

## Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards.

**Glendale Park + Ride.** Glendale's first park and ride recently picked up a major accolade at the Valley Forward 28th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards.

The Valley Forward Association recognized the new park and ride for its innovative environmental design by awarding the city of Glendale an Award of Merit in the Site Development and Landscape category for Industrial and Public Works.

The Glendale Park and Ride, located at 99<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues, was designed to operate as an express bus transit facility and a local transit stop, which serves riders along Glendale Avenue.

The facility includes parking canopies, passenger walkways, shelters at Glendale Avenue, a security building with security cameras and a platform. Various "green" engineering techniques were applied in this project, making it an example project for architects and engineers around the country. For example, 1,440,000 square-feet of a specialized concrete (pervious concrete) soaks up water like a sponge to promote faster drainage and reduce heat released into the atmosphere. Unique shade canopies are also featured for commuter comfort. In addition, a natural waterfall feature was designed in the center, which uses rain water run-off and it is surrounded by 4,000 desert native plants. [Read more.](#)

**Glendale Outdoor Environmental Classroom.** The Glendale Main Library's unique combination of the environment and education has been celebrated for its efforts. The library was recognized at the Valley Forward Association's 28th Annual Environmental Excellence Award Ceremony for its Art in Public Places.

The Valley Forward Association presented the city of Glendale Library with the Crescordia, which was given as the highest honor in the category of Art in Public Places for its modern and functional architecture intertwined with impressive landscape. The classroom was designed by Matthew and Maria Salenger of coLab Studio.

Children and adults can learn about the beauty and importance of the natural Sonoran desert at the Glendale outdoor environmental classroom. The artwork bends itself to the forms of the existing landscape.

The outdoor classroom is part of the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, which features 400 species of low-water-use plants. For more information about Glendale's Public Art Program, [click here](#). For more information about the Environmental Resources Department, including upcoming classes, [click here](#).

### **City Services.**

- The Glendale Sanitation Division is once again offering residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted **household hazardous waste** with its home collection service Monday, Oct. 20 to Friday, Nov. 7. Residents can sign-up for the service, beginning Monday, Sept. 29 through October 24 by contacting the Sanitation Division. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and the first 750 households will be eligible for the service. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2660 for more information.
- Beginning in October, residents' **water and sewer rates** will be adjusted. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2700 for details on the changes.

**2008 Glendale Hispanic Network Breakfast.** The Glendale Hispanic Network (GHN) will sponsor a community breakfast in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:45 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn in Historic Downtown Glendale. Frank Camacho will be the keynote speaker for the breakfast. Camacho is the weekend news co-anchor/general assignment reporter for 3TV. **Oct. 3 is the deadline for purchasing tickets.** [Read more.](#)

## **Around Town**

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[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

**VIN Etching – Saturday.** Bring your vehicle to the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown Street, on Saturday, September 27 or October 25 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for free VIN Etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching the vehicle's 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number on each window on the vehicle and serves as a visual deterrent against auto theft. As owner of the vehicle, you must show proof of ownership, current registration and complete a consent form. Call the Glendale Police Department at (623) 930-3328 for more information. [Read more.](#)

**Understanding Your Landscape Watering System.** Get the basics on understanding how your drip irrigation and sprinklers work and how to water properly. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 30 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., in the Large Meeting Room. [Read more.](#) Call (623) 930-3760 to register.

**Art Awakenings Exhibit – Closes Oct. 2.** "Art Awakenings" at the Glendale Adult Center includes the work of new members and the most successful work from the recent workshops. The exhibit will show through October 2 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 West Brown St. The center is open 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. [Click here](#) to visit the Art Awakenings Web site.

**Fire Prevention Parade.** The Glendale Fire Department will host the 26th Annual Fire Prevention Parade sponsored by Southwest Gas, in downtown Glendale on Oct. 4. The ever-popular parade will begin at 10 a.m., traveling west on Glendale Avenue from 52nd to 58th avenues. It will feature fire vehicles, clowns, scouts and much more! The parade will end at Murphy Park, where families will find a fun safety fair which will include food vendors, arts and crafts, safety information booths, live music, attractions for the kids and a static display of fire apparatus from around the state. The fair will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, [click here](#) or call the Fire Department at (623) 703-1571.

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