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BEHIND-THE-SCENES PEEK AT CITY GOVERNMENT OFFERED IN GLENDALE UNIVERSITY CLASSES

Glendale, Ariz. – Discover what you can find in your library, learn how the city’s budget is put together and get an inside look at how your community is policed during Glendale University City Government “101.” This special 10-session program offers a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works.

Applications are being accepted now for the spring Glendale University (GU) program. The classes are held Mondays, March 12 through May 14. The first four classes and the May 14 graduation are 6-8:30 p.m. and the others are 6-9 p.m. The series kicks off with “Managing a Public Organization.” Subsequent sessions cover the inner workings of a variety of city services including law enforcement, libraries and more.

Glendale residents and those who own businesses in the city can sign up for GU to learn more about city government directly from the mayor, council members and top city staff. In the 15 years since the program was started, more than 800 people have attended.

The program’s continued popularity is credited to the one-on-one interactions among attendees, the on-going opportunities to GU graduates and the core curriculum that focuses on everything from the city courts to utilities.

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“Glendale University is a unique opportunity to meet the city’s decision makers and talk about everyone’s role in our local democracy,” said organizer Josie Romero with Glendale’s Neighborhood Services Department.

The classes, which are free, are limited in size to encourage interaction between attendees and the elected officials and city staff who teach each unit.

To participate in Glendale University, you must be 16 or older, a resident of Glendale or own a business in Glendale. Attendees who complete eight of the ten GU 101 classes will be honored on the final night, May 14, in graduation ceremonies. These graduates are then eligible to attend the quarterly series of Glendale University graduate classes that enable attendees to take tours and further explore areas of special interest.

The deadline for registering for Glendale University 101 is March 8. Applications are available online at www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships or call the Neighborhood Partnership Office for an application at 623-930-2868.

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