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NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK CELEBRATES DEDICATED EMPLOYEES

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Do you ever think about how your garbage is disposed of once it leaves your curb? Or who is on call to ensure your water is delivered to your home twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week?

These are just a few of the many services carried out by Glendale’s public works departments.

The week of May 18-24 marks the national observance of Public Works Week. The city’s Public Works Group is made up of the following departments:

The Field Operations department oversees street maintenance, sanitation services, building maintenance and cares for the city’s 1300 vehicles, which include everything from motorcycles to street sweepers. The Streets and Right-of-Way divisions oversee maintenance on 700 miles of roadways in the city, and the Facilities Management division is responsible for 1.8 million square feet of municipal buildings and properties. The Graffiti Removal Program removes graffiti within 48 hours of notification and can be contacted via the Graffiti Hotline or the city’s Web site. Glendale’s Recycling program strives to increase the life of the landfill by diverting wastes to be reused or recycled.

The Utilities Department produces water that meets or surpasses all state and federal standards, collects and treats wastewater and reads meters monthly to deliver timely and accurate bills. The city treats and delivers more than 16 billion gallons of water a year. The Water Distribution and Collection divisions are responsible for more than 1,400 miles of water and sewer pipelines. The Field

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Customer Service division reads over 60,000 meters monthly. The average household contributes approximately 210 gallons of wastewater to our treatment plants each day.

The Transportation Department is responsible for providing safe and efficient traffic flow on city streets, which includes vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The department also manages the city's street lighting; administers transit and Dial-A-Ride services; maintains transportation planning at the state and local levels; and develops and implements traffic safety education programs.

The Engineering Department is responsible for design and construction of city facilities including buildings, streets, sewer, water lines and drainage. The department is also responsible for city's property management and acquisition, mapping development and floodplain administration.

For more information on the public works services, visit www.glendaleaz.com/publicworks

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