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GLENDALE HIRES NEW RECREATION MANAGER

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale’s Parks and Recreation Department has hired Paul Bernardo as its newest Recreation Manager.

Bernardo will oversee the department’s community-wide special events as well as its special use facilities.

Annual special events that Parks and Recreation offers include the Union Hills Skateboard Classic, Touch-a-Truck, Adult Kickball Challenge and the Spring Break Teen Golf Tournament. Other such events are the Spring Eggstravaganza and the Fall Festival, which both draw approximately 4,000 attendees each year.

The city’s special use facilities are amenities such as the Skate Court, located in Foothills Park at 19021 N. 57th Drive. Bernardo’s focus is to continue to involve the community in the operations of these facilities by developing collaborations and partnerships. An example of such a collaboration is the Foothills Skate Court Advisory Committee, which has representation from the Police Department, business owners and skate court users.

Becky Benná, the Parks and Recreation Director states, “We are very excited to have Paul as part of our management team. He will be very involved with expanding our partnerships and collaborations within the community.”

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Bernardo comes to Glendale with more than 17 years experience in municipal government, and in the nonprofit sector as a program manager and internal consultant. He most recently held a position as director of development with Valley Youth Theatre. Prior to that he worked as associate executive director for the Valley of the Sun YMCA and as recreation coordinator for the city of Scottsdale.

Bernardo holds a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix. He started his new position with Glendale in January.

For more information on Parks and Recreation programs and events, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820.

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