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Cactus District Weekly Update

January 22, 2016

Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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City Announcements

'Glendale University' Offers Behind-The-Scenes Look at City Government

Glendale University 101, an 11-session program sponsored by Cox Communications, is accepting applications now through Friday, January 22, 2016. Classes begin on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, which offer a close-up, behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of city government.

Glendale residents and those who own businesses in the city can sign up for Glendale University (GU) to learn more about city government directly from the Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, and top city staff. The program's continued popularity is credited to the one-on-one interactions among attendees and the core curriculum that focuses on everything from the city courts to utilities.



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Valley Metro to Hold Public Meetings on the West Phoenix/Central

"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 Kathy Curley of Glendale's Community Services Department. In the 19 years since the program was started, more than 950 people have attended.

GU 101 classes are held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning February 3, 2016 and runs through April 13, 2016. The series kicks off with an opportunity to get to know your Mayor and Council Members. Subsequent sessions cover a variety of city services, including public safety, city courts, public works, community services, finance and budget, marketing, and much more.

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 GU 101, you must be 16 years or older, a resident of Glendale or own a business in Glendale. Attendees who complete nine of the eleven GU 101 classes will be honored in a graduation ceremony on the final night of class.

The deadline to register for Glendale University 101 is January 22, 2016. Register online at www.glendaleaz.com/Library/GlendaleUniversity; or call Gwen Benoit at 623-930-3554 to request an application or more information.

Glendale Police Department Hiring Police Officers

The Glendale Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for the positions of Police Officer Recruit and Police Officer Lateral. Applications for Police Officer Recruit will be accepted beginning Monday, December 28th at 12:00am and closing on Friday, January 22nd, 2016 at 11:59pm. Recruitment is currently open for the position of Police Officer Lateral and applications are being accepted on a continual basis.

The Glendale Police Department expects to fill over 20 Police Officer vacancies. Candidates interested in becoming Police Officers with the Glendale Police Department are encouraged to attend an optional information session which is being held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center located at 11550 W. Glendale Avenue, in Glendale, Arizona.

Information, including application material, can be found at www.glendaleaz.com/policejobs.

Glendale Transit Corridor Study

Valley Metro will hold two public meetings on the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Transit Corridor Study. The purpose of the study is to identify what type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit) and what route is best to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system on 19th Avenue in Phoenix. At each meeting, Valley Metro staff will present an overview of the recommended route and transit type, and provide an opportunity for questions and comments. The same information will be presented at both meetings.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
6 - 8 p.m. (presentation at 6:30 p.m.)
Washington Activity Center
Multipurpose Room
2240 W. Citrus Way,
Phoenix 85019

Wednesday, January 20, 2016
6 - 8 p.m. (presentation at 6:30 p.m.)
Glendale Woman's Club
7032 N. 56th Ave.,
Glendale 85301

For more information, please contact Megan Casey, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 602.495.8274 or mcasey@valleymetro.org, or visit valleymetro.org/glendale.

January 2016 Events and Activity Listings

The following featured events are offered from Glendale's Parks and Recreation and Library divisions in January 2016. The programs are free unless otherwise indicated. To see many more events and activities, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation and www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Mobile Print Services Now Available at the Glendale Public Library

Send documents to print from your mobile device, laptop, home computer, or anywhere you happen to be. It's easy! For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/Printing.cfm.

Gallery Glendale: Feathers & Fur Photo Exhibition

6 to 9 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays, thru January 30, at Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102

This juried photography exhibit celebrates the beauty, brilliance, and wonderment of both animals and birds. Artwork will be available for sale. For more information, call 623-930-3557, contact mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale/.

Adaptive Bowling

9 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, January 16 - February 27, at Glenfair Lanes Bowling Alley, 6110 N. 59th Ave. Ages 8 and older can improve their bowling game, enjoy the support of others and make new friends! Parents, guardians and caregivers volunteer and assist those with special needs to make this a rewarding experience. Bowling ramps are available to registered bowlers. Instruction is not provided. The program is \$23 (non-resident \$30) and includes a bowling ball and shoes. For more information, contact Anthony Garcia at 623-930-4335 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/Adaptive.cfm.

Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibition

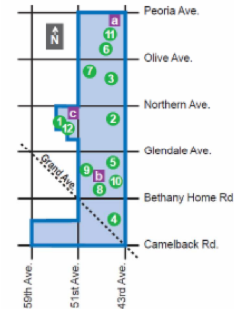
Saturday, January 23; & 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, January 24, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. - Fruit Packing Shed.

Enjoy a unique exhibit featuring Arizona artists. All submitted works will be on display from January 13-24. Call 623-930-4201 for more information.

20th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

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Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

7637 N. 55th Ave.
Located south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Players and audience of all ages are welcome at this FREE event, featuring 72 performers playing on 2 stages all day. Includes workshops and lectures on crafting songs, boosting creativity and gaining inspiration, copyright law and a Q&A with a music and entertainment attorney, song critique sessions and more! Enjoy Lacy and Wendy's Mobile Wood Fired Pizza Oven on site, plus a Friends of the Library fundraiser. Event offered in partnership with the Arizona Songwriters Association, www.azsongwriters.org. For more information, please call 623-930-3573 or visit gplsongwriters.weebly.com.

Citizenship & ESL Classes

At the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Citizenship

5 p.m., Mondays January 25 & February 1, 8, 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21, 28

Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this 10-week class will teach you the fundamentals of United States politics, government, and history included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. For more information and to register, please contact Violetta Lopez at Violetta.Lopez@Rescue.org or 602-433-2440, ext. 191.

ESL

4 p.m., Wednesdays, January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 17, 24

Free English language learning for adults. Using volunteers, the program provides a friendly and helpful environment for people who are just learning English, as well as native English speakers who need to improve their skills. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3430 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Coffee with a Cop

January 26 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Denny's 4303 W. Peoria Ave. Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

Watch a video on the park [here](#).



Rose Lane Park

51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue

Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

Rose Lane Park includes:

- Lighted ball field
- Lighted basketball court
- Two lighted volleyball courts
- Four lighted racquetball courts
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Grills
- Restrooms
- [Reservable ramadas](#)
- [Aquatic center](#)
- [Recreation center](#)



Rose Lane Recreation Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave.
623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours:
Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The Rose Lane Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. [More Information](#).



Rose Lane Aquatics Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave. *
623-930-7905
(east of 51st Ave., north of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is only open to the public during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office. This facility is only staffed

when the pools are open
for aquatic programming.

[View a Slide Show of the
Rose Lane Aquatics
Center here!](#)

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