



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale Police Participate In Nationwide Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign. In an effort to save more lives on Arizona's roadways this month, the Glendale Police Department is partnering with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and other local law enforcement agencies to enforce Arizona's seat belt and child safety seat laws.

Although Arizona has a secondary seat belt law, the enforcement campaign is based upon high visibility traffic enforcement with a "zero-tolerance" approach towards seat belt and child safety seat usage.

As part of the national "Click It or Ticket" seat belt enforcement campaign, law enforcement agencies across the state will be stepping up traffic enforcement patrols and increasing other enforcement efforts to drive home the message: Buckle Up Arizona...It's the Law!

Despite widespread efforts to educate drivers about the importance of wearing seat belts, motor vehicle collisions continue to be the leading cause of death and serious injuries to the citizens of our state. The enforcement mobilization will run through June 1.

Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. When worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about 50%.

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Due To Extreme Fire Danger, Open Fires Banned At Thunderbird Conservation Park. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department has banned all open fires at Thunderbird Conservation Park. Due to the extreme fire danger, smoking and charcoal fires are also included in the ban. The combination of low humidity, increasing temperatures and frequent high winds creates the "extreme" fire danger.

For those using Thunderbird Conservation Park, the fire ban stipulates the following:

- Open, wood and charcoal fires are prohibited in any part of the park.
- Smoking outside of enclosed vehicles will continue to be prohibited.
- Propane or gas grills may be used but only in established picnic areas.

Motorists traveling through or near Thunderbird Conservation Park should exercise extreme care with smoking materials and use only their vehicle's ashtrays to dispose of them.

For more information regarding the fire ban or Thunderbird Conservation Park, call Glendale Parks and Recreation at 623-930-2820 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Glendale Names Julie Watters as Top Communications Executive. Julie Watters has been named the new director of communications for the city of Glendale, after serving seven months as the interim director, and following a national recruitment for the position.



In her new role, Watters will oversee all the functions of the Communications Department, including the city's public information office, special events, website, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, marketing and creative services, Glendale 11 television station and the Glendale Media Center. Employed with the city since 2002, she has served in multiple leadership roles in both the Fire and Communications Departments during her 12-year tenure. Most recently, Watters has served in the role of Interim Communication Director since September of 2013 and before that was a Deputy Communications Director beginning in 2010. During the past 12 years, she has overseen the operations of the award-winning Glendale Civic Center, worked on numerous citywide projects, such as the 2015 and 2008 Super Bowls as well as other mega events. Watters has also been an integral member of the city-owned TV station, Glendale 11's on-air broadcasting as well as writing and producing dozens of programs that have been nominated for awards including the coveted Emmy.

Prior to her work with the City of Glendale, Watters was a reporter & anchor at KPNX-TV, Channel 12, for more than eleven years with a reputation for fairness and excellent communication skills. She has a

Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Journalism, with a minor in Political Science from Northern Arizona University. Watters comes from a family with four generations of Arizonans, was raised in Glendale and graduated from Apollo High School.

Truth In Taxation Hearing Notice of Tax Increase June 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m. In compliance with Section 42-17107, Arizona Revised Statutes, the City of Glendale is notifying property taxpayers of the City of Glendale's intention to raise the primary property taxes over last year's level. [Click here](#) for more information.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

Summer Reading Fun for All Ages Begins May 27 to July 26 at the Glendale Libraries. Kids from birth to age 11 can participate in an explosive summer of reading fun during Fizz, Boom, READ! Sign up, pick up your reading record at any Glendale branch Library, keep track of your reading and earn fun grab bag prizes and a free book.

Teens can participate in their own summer reading program, Spark A Reaction! Teens may register online at www.glendaleaz.com/teenlibrary, keep track of their reading all summer long, then visit any Glendale public library to claim fun grab bag prizes (including a free book) and be entered in a prize drawing for an iPad Shuffle and Skull Candy Headphones.

The adult summer reading program, Literary Elements, offers adults prizes for reading too. Adults can register online at www.glendaleaz.com/library and visit a Glendale library to claim their prizes. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Paws to Read. Reserve a 15-minute reading session with Hailey the Golden Retriever at Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., Tuesday May 27, between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Hailey is an official therapy dog certified through Therapy Dogs International. She loves books and stories of all kinds and loves to meet anyone ages 5 and older. Call 623-930-3437 or stop by the youth reference desk to sign up.

Lego® Mania! Kids ages 5- 12 are invited to explore the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics with Legos® at Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave, on Wednesday May 28 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Build a Lego® masterpiece while learning about exciting STEM-related themes like symmetry, flight and the concept of scale. This free program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth desk or register online at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

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