



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

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Truth in Taxation Hearing Notice of Tax Increase. In compliance with Section 42-17107, Arizona Revised Statutes, the City of Glendale is notifying its property taxpayers of the City of Glendale's intention to raise its primary property taxes over last year's level. The City of Glendale is proposing an increase in primary property taxes of 2%.

For example, the proposed tax increase will cause the city of Glendale's primary property taxes on a \$100,000 home to increase from \$48.00 (total taxes that would be owed without the proposed tax increase) to \$48.96 (total proposed taxes including the tax increase).

This proposed increase is exclusive of increased primary property taxes received from new construction. The increase is also exclusive of any changes that may occur from property tax levies for voter approved bonded indebtedness or budget and tax overrides.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing on the tax increase that is scheduled to be held on June 10, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale, Arizona, 85301.

Summer Is Hot But Downtown Glendale Deals and Events Are Hotter! Stay cool and save some cold hard cash in Historic Downtown Glendale with the fourth annual Catlin Cash Summer Promotion. During the promotion, shoppers can visit between June 1 and Aug. 21 to earn special shopping rewards and take advantage of special offers.

Throughout the summer, shoppers and diners will be rewarded every time they spend money at participating merchants in the Catlin Court Shopping District, which is located between Palmyra and Myrtle avenues from 57th Drive to 59th Avenue. Participating shops include Blue House Boutique, Cottage Garden I and II, Country Maiden, Papa Ed's Ice Cream and the Shoppe on the Corner.

The Catlin Cash can be redeemed Aug. 22-23. On these dates, customers will have the chance to return to the store where they earned rewards and cash in for great discounts. This will be a two-day redemption period, so remember to save the date. Some rewards include \$1 Catlin Cash with every \$5 spent at various Catlin Court merchants.

To celebrate more shopping fun and deals, Downtown Glendale is offering events such as Christmas in July on July 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Dog Days of Summer on Aug. 2, from 7-10 a.m. Christmas in July offers early holiday shopping, dining and crafts, and kicks off the summer Food Drive. The Dog Days of Summer event offers activities including pet demonstrations, free pet massages, free Frosty Paws dog treats, as well as an opportunity for people to donate items for the Annual Pet Food and Supply Drive to benefit Sun Valley Animal Shelter, so save the dates! According to the Small Business Association, 60 to 80 percent of new jobs created in the United States can be attributed to small businesses.

For more information call 623-930-4500 or [click here](#).

Glendale Makes Top List For High-Achieving Organizations in Employee Giving. City of Glendale employees are being recognized by the Valley of the Sun United Way as a Top Campaign of 2013. Awards are presented to the top organizations with the highest achievement in employee and corporate giving for each category, based on number of employees.

For the category of 1,000-1,999 employees, Glendale was the highest ranking city, coming in 14th out of the top 25 in its category that included mostly multi-million dollar private companies.

Primarily, year after year, the campaign has solicited monetary donations, and the city of Glendale has historically been one of the top municipal campaigns in the Valley. This year, the group that made up the city's United Way executive committee decided to send a message to employees that focused on giving back through volunteering, as well. The committee, led by two executive directors and several employees representing every city department, coordinated various community-focused projects during the campaign period that employees could participate in.

In total, this effort led to 178 employees providing 783 hours of volunteer service during September and October. The campaign kicked off with Project Connect, a United Way event held at Glendale Nazarene Church on Aug. 13, which coordinated services and resources for homeless and low-income Valley families and residents. Additional projects included:

- Assisting with check-in, packing and delivering food at Hope for Hunger Food Bank

- Cooking dinner for and visiting with teens at Streetlight USA
- Painting a new business center at Gompers, which employs disabled individuals
- Knocking on doors and assisting residents with the installation of new smoke detectors with the Fire Department
- Assisting veterans with check-in and resources at the Stand Up for Veterans event at Glendale Community College
- Moving furniture for residents at the Glencroft Retirement Community
- Helping with homework and playing games with children after school at the Boys and Girls Club
- Painting homes for low-income, elderly or disabled residents during the Rock & Roll Paintathon

Additional fundraising activities for the city of Glendale's United Way campaign included a picnic, various raffles, a bake sale and a bowling event that was open to the public. Many activities were covered by sponsor-funded donations, such as the picnic and prizes that were raffled for employees. The monetary side of the campaign garnered more than \$70,000 for the Valley of the Sun United Way.

Around Town

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

Glendale's Aquatics Centers Open for the Summer May 31. The place to cool off this summer will be at one of Glendale's two aquatics centers as they open for the summer season. These mini-water parks have many of the great amenities of the big water parks without the cost or crowds.

The aquatics centers feature recreation swimming, swim and diving lessons, adult water aerobics classes and private swim lessons, along with special areas for party rentals.

The Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., features two slides, a diving pool, lap swimming, play structures, shaded areas, a concession stand and a lazy river.

The Rose Lane Aquatics Center, located at 5003 W. Marlette Ave., features a slide, diving pool, lap swimming, play structures, shaded areas and a concession stand.

Recreation swim is available May 31 through Aug. 2. The days and times are as follows:

- **Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center** • 623-930-4600
Monday-Thursday, 1–5 p.m., and Friday, 1–7 p.m.
Saturday, 12–5 p.m., and Sunday, 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- **Rose Lane Aquatics Center** • 623-930-7905
Tuesday-Friday, 1 - 5 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 1 - 6 p.m. and closed on Mondays.



Admission to the aquatics centers is free for ages 2 and under, \$2.50 for ages 3-17 (\$3.50 for non-residents), \$5 for ages 18-54 (\$6 for non-residents) and \$3 for ages 55 and older (\$5 for non-residents). For Rose Lane only, a special Happy Hour with \$1 off admission will be from 3:30- 5 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays.

For more information on Glendale's swimming programs, [click here](#).

Dinosaurs Exposed! On Monday June 2, at 2 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., there will be a live 45-minute performance about science, dinosaurs and a silly history of paleontology. An ape, neanderthal, middle age fool, medieval knight and modern day paleontologist discover the same pile of bones and speculate their origin. Each character comes to their conclusions, but all are inaccurate. Finally, the bones come to life, and we hear the real story.

This performance is open to all ages, but is best suited to school-aged children. Seating is first come, first served. Tickets will be handed out to those waiting in line 15 minutes before show-time. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

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