



Cactus Weekly Update



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Glendale City Council Changes Start Time for Evening Meetings. The Glendale City Council voted at their Aug. 13 meeting to change the start time for evening city council meetings, from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This change will begin with the council meeting of Tuesday September 24.

The City Council currently meets regularly for voting meetings two times each month, on the second and fourth Tuesday nights. The adoption of the ordinance amended Glendale City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-16 as follows:

- The City Council shall meet regularly two times each month and such regular meetings of the City Council shall be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month, unless the Council, by a majority vote at a prior meeting, changes the meeting night.
- If the Council meeting night falls on a legal holiday, Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve, the Council shall meet on the next succeeding legal day at the time aforesaid unless the Council, by a majority of the vote at a prior meeting, changes the meeting night.

Residents are encouraged to attend city council meetings. The voting meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., adjacent to City Hall.

Meetings are also broadcast live on Glendale 11, and rebroadcast at various times throughout the week. For the Glendale 11 TV guide, [click here](#). For additional information on city council meetings, agendas and other procedures, [click here](#).

Glendale's Building Safety Office Creates New Programs to Benefit Small Businesses & Homeowners. More smiles are expected to come from the second floor of Glendale City Hall for business owners and residents who are working with the city's Building Safety Department. Two new programs are being implemented to save time and enhance customer service. While one program is exclusive to small businesses the other involves homeowners who are replacing existing water heaters or mechanical units.

The first is a test program designed to expedite the permitting processes for small businesses that are seeking certain tenant improvements. With a streamlining of internal processes and a dedicated inspector to assist the businesses, permits are now expected to be delivered within 24 hours. Previously, these types of permit requests could take up to eight working days for processing. Businesses that qualify for the 24 hour review must meet the following criteria:

- The tenant improvement project must not exceed 7,000 square-feet
- Program is limited to office and mercantile occupancies (medical procedure sites and restaurants are not eligible)
- The project cannot include any work that requires approval by any department other than the Building Safety Department
- There can be no alteration to the exterior of the building, no conditional use applications and no rezoning requirements or parking revisions
- No outstanding "*notices to comply*" for work that has begun without permits and no structural revision being made to the building
- Construction drawings must be sealed by an Arizona licensed design professional
- Fire sprinkler renovations are limited to 20 heads
- The project is not within the Historic Overlay Districts, which requires Planning Department approval

In addition, residents replacing their water heaters and mechanical units such as air conditioning units, furnaces and coolers will no longer be required to get a city permit if the equipment is the same size and utilizes the same amount of energy and power source as the one being replaced.

To learn more about these new programs, [click here](#).

Around Town

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

It's Still Hot! But the Fall Programs are Here! Check out the new 2013 Fall Parks, Recreation and Activities Guide. Special Interest activities and classes appeal to a wide range of ages for adults, youth and teens. Details of all the fall activities are listed in the Activities Guide. [Click here](#) or pick up a copy at the Glendale libraries or recreation centers.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Studies show that children learn best when they have the opportunity to pursue their own interests. That's why a library card is the most important school supply of all. Glendale Public Libraries provide students with access to innovative programs, classes and education resources to support their curiosity. Best of all, it won't cost you a thing – it's all free with a library card. Open the door to a world of possibilities for the student in your life and sign up for a library card today. Stop by one of Glendale's three libraries, call 623-930-3530 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Adult Softball League Organizational Meeting. Glendale's organizational meeting for the fall adult softball leagues will be held on Monday Sept. 9 at Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. Meetings start at 6 p.m. for teams returning to Glendale's program and at 7 p.m. for new teams. The meeting will cover league format, rule changes and registration. For more information, [click here](#).

2013 Arizona Cardinals/NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition. Registration for the 2013 Arizona Cardinals/NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition begins on Tuesday Sept. 10 at 5 p. m. Competition begins at 6 p.m. at Foothills Sports Complex, 57th Ave north of Union Hills Dr. This is a national skills competition in which girls and boys in four separate age divisions compete against each other in punting, passing and placekicking in a fun and engaging forum. Scores are based on distance and accuracy. This program is FREE for boys and girls ages 6-15. Winners from the local competition will advance to the sectional competition to be held on Sunday, November 3 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park main soccer field, 59th Ave and Mountain View. Only the top four boys' and girls' first place finishers in each age bracket from the pool of Sectional competition champions will advance to the Team Championships at the Arizona Cardinals Stadium to be held during a regular season home game. For more information, call 623-930-2841.

Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon Seeks Homeowner Applicants & Volunteers to Paint Homes. Do you own a single-family home but due to age or physical impairments are unable to paint it? If so, the Annual Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon on Saturday, Oct. 26 may be able to help.

This program, which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes of applicants who are ages 60 and older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources, are veterans, or are unable to do the work themselves.

Glendale residents who match the above criteria are encouraged to apply to have their homes painted. Volunteers willing to wield a paint brush are also encouraged to get involved.

The deadline for both homeowners and volunteer teams to apply for the program is Sept. 4. Volunteers willing to paint homes at the event on Saturday, Oct. 26, should form a team of 15 to 25 people. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old and those under 18 must

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