



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

September 12, 2014



Councilmember Hugh attended the West Valley Resort groundbreaking on August 28.

Update on Glendale Storm Damage, Closures. City of Glendale staff are working diligently to assess damage and repair and restore operations and facilities for residents. Below is an update on issues and closures or restrictions still in place. City parks and facilities that are still closed, or restricted include:

- Thunderbird Conservation Park trail heads have all reopened; however, ramadas at the park will not be in use due to standing water and mud
- Skunk Creek Linear Park at 51st Ave. and Beardsley to 73rd Ave. south of Bell Rd. remains closed
- Thunderbird Paseo Park at 51st Ave. to 75th Ave. north of Greenway Rd. and south of Bell Rd. remains closed
- Grand Canal Linear Park at 75th Ave. north of Camelback to the Loop 101 remains closed
- Thunderbird Paseo sports fields remain closed as well as the fields at Rose Lane Park; all other sports fields have been reopened.

- The Northern Horizon dog park will remain closed for the next several days; however, the Sahuaro Ranch and the Foothills dog parks have reopened.
- The equestrian trail parking lot at Bethany Home Road and 81st Avenue is closed due to extensive land slide issues

Road closure updates include the reopening of the roadways into Skunk Creek Park (53rd Avenue, north of Union Hills Drive and 69th Avenue, just north of Bell Rd.

With potential storms coming through the Valley, if needed, residents can get sand and sandbags at the following locations:

- Glendale Fire Support Services: 7505 N. 55th Ave. (Near 55th Ave. & Orangewood)
- City of Glendale Community Center North: 14061 N. 59th Ave. (Near 59th Ave. & Hearn)
- Bonsall Park: Northeast corner of 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road (next to hockey rink)

To report any downed trees and road hazards during regular business hours, call 623-930-2670. After 5 p.m. on a weekday and on weekends, call 602-582-6814. For additional information and updates, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

The city established a Storm Assistance Hotline regarding flooding or water damage in a Glendale neighborhood. For assistance please call 623-930-2202.

Glendale's Finance Director Honored by Phoenix Business Journal. Glendale's Finance Director, Tom Duensing, recently received the "Turnaround of the Year" Award from the Phoenix Business Journal's Outstanding CFOs (Chief Financial Officer) Program.

According to the publisher of the Phoenix Business Journal: "The goal of our Outstanding CFOs Program is to identify the best CFOs in the Valley, who have compiled a track record of financial success in their organizations. Qualities include their accomplishments, business ethics, leadership, education, community involvement, entrepreneurial spirit and other positive traits. Mr. Duensing was nominated for the award and selected by our advisory board to receive this special award honoring a CFO stepping in to establish effective operations, implement solid management, improve cash flow and increase production."

Duensing began his tenure with Glendale in October 2013, creating a five-year budget forecast and a balanced budget approved by the city council. He is known for having a personable and understandable style of explaining the complex budget to a wide audience from key stakeholders in the city to the media or local business owners.

The Phoenix Business Journal will hold its awards ceremony in late October and will also feature an article on Mr. Duensing and the other award winners in the publication's Oct. 24 print edition.

City of Glendale Names New Public Works Director. The city of Glendale has hired Jack Friedline as the city's new Public Works Director. He has been serving in an interim capacity since June of this year. Friedline will oversee all of the city's Public Works divisions, managing a total of 276 full-time employees. These divisions include:

- Field Operations, which entails Solid Waste and the Landfill, street maintenance and graffiti removal, the city-owned cemetery, equipment and facilities management;
- Transportation Services, which entails bus and Dial-a-Ride services, transportation planning and management and the airport operations;
- Engineering, which includes the city's Capital Improvement Plan, transportation engineering and streetlights, construction engineering, construction inspection and land development.

Friedline's career includes more than 37 years in public service, including 18 years with the city of Mesa and five of those years as a Deputy City Manager. His prior professional experience also includes tenures with the cities of Phoenix, Goodyear, and Buffalo, New York. He's held such positions as Public Works Commissioner, Public Works Director, Assistant Public Works Director and other public agency managerial roles. His specific public works experience includes overseeing solid waste, facilities, streets, transportation, fleet management, engineering, airports, and water and wastewater services. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Buffalo State University.

Glendale 11 & CBS 5 Team Up to Showcase City's Preparedness for Super Bowl XLIX. Glendale's city TV station Glendale 11 and CBS 5 (KPHO-TV) are teaming up once again for a super series of broadcast reports highlighting Glendale's preparation and planning for Super Bowl XLIX.

The exclusive stories will air in primetime on CBS 5, after the NFL's Thursday Night Football telecasts beginning Thursday, September 11. The series will run through October before taking a break in November and December. Then, the stories will return each Sunday on CBS 5 in January leading up to the big game on February 1, 2015.

The informative stories will showcase, among other things, a behind-the-scenes look at what Glendale is doing to prepare for its second Super Bowl. The stories will feature staff and programs citywide from police and fire conducting safety and training drills to how the city handles tons of extra trash and high utility usage for the game as well as what the city is doing to welcome tens of thousands of visitors from around the world.

Seven years ago, Glendale and CBS 5 created a similar partnership for the 2008 Super Bowl. Viewers from around the state tuned in to Glendale 11 TV and CBS 5 to see what the city was doing to strategize and prepare for its first Super Bowl. Those stories were award winning and received recognition with an Emmy Award and honors from the premier government association, the National Association of Telecommunications and Advisors (NATOA).

"To be able to partner with Glendale 11 and take our viewers 'under the hood' to see what it takes to prepare for an event of this magnitude is a real special treat," said Ed Munson, Vice President and General Manager for CBS 5. "It was a great partnership when the Super Bowl was last here in 2008, and we could not be more excited to do it again."

All of the stories airing on CBS 5 will also be featured on Glendale 11 TV and online at www.glendaleaz.com. For more information or to watch the stories on your computer, visit www.glendalesgotgame.com or visit the City of Glendale YouTube Channel at My Glendale 11.

Around Town

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

The Glendale Police Department 2014 Shred Event – Oct. 4. Bring up to three bankers boxes of materials for shredding to Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., between 8-11 a.m., on Saturday Oct. 4. The event will be held in the southwest parking area. *Due to the popularity of this event, it may conclude early if trucks are full.* For further information call 623-930-4044.

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