



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona

October 11, 2013

Councilmember Hugh to host
Cactus District meeting,
Wednesday October 23,
6:00pm,
Historic Manistee Ranch,
5127 W. Northern Avenue.
(enter at 51st Avenue, south
of Northern)
Appetizers & Refreshments
will be available

Glendale Revises Ordinance for Residents to Place Sanitation Containers in the Street. The city of Glendale has recently updated its ordinance on the placement of sanitation and recycling containers. This new ordinance goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2014, and requires all residential containers (refuse/recycling) be placed in the street at the curb.

With a few exceptions, this will be the new procedure on collection days. These exceptions are:

- If your residence is located on an arterial street (a main thoroughfare) you will not place your containers in the street due to vehicle traffic. Place containers on the sidewalk, close to the curb (please allow pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk with no obstructions).
- If you live in an area with alleys behind your home, you will continue to take your trash to the sanitation container in the alley, and now you will place your recycling container in the street in front of your home.
- A property with no access to the street and no sidewalk will place their containers at the edge of the driveway closest to the street.
- A property with a detached sidewalk (open area between sidewalk and curb) in front of the home will place the container in the street at the curb.

The safety of its residents is the city's number one priority. This modification will provide unrestricted access to the city sidewalks for all pedestrians in the community, reducing the need for pedestrians to navigate around sanitation containers and onto private property or city streets.

For additional information, call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

Glendale Planning Commission Changes Meeting Times. The Glendale Planning Commission is changing the start time for workshops to 5 p.m. and the public hearings to 6 p.m. This change will begin with the Oct. 3 Planning Commission meeting.

The Planning Commission decided to change the time to make it consistent with the start time for city council evening meetings, which start at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays twice a month. The Commission meets the first Thursday of every month.

Planning Commission hearings are broadcast live on Glendale 11, and rebroadcast at various times throughout the week. For the Glendale 11 TV guide, [click here](#).

Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Seeks Assistant and Volunteer Helpers. An open house will be held at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 12 in the Fruit Packing Shed of the historic section located at 9802 N. 59th Ave.

During the open house, current volunteers will be recognized for their valuable contributions to the historic park. Those interested in volunteering and supporting the landmark can attend to gather information on needs, opportunities and involvement.

Currently, the most needs are for tour guides, school group leaders, special event assistants and rose garden helpers. A brief slide show, meet and greet, refreshments and a tour of the ranch's highlights will be included.

For information on the park's historic area, call 623-930-4200 or [click here](#).

Input Sought for Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden Improvements. Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services is seeking ideas from citizens on what improvements they would like to see at the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden located at 7637 N. 55th Ave., south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue.

There are three ways the public can provide their input:

- Attend an onsite outreach event between 2 and 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden
- Visit the website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/elsiemccarthysensorygarden.cfm> to view the park features,

- map and video. To provide input, click on the link on the site.
- Fill out the input form and mail in or scan it to Glendale Parks and Recreation, 5970 W. Brown St., Glendale AZ 85302 or email to access@Glendaleaz.com. Forms can be picked up at any of the Glendale libraries right inside the entrance, the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., or the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

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 dramatic evening lighting, this garden is one of Glendale's most memorable locations. For more information on the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden, [click here](#).

Around Town

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

PSA Art Awakenings Exhibits in October at Gallery Glendale Westgate. PSA Art Awakenings is the featured exhibitor for October at the Gallery Glendale at Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., next to Cold Stone Creamery.

PSA Art Awakenings' vision is to promote empowerment and recovery through the power of creative expression for children and adults who face behavioral health challenges. Those who have faced these challenges created the artwork currently exhibited at the gallery. The art is all focused on empowerment and recovery through creativity. Some pieces in the exhibit will be for sale.

An open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12. The first 50 people through the door will get the opportunity to contribute to an art installation by creating a work of art while blindfolded. The creation will be displayed as part of a larger exhibit. You can purchase your work of art for a \$5 donation or allow it to travel with the exhibit, raising awareness for the power of creativity.

The PSA Art Awakenings normal schedule is from 5 to 10 p.m., every Friday and Saturday in October and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 27

PSA Art Awakenings provides safe and supportive environments that foster exploration and development of artistic skills. Through the program, participants gain personal awareness, respect for self and others, personal accountability and pride in accomplishments. For more information about Gallery Glendale at Westgate, [click here](#).

City Offices Closed Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will close Monday, October 14 for the Columbus Day holiday. **All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted to one day later.**

Zombie LARP III: Back and Deader Than Ever. The Infected. Rotters. Biters. Lurkers. Skin Puppets. Flesh Eaters. Call them what you want, they're still zombies. On Saturday Oct. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. the Main library, 5959 W. Brown St. will become ground zero for the Zombie Apocalypse, and it's up to you and your friends to stop it. Your team will face challenges physical and mental in an all-out NERF war with the walking dead in this after-hours event. Space is limited, and registration begins Oct. 12. To register, call 623-930-3537, or stop by the youth reference desk. For more information, [click here](#).

Brelby Theatre Company Captures Halloween Spirit with Performance at Velma Teague Branch Library. Performances of classic fairy tales written by the Grimm Brothers and the writings of Edgar Allen Poe set the Halloween mood with "*An Evening of Grimm and Poe*" at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

These bone chilling stories and poems are brought to life by Downtown Glendale's own Brelby Theatre Company. Grimm and Poe are known for their gloomy tone and twisted tales. This year celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Grimm brothers' first fairy tales. Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel and Snow White are a few well-known tales. Copies of "*Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe*" will also be available on a first-come, first-serve basis courtesy of the West Valley Arts Council's Read 13 program.

Admission is free and open to the public, along with complementary refreshments. Due to the frightening nature of the stories presented, this program is recommended for ages 12 and older.

The Brelby Theater Company also gives professional shows to the community in their new theater located across the street from the library. The mission of the Brelby Theatre Company is to foster an environment for artists to imagine and grow freely, create quality intimate theatre and inspire our community. For more information, [click here](#).

Additional performances will be held throughout the season. For more information on future shows, call 623-930-3431.

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