

Sahuaro Weekly Update

Councilmember Gary Sherwood - Glendale, Arizona

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On Tuesday, January 15, Mayor Jerry P. Weiers and Councilmembers Ian Hugh, Cactus District; Gary D. Sherwood, Sahuaro District and Samuel U. Chavira, Yucca District were sworn in at the City of Glendale Installation Ceremony. View the ceremony online at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/video/index.cfm>

Pictured with Councilmember Sherwood (center) is his wife Patrice and the Honorable Elizabeth R. Finn, Presiding Judge, Glendale City Court.

district were represented well and I wish both him and his wife Sandy the best years of their life moving forward.

Then there are the personal thanks. Many thanks go out to my son Kyle Sherwood, Mark Conte, Gail Meyers and Gary Hirsch. Glendale has not seen the last of Gary by any stretch and I have a forever true friend. Finally and most importantly I want to thank my lovely bride Patrice for her support and love.

We want to get to the substance of what needs to take place in the city and I briefly went through my vision and goals during the installation ceremony Tuesday night. It is important here to give thanks for the long process it took to get to this point. Next week, I want to share my background and history with Glendale primarily so that you know me a little better which I think will help you understand how I will navigate through the issues we face as a region, a city, and as a neighborhood.

The week after next, I will get into more substance as to my vision, what I feel are the council goals, my personal goals within the city and an advisory group that I have assembled.

Again, I look forward to serving you and making the best informed decisions that will benefit the city in a most efficient manner. I will always keep an open mind while listening to your ideas and thoughts.

If I can ever assist you, or if you would like to share your thoughts with me, please feel free to contact me at 623-930-2249 or gsherwood@glendaleaz.com

Greetings fellow Sahuaro District residents,

I am humbled and grateful to be representing you for the next four years as your councilmember, serving the 72nd largest city in the nation, and the Sahuaro district which contains many of the city's jewels representing education (Thunderbird School of Global Management), medical (Banner Thunderbird Medical Center), recreation (Paseo Racquet Center and Thunderbird Paseo Park), commerce (Arrowhead Towne Center, largest shopping mall in the West Valley and many other fine businesses) and most importantly our neighborhoods which is where our city is nurtured. In terms of public safety, our district (one of six in the city) has three of the city's nine fire stations and one of the three police stations.

I hope to personalize these newsletters often but can't say that it will happen every week. What I would like to do over the next several weeks though is to give an introduction and thanks to those who have assisted me, and provide a little bit of my background along with my history working with the city. I want to share my vision as well as my personal goals for the city and our district. I will also share an ideal that I have already talked to several of my constituents about.

So we'll call this a three part series and at least a commitment to have personalized my first three newsletters.

I want to thank my predecessor, the honorable Steve Frate for his twelve years of service, the last two and a half as Vice-Mayor. He has given me constant support and introduced me around to many business leaders,-neighborhood groups, city staff and the like and I will be forever grateful to him. The city and our

— Sincerely, Councilmember Gary Sherwood

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No same-day Dial-a-Ride service will be available on Monday. Valley Metro buses will operate on a holiday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed. In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreations and Aquatics Center will remain open on the MLK holiday, however, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-4600.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

Understanding Your Monthly Sewer Charges. Each year in May, your sewer charge is adjusted based on your actual water usage billed for the winter months of January, February and March. Although each customer has a water meter to determine water consumption, there is no meter to measure how many gallons each customer sends into the sewer system.

It is estimated that 90 percent of the water being used in a single family house during these winter months is being used inside and goes down the drain into the sewer system. The remaining 10 percent is used for watering landscaping. In units other than single-family homes, it's estimated that 95 percent of the water used goes down the drain.

Your current year monthly sewer bill amount may vary from the prior year amount due to differences in your winter water usage and any rate changes.

An appeal can be made on the basis that a higher than normal amount of water was used outdoors from January to March or that there was a leak. Appeals are accepted for a period of 60 days after the May billing.

New residents or customers who did not have a full three months winter water usage have been assigned usage based on the average of all customers with a similar type of property.

If you wish to appeal or have other questions, please call the Customer Service Office at 623-930-3190.

Around Town

17th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering. Join us from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 19 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. for the 17th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering. This free event has everything including live music performances on two stages throughout the day, song critique sessions and workshops and lectures on crafting songs, getting songs into film and television, music technology and more. Food and drink will be available for purchase. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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Live at the Library: Starry Messenger – The Life of Galileo. Enjoy the entertainment of Hannes Kvaran presenting “Starry Messenger,” a one-man musical based on the life of Galileo, the famous Italian scientist. Hannes lives in Glendale and teaches economics at Glendale Community College. “Starry messenger” will be presented on Thursday, January 24 at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Local Romance Authors at the Library. With Valentine's Day and Glendale's Chocolate Affaire approaching, it's a good time to pick up a romance novel. Show support for local authors as they discuss and sign their small-press and self-published romance novels at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Authors will have approximately five minutes each to promote their book with a group signing afterward.

The program is free, but books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, call 623-930-3439.

Acoustic Jam. Join us for the Acoustic Jam from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style. The public is also invited to enjoy the music. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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