

Sahuaros Weekly Update

*The Sahuaros District:
Celebrating Recreation, Education and Cooperation*

Councilmember Gary Sherwood - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale University 101 Graduates.

Congratulations go out to the twenty students who graduated from the Spring 2013 Glendale University 101 program on May 20. The students are Glendale residents, business owners and city employees. The 10-week program offered a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works.

The series kicked-off with a night of getting to know your Mayor and Councilmembers. Subsequent sessions covered the inner workings of a variety of city services including: public safety, city court, public works, community services, finance and budget and much more.

The graduation dinner was held at the Glendale Airport Restaurant (Left Seat West) and special guests included Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers, Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack, councilmembers Ian Hugh, Manny Martinez and Gary Sherwood. In the 17 years since the program started, more than 900 students have graduated from the program and gone on to attend Glendale University graduate classes. More graduation photos are on our GU101 website under "2013 Graduation Photos" [click here](#). Glendale University is sponsored by Cox Communications.

Glendale Police Chief Debora Black Hosts Open House. Newly appointed Glendale Chief of Police Debora Black will be hosting an open-house Wednesday June 5, 2013 from 4:30 to 6 pm. The open-house will take place in the street level lobby of main police building located at 6835 N 57th Drive. Chief Black and Police Department command staff will be available to meet with members of the community, local businesses and media who attend; everyone is welcome for this relationship building opportunity. Please note this event is not intended to be a formal press conference; there will not be a prepared message delivered. The open-house is intended to be an informal "meet and greet" atmosphere, with light refreshments served, creating the opportunity for good conversation with the Chief and her staff. We hope to see you all there.

Glendale's Aquatics Centers Open for Summer. Beginning June 1, 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.

Both 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 June 1 through Aug. 3. 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 • June 1 – Aug. 3, every day, 1–5 p.m.

Admission for either aquatics center 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 more information on Glendale's swimming programs, [click here](#).

It's the 2013 Summer Reading Program! Register now for this year's Summer Reading Program and earn fabulous incentive prizes just for reading! The program runs through July 27, 2013.

Visit www.mclidaz.org/summer to register online or head out to your local Glendale Public Library branch. Track your reading through one of the following themed programs:

- [Dig Into Reading for pre-readers](#) (Birth - Age 5)
- [Dig into Reading for kids](#) (Ages 5 - 11)
- [Beneath the Surface for teens](#) (Ages 12-18)
- [Groundbreaking Reads for adults](#) (Age 18+)

Prizes will be available beginning June 7. For more information, [click here](#).

Glendale Seeking Board and Commission Members. Help Shape Your City by serving on a Board or Commission. Citizen involvement and input is essential to the success of local government. The city encourages you to consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's 17 boards and commissions. The time commitment for each of the boards and commissions varies, but most meet at least once a month for several hours. Preparation for meetings and special meetings sometimes require an additional time commitment.

For information on how you can become involved, please call (623) 930-2249, stop by the Council Office located in City Hall on the fourth floor, 5850 West Glendale or [click here](#) to apply on-line.

Vacancies become available regularly. Those interested are encouraged to apply for any of Glendale's 17 boards or commissions. [Click here](#) for complete information on Boards and Commissions.

Around Town

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

Fun Options for Children Over Summer Break. Summer is almost here...do you know where your kids will be? Parents looking for a safe, fun place for their children to go while school is out have a variety of options available through the Glendale Parks and Recreation office. [Click here](#) for information on summer recreation sites, summer drop-in and licensed camps and many more classes, programs and activities.



Variety of Classes Available at Gallery Glendale. Glendale's newest amenity, Gallery Glendale, located in the heart of the Westgate Entertainment District at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd. is hosting a variety of youth and adult classes in June. The classes include a mix of interests [click here](#).

Job Searching Assistance and Workshops. Steve Schrade, former director of Human Resources for Bashas, and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available to offer coaching assistance to job seekers. These open labs include online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. Workshops are available at all three Glendale Library locations. [Click here](#) for more information.

Glendale Summer Band. Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 47th season! The first concert of the season will be held at 8 p.m., June 6 in downtown Glendale's Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family, or bring your friends and neighbors. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts. [Click here](#) for more information!

Watermelon Festival – June 8. The Melon Festival traces its roots back to 1949 as a celebration of the community's agricultural industry, but the event is being brought into the 21st century, with a revived Arizona Watermelon Festival scheduled for Saturday June 8, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. in historic downtown Glendale, with free admission and free parking. [Click here](#) for more for more information on the event or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

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