

# Sahuaros Weekly Update

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

Councilmember Gary Sherwood - Glendale, Arizona

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Councilmember Sherwood spoke to residents at the Arbor Day celebration at Desert Valley Park on April 25. After the remarks, children from Desert Valley Elementary School Student helped plant five Acacia Pendula trees also known as Weeping Myall.



## Glendale's You Tube Channel

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<http://youtu.be/w1FWG0WLLjk>

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION  
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Many thanks to those who turned out for the Sahuaros District Meeting last night. We had a good turn out with a diversity of thoughts and ideas. If you were not able to attend the meeting, but would like to contact me regarding any ideas or concerns about your city, please call 623-930-2245 or e-mail [gsherwood@glendaleaz.com](mailto:gsherwood@glendaleaz.com).

— Gary Sherwood

**Children Gain Court System Knowledge at Law Day.** Seventh and eighth-graders from Our Lady of Perpetual Help will have an opportunity to learn about the court system on Wednesday May 1 from 9 a.m. to noon as Glendale City Court recognizes National Law day. The theme for this year's annual event is "Realizing the Dream." This is an opportunity for City Court to share with students how the law relates to their freedom and rights. These students will learn from a variety of professionals with diverse backgrounds involved in the legal systems including a city prosecutor, a police sergeant, public defender and judge. The professionals will discuss the justice system and how it works from their perspective. Glendale City Court recognizes Law Day each year by inviting a group of local students to participate in activities and lesson plans while hearing from a variety of justice professionals.

**West Phoenix/Central Glendale Transit Study.** Valley Metro will hold a public meeting on Monday May 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive, to kick-off the West Phoenix / Central Glendale Corridor Alternatives Analysis. The Alternatives Analysis is a study of options for providing enhanced transit service to the West Phoenix/ Central Glendale area. The study area is defined as: 19th Avenue on the east, the Loop 101 to the west, Northern Avenue to the north and south to Camelback Road. Valley Metro will provide an overview about the project, the proposed project schedule, and an opportunity for questions and comments.

For more information call the Community Outreach Coordinator at 602-744-5584.

**City Volunteers Save Glendale Millions of Dollars.** Volunteers donated more than 113,000 hours to the city of Glendale through a variety of methods and services in 2012, creating an economic value of more than \$2.3 million. This dollar figure is equal to the amount it would cost if the city had to pay for the volunteers' services. Elected officials and city leaders honored Glendale's volunteers at the 18th annual volunteer recognition event held on Wednesday April 17. Volunteers provide a variety of services with the city including re-shelving books at the libraries; answering phone calls and distributing visitors packets at the Glendale Visitor's Center; giving tours and fixing electronics at the Glendale Adult Center; cleaning up parks and trails; painting homes and cleaning up neighborhoods; assisting fire and police with intervention to victims, families and witnesses during emergency situations; assisting recycling efforts during special events and providing upkeep and care to the xeriscape demonstration garden.

For more information on the city's volunteer program, call 623-930-2282 or [click here](#).

**Transportation Projects and Update Report.** Those who missed the annual GO Open House this past week, but are interested in the information that was presented, can download it by visiting the Transportation Department's Web site. Topics include the annual GO Open House, GO Program Financial Status Update, Citizen Leadership, Glendale Family Bike Ride, Grand Avenue Improvements, Loop 101/HOV Projects, Loop 303 Improvements, Northern Parkway Project, Bike and Pedestrian Projects, Light Rail Transit and the North Glendale Transit Facility. To download the report, [click here](#).

**Crisis Response Volunteer of the Year Honored.** Glendale Fire's Crisis Response volunteer of the year, Ocotillo District resident Dan Yonkin was honored at the Phoenix Coyotes home game Wednesday night. The Coyotes recognized Dan through their "Pay it Forward" program, a program designed to recognize people who do great things in the community. Dan is a dedicated volunteer who has donated over 1400 hours to the crisis response program in just one year. The Crisis Response Team is made up of dedicated volunteers trained by the Glendale Fire Department. For more information, [click here](#).

## Around Town

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**Council Meetings and Workshops.** To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [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.

**All Aboard for a Glendale Historical Journey: 10th Annual Historic Preservation Bus Tour.** Roll back through time during the 10th annual Historic Preservation Bus Tour on Saturday May 4, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. The bus will depart and return to the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant. Participation is limited to the 50 seats available on the bus, and reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be over the age of 15 and accompanied by an adult. To make a reservation or request more information, contact Martin Martell at [mmartell@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mmartell@glendaleaz.com)

**Fire Department to Host Community Emergency Response Team Training.** The Glendale Fire Department will be hosting a 21-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program beginning on Friday May 31 at 6 p.m. All classes will be held at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC), located at 11550 W. Glendale Ave. Anyone from Glendale or the surrounding area age 18 and above will be eligible to attend the training program. The class will take up to 25 participants on a first-come-first-served basis. The basic CERT curriculum will consist of Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Medical Operations, Search and Rescue, and Terrorism as well as hands-on training and simulations.

Sign-up for this training program by calling 623-930-4483 or e-mailing [jboberg@glendaleaz.com](mailto:jboberg@glendaleaz.com).

**Celebrate Mother's Day with a Day of Flowers, Deals and Meals in Historic Downtown Glendale.** On Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mothers, and those who love them, are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140, to pick up a beautiful flower for the first 300 moms, an event map and a savings pack. The Mother's Day Celebration will also feature special deals, gift ideas, and activities. Among the highlights are make and take Mother's Day cards, crafts and tips on rose care from the Glendale Rose Society. In addition, The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau is collecting new and gently read books to benefit Velma Teague Library in Downtown Glendale. Books can be dropped off between now and May 11th at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 in downtown Glendale. Library staff will be on hand at the event to provide information on library programs. For more information about the Mother's Day activities, [click here](#).

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