



A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER MALNAR

June 9, 2016

Greetings Sahuaro District Residents,

This week the City Council discussed several items:

The first item was a proposal to improve the irrigation systems throughout Glendale's 46 neighborhood parks & 19 retention basins, which have 200 irrigation controllers. There is an interest to invest in a web-based irrigation management system that would allow for real-time monitoring, and instantaneous and remote adjustment. It is estimated there would be a 20-30% savings in water usage and other labor costs. Glendale would use an incentive based contract, where the vendor receives payment based on percentage of water system savings. Staff was given the go ahead to continue evaluating this proposal and bring back additional details at a later workshop.

In an effort to "green up" and maintain larger portions of the undeveloped park system at no cost to the City, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has expressed interest in issuing a request for proposals to identify interest by the local agricultural industry to use for "urban farming" or community gardens. Council gave consensus to look into this possibility, as long as, the City had the ability to quickly regain control over the land when needed.

The Council also received an update and request on downtown Glendale's beautification. Council provided staff additional input on how best to proceed with the planning process. Currently, the additional improvement requests are not in the 2016-17 Proposed City Budget, and therefore would require additional Council action to fund these newly requested items.

The Council also reviewed and discussed a proposed ordinance to create a Diversity and Human Relations Commission that would have the following responsibilities: (i) advocate and promote all aspects of diversity;

(ii) act as an advisory body to the mayor and council to make recommendations on ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding among the residents and businesses of Glendale; (iii)

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understanding among the residents and businesses of Glendale; (iii) discourage prejudice and discrimination among the residents and businesses of Glendale; (iv) work towards cultural awareness and unity among the residents and businesses of Glendale; (v) recognize the contributions of persons from the diverse communities within Glendale by supporting and sponsoring cultural and community events and providing education about such persons to the general public; (vi) serve as a public forum to take stakeholder input on issues related to the purpose and functions of the commission.

After a lengthy discussion, the Council asked staff to provide additional information and bring the item back to a future workshop for further discussion.

- Ray Malnar



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Coffee with A Cop

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood.

For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

Coffee w/ a Cop Schedule-

[Click here](#) for more info!



Community Volunteer Program -

The goal of the Community Volunteer Program is to improve the quality of life for Glendale residents and volunteers through valuable public service projects.

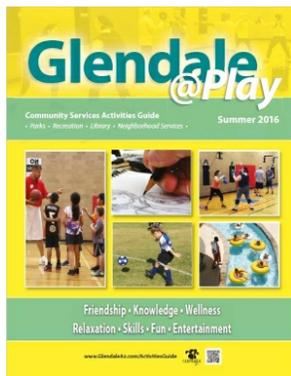
[Click here](#) for details about volunteering, as well as information about upcoming volunteer events.

Adopt A Street Program Volunteer

Cleanup(Sahuaro District)
8-10 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2016.

Bell Road: 51st Ave. 50th

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Glendale Events

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NEW! Register for More Than 100

Classes:

The Summer Glendale @ Play Guide is here! Glendale Parks and Recreation offers more than 100 classes for adults, teens and youth in the areas of arts, cooking, fitness, sports, well-being, music, dance and personal development. All the class information can be found in the quarterly Glendale @ Play Guide. Pick up a copy at the Glendale libraries, Glendale Adult Center or the

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, or download it here!

[Download the Glendale @ Play](#)

Splash & Play This Summer!

Parks & Recreation offers fun & safe ways to play in and out of the heat.

Choose from all levels of swim instruction.

[Details](#)

SPECIAL FEATURE

FY 2016/2017 Budget Process Underway -

The City Council began annual budget workshop meetings April 19. Live coverage of the budget workshops can be seen on Glendale 11 on Cox and Century Link as well as [online](#).



- Tentative Budget Adoption, Tuesday, May 24 @ 6pm
- Final Budget Adoption (Public Hearing), Tuesday, June 14
- Adoption of Property Tax Levy, Tuesday, June 28

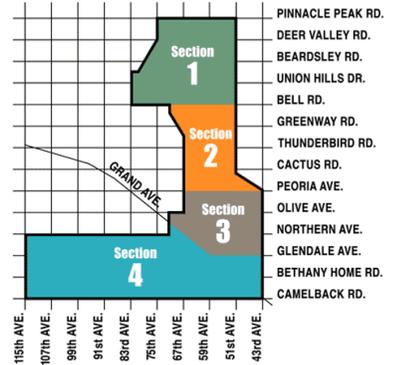
Air Quality Alert !

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has issued an **Ozone Health Watch** for Thursday, June 9. **Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.**



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2016 Bulk Trash Schedule



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2016 Shred Event



Saturday, October 1, 2016
8:00-11:00am
Target -10404 N. 43rd Ave.
SW Parking Area

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