



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Samuel U. Chavira - Glendale, Arizona

March 13, 2015

Council Workshop Meeting Time Moved to Review Recommendations on Library Relocation Proposal. On Tuesday, March 17, the Glendale City Council will hear the recommendations from the Library Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Arts Commission and public comment on the potential sale and relocation of the Foothills Branch Library to the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center.

The workshop meeting time has been moved to 9:30 a.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

In early February, the City Council requested public meetings be held with each of the citizen groups to provide the public with a presentation of the relocation concept while answering questions and providing an opportunity for public comment. The public comments collection is available for review at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/PotentialFoothillsRelocation.cfm>.

Questions regarding the potential sale and relocation of the Foothills Branch Library to the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center can be directed to 623-930-3554.

First of Several Public Workshops Set For Glendale General Plan. Glendale residents are invited to offer input at the first of three public workshops on the Glendale 2040 General Plan. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center located at 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

Every city and county in Arizona is required by state law to prepare and maintain a planning document called a general plan. A general plan is designed to serve as the jurisdiction's "constitution" or "blueprint," and is the document that is used by the City Council and Planning Commission to guide future land use, public service, and resource decisions. All plans, subdivisions, public works projects, and zoning decisions must be consistent with the general plan.

As part of its Envision Glendale 2040 project, Glendale's General Plan update will cover the topics that are covered in the current General Plan (such as land use, growth areas, and circulation), as well as add some new topics required by Arizona law and local needs (such as energy and neighborhood preservation).

The March 25 workshop is the first of three public meetings. Dates for the other two meetings will be announced in the coming months.

For more information, please visit [Envision Glendale 2040](http://www.glendaleaz.com/EnvisionGlendale2040) or contact Jon Froke, Glendale Planning Director at 623-930-2585 or by email at jfroke@glendaleaz.com.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for the 2015 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. The Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 20th Annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize Glendale landmarks, individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions to Glendale's historic heritage.

The award is named after Ruth Byrne, a Glendale native, who made significant contributions to historic preservation in the city of Glendale.

Nomination forms are available at www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation. Submitted nomination forms will be reviewed by the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission and the award will be presented by the City Council in the month of May to coincide with National Historic Preservation Month.

Nominations must be received no later than March 31, 2015 and should be sent to Jon Froke, Historic Preservation Officer, at the city of Glendale Planning Department, 5850 West Glendale Avenue, Suite 212, Glendale, Arizona 85301; or by e-mail to jfroke@glendaleaz.com. For questions or more information, call Jon Froke at (623) 930-2585, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation.

Annual Statewide Juried Exhibition of Fine Art. The Arizona Artists Guild will hold its Annual Juried Statewide Exhibition of Fine Arts at Gallery Glendale at Westgate Entertainment District during the month of March 2015. The exhibition will feature creations by artists from

all over the state of Arizona working in all types of visual art media, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and digital art-

The exhibit will be juried by three professionals in the arts: Galen Stewart, fine art faculty at Glendale Community College; Jana Weldon, fine art consultant; and Jason Horejs, owner of Xanadu Gallery in Scottsdale. Prizes will be awarded by the jurors: Best of Show \$1000, Award of Excellence, \$500, Award of Merit, \$250.

The Arizona Artists Guild was established in 1928 with the mission to encourage the support of local artists working in all artistic media. The exhibit will be on view through March 28. Gallery hours are Fridays and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, visit <http://www.arizonaartistsguild.net/>.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The Gallery is located at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., next to Cold Stone Creamery. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-3557 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale>.

Glendale Folk and Heritage Festival Returns. For the 26th year, Glendale Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services will host more than 200 performers at the two-day Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. This annual event features performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling.



The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. This unique festival includes a wide variety of folk and traditional family entertainment, how-to workshops by accomplished entertainers, a "jam session area," historic Sahuaro Ranch house tours and blacksmith demonstrations.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase, along with vendors selling crafts and jewelry. Members of the Arizona Pickers and Grinders, Guitars for Vets, Arizona Autoharp Club, Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild and the Citizens Police Academy of Glendale will have exhibition booths.

In addition, a commemorative quilt from last year's 25th Anniversary event will be raffled off. The quilt was signed by all the musicians that played at the anniversary event, including Jose Bethancourt and Bill Staines', Grammy winners and nominees as well as local musicians.

Volunteers are still needed to help with a variety of activities during the event. To volunteer or for more information on the event, call 623-930-4201. A complete schedule of the entertainment and workshops is available at www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation.

Boards and Commissions. Are you looking for a way to serve and shape your community? 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 boards and commissions. Most boards/commissions meet once a month. We encourage you to apply for more than one board/commission because vacancies occur monthly. For the most current vacancies or a list of boards/commissions to serve on visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions/>. For further information you may contact Kriss Carneal at 623-930-2814 or via e-mail at kcarneal@glendaleaz.com.

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