

Cactus Chronicle

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Dear Cactus District Constituents,

Welcome to this Summer 2007 edition of your district newsletter.

To those of you that have lived in the Cactus District, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support that you give to me and the City of Glendale. If you are new to the Cactus District, I welcome you to our wonderful city and look forward to building a lasting relationship with you and your family. I have been a Glendale resident now for over 40 years, and of those, the last 21 years I have been part of the business community, owning three businesses of my own.

A lot of wonderful things have taken place right here in Glendale and the Cactus District over the years. In this newsletter you can read more detailed information about some of the projects and events that have taken place and some that are currently in progress.

I hope the information provided to you is helpful. If you have any questions or comments about anything in this edition of the newsletter, please do let me know.

Sincerely,

Phil Lieberman,
Councilmember, Cactus District



Glendale's Hometown 4th of July Presented by SRP

July 4, 2007 ★ Fireworks begin at 8:40 p.m.
Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave.
Admission and parking are free
Special Events Hotline: (623) 930-2299
glendaleaz.com/events

Apollo Heights Neighborhood Grant

New entryway signage now greets residents of the Apollo Heights Neighborhood as the result of a beautification project at the southeast corner of 46th and Northern Avenues.

A neighborhood grant was awarded to the Apollo Heights Neighborhood Association by the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods. In addition to the entryway signage, the project also includes the installation of synthetic turf, granite and boulders in the planters at the corners of 46th and 47th avenues and Northern.

The Neighborhood Partnership Office administers the grant program that funds revitalization projects twice a year to assist neighborhoods that are more than 15 years old. Citizen participation and involvement are key components of the program. In the last year alone, four Cactus District neighborhoods have received grants totaling \$150,170. It gets even better, since 1995 your neighborhoods have received 47 grants totaling \$1,582,309, making Cactus the district with the highest number of grants received.

If you would like to obtain more information about our Neighborhood Grant Program, please call (623) 930-2868.

At a recent plaque presentation by the Glendale Neighborhood Partnership Office, Councilmember Lieberman had the opportunity to personally recognize neighbors for their efforts to complete the project.

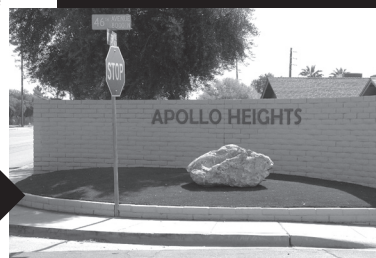
Water Safety tips

Although you may have heard these tips many times before, please take a moment to read these drowning prevention and water safety tips offered by our Fire Department.

- The designated adult, who is to watch those in the pool, should do just that--watch.
- Have a phone in the pool area to place emergency calls; do not leave even for one second to answer the phone.
- Do not talk on the phone or even read a book or magazine while watching children around the pool.
- Do not depend on toy flotation devices (like floaties that go on a child's upper arm) for lifesaving; because they contain air, they are just like other pool toys.
- Make sure the gate or door that leads to the pool is always locked. Interior fences provide an additional barrier and should be self-closing and self-latching.
- Remember the A-B-C's for pool safety: Always have adult supervision around water. Barrier fencing around your pool is extremely important. CPR: get involved—take a CPR class.
- Supervision is needed around ALL bodies of water. Never allow your children to play around canals because they are deep and have strong undercurrents.
- Never leave your children while bathing them in the tub or sink. Always have everything you need on hand before you start their bath.
- Children can also drown in buckets, the toilet, or even the dog's water dish.
- The best drowning prevention tip is to always know where your children are, especially when around water.

Glendale CPR Classes (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)

CPR classes are offered at no cost to City of Glendale residents. For registration and additional information call the Glendale Fire Department at (623) 930-3474. The classes are held twice a month.



Amenities & Improvements

Rose Lane Aquatics Center

Originally built and dedicated in 1966, the Rose Lane Aquatics Center marked its 40th anniversary last year by celebrating the grand re-opening of the newly redesigned and expanded Center. The new features include: a splash pad, a 22-foot high by 150-foot long water slide, a dive tank, a six-lane pool, an interactive water playground and much more. For more information call (623) 930-2820.

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center

In September of 2006, Glendale celebrated the Grand Opening of the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center located at 56th Avenue & Union Hills Drive. This 69,800 square foot facility was designed based on public input as a community gathering place for social interaction and physical fitness for people of all ages. Call (623) 930-4600 for more information.

City Swimming Pools

Come use your city pools - they are your country club! The city of Glendale operates six public swimming pools in addition to the two aquatics centers mentioned above. Aquatics programs include Recreation Swim, American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim, Junior Lifeguard/Guardstart and Swim & Dive Teams. For information about the City of Glendale aquatics programs, visit the Web site at glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation or call the Aquatics Hotline at (623) 930-2041.



Cactus District Park Improvements

Over the last seven years, several parks in the Cactus District have received improvements with our residents in mind. Including the Rose Lane Aquatics Center, these improvements total \$5,145,466.

- **Mary Silva Park** – Playground, fitness course, shade structure and lighting
- **Bonsall Park** – Lake improvements and KaBoom playground
- **Delicias Park** – Lighting and park renovation
- **Horizon Park** – Playground enhancements, shade structures and ADA
- **Sunset Park** – Three panel shade structure
- **New World Park** – Renovation
- **Mission Park** – Racquetball court resurfacing and basketball court replacement

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If you are interested in receiving periodic news updates, meeting notices, and special event information from Councilmember Lieberman via E-mail, please send a request to lieberman@glendaleaz.com.

VIP Program

Through Glendale's Visual Improvement Program (VIP), the city partnered with Gary Weinberger, owner of the property on the northwest corner of 43rd and Glendale Avenues, to demolish the old Poliberto's building and redeveloped the site. Improvements included a new restaurant, landscaping, parking lot improvements and brick wall. When the project was completed, Councilmember Lieberman presented Mr. Weinberger with a reimbursement check for \$25,000 on behalf of the City of Glendale.

The VIP is intended to assist in the improvement of commercial or industrial properties by offering a rebate of up to 50 percent of any qualified improvement costs. All commercial or industrial properties in the City's Redevelopment District, as well as any commercially zoned property in the City of Glendale over 15 years of age, are eligible for assistance. Improvements to the façades of buildings, permanent landscaping, parking facilities and other external improvements are permitted. If you would like more information on this program, contact our Economic Development Department at (623) 930-2983 or visit glendaleaz.com/economicdevelopment.

Economic Development

Target. Construction is currently under way for the Target remodel at 43rd Avenue & Peoria, and is on schedule to open just before Thanksgiving 2007. The existing retail shops at the same location, 43rd Avenue & Peoria (Glendale Towne Center), will also be remodeled.

Cabela's. Known as the World's Foremost Outfitter of hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, Cabela's Glendale store at 9380 W. Glendale Avenue has been open for almost one year. Cabela's is much more than a retail store and provides unique attractions for every member of the family.

Westgate. In addition to Jobing.com Arena and the University of Phoenix Stadium, several new restaurants and shops have opened in Westgate, located east of the Loop 101 and Glendale Ave. Westgate's dining options include; The Yard House, Moe's Southwest Grill, Wine O Chocolate, Cold Stone Creamery, Johnny Rocket's, Gordon Biersch, Fox Sports Grill and Coffee Plantation. The AMC Movie Theatre has also now been open for several months.



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