

# Barrel Broadcast

City of Glendale Barrel District

Fall 2011



Dear Barrel District Neighbors,

The weather is finally cooling down and the holidays will be here before we know it. Many of you have enjoyed Glendale Glitters as part of your family tradition for years. This year, Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend has received designation as an official centennial event by the Arizona Centennial Commission. Governor Jan Brewer will be the city's guest of honor for the opening night of Glendale Glitters on Friday, Nov. 25. The Governor will join Glendale's Mayor and Councilmembers on stage during the Countdown to Glendale Glitters

Show beginning at 5:30 p.m. The 30-minute show will culminate with the Governor and City Council turning on the 1.5 million lights that cover 16 blocks throughout downtown, creating Arizona's largest free holiday light display.

Please also remember the importance of shopping Glendale. By making your purchases in Glendale your sales tax dollars stay here to support Police, Fire, Libraries and Parks and Recreation.

Shifting just a small portion of your purchases to locally-owned businesses is good for the economy and your community.

— Yvonne

## Redistricting – New District Boundaries.

On September 13th the City Council approved a final map for the city's new voting boundaries that will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Justice for final approval and adoption. Redistricting is required after every U.S. Census to reflect equal distribution of populations for all voting districts. The census showed that Glendale grew 3.6% to a total population of 226,721 residents. Each voting district now must contain approximately 37,000 residents. The new map, once approved by the Department of Justice, will be in effect for the upcoming primary election in August 2012.

**Tohono O'odham Update.** Glendale, the state of Arizona, twelve tribes and congressional leaders continue to oppose the Tohono O'odham nation's plan of turning land at 91st and Northern avenues into a reservation for the purpose of turning it into a gaming casino. It is the position of these various groups that the Tribe's application is poor public policy and violates governmental rights, privileges and authority of the city, state and county. An appeal of the most recent federal decision allowing for the reservation is scheduled to be heard by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Additionally, the Attorney General, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Gila River Indian Community are working through the court system to prohibit a casino on the land because they say it is a violation of the state gaming compact. Congressman Trent Franks recently introduced a bill that would prohibit Class II and Class III (Las Vegas style) gaming on any replacement lands located in Pinal, Pima and Maricopa counties, which are taken into trust by the Department of Interior.

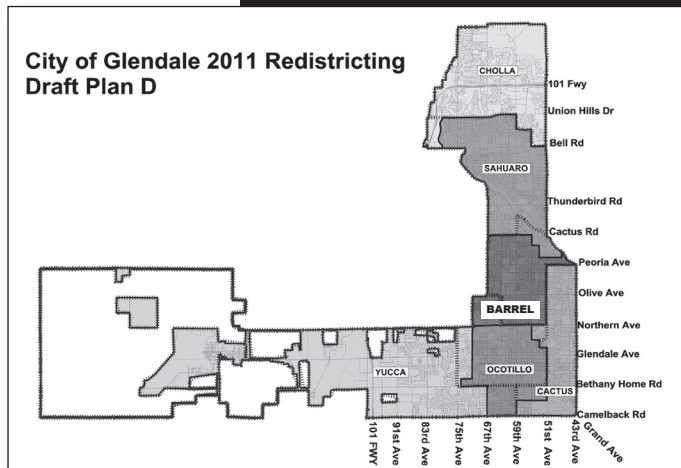
It is estimated that Glendale could realize \$5 million in construction tax and permit fees and \$2 - \$4 million in annual revenue at build out. This will only happen if the parcel is developed in the city of Glendale and not as a sovereign nation. If they wished, the Tohono O'odham Nation could build the office buildings, hotel/resort and shopping center that residents desire as the property stands without putting it into trust as a sovereign nation.

**Programs for the Community.** From an ACT/SAT seminar to Zumba, the city of Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services has hundreds of special interest programs, classes and activities for residents. Adults, teens and children can participate in programs that include activities at all three of Glendale's libraries, the Glendale Adult Center and Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center including classes in computers, arts, music, dance, exercise, sports, personal development, business and culinary arts. After-school activities, adult leagues, youth sports clinics, events and special needs programs are just some of the opportunities available.

The *My Community* magazine features a complete list of all the activities and is available at Glendale libraries, parks and recreation centers and online at [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

## Coyote's Update

Two qualified buyers for the Coyotes team have been identified. The city is looking forward to finalizing documents in the near future. No bonds will be sold by the city as part of the proposed concepts. One confirmed bidder is former San Jose Sharks President and Chief Executive, Greg Jamison. The other group has been identified as Chicago sports magnate Jerry Reinsdorf and John Kaites, a former Arizona lawmaker, Phoenix attorney and lobbyist.



## Neighborhood Park Watch.

An ongoing crime trend that is occurring throughout the state is the theft of copper wire and damage to parks. Glendale's park system is taking a hit, too. Copper thieves have pulled wire out of light posts and stolen solar lighting batteries and backflow preventers. These thefts have occurred at several parks throughout Glendale costing the city valuable resources in both money (thousands of dollars) and staff time.

Glendale Parks and Recreation is asking citizens of Glendale to keep an "Eagle Eye" on the parks. If you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary, please call 911. If there is not an urgency to the call, notify the Parks and Recreation Department at (623) 930-2820 to report your findings or concerns.

We are asking residents to keep an eye on the type of vehicles that are entering parks. Only city of Glendale vehicles will be in the parks to do any maintenance or repairs. Other utility vehicles, including those that look like local utility companies, should be considered suspicious. Criminal damage to playground and park equipment includes vandalism and graffiti. Information involving any of these violations should be reported to the police department. Thefts and damage not only cost the city money and time, they are leaving many parks without lighting, which can be a safety hazard, and limit citizens' park activities.





## Beet Sugar Factory Prepares for Transformation.

One of the city's oldest downtown buildings, the Beet Sugar Factory, will be undergoing a restoration to reopen its doors in the heart of Glendale's Centerline District. Ray Klemp, the current owner of the 105-year-old landmark at 52nd Avenue and Lamar Road plans to open a

business and preserve the original red-brick historic features of the five story structure. He will be assisting his daughters, Lauren and Morgan in relocating Forward Brands from Phoenix to Glendale to create a production and distribution facility for premium quality spirits. Improvements to the building are expected to take place in phases over the next several months and include repurposing a small house south of the beet sugar factory into a tasting venue and special event location. Forward Brands produces vodka, gin, whiskey and cordials.



## Understanding Your Monthly Sewer Charges.

Each year during the month of May, your sewer charge is recalculated based on your actual water usage billed during the winter months of January, February and March. All customers have a water meter to determine water consumption, however, there is no way to measure how many gallons each customer sends into the sewer system. It is estimated that 90% of all water used in a single-family home during the three month winter averaging period goes into the sewer system and the remaining 10% is used for drinking, cooking, landscaping and other outside uses.

It is prudent to carefully watch the amount of water used during January, February and March to ensure that the sewer portion of you bill is calculated on the lowest water use possible. If you find that you may have used extra water at that time due to a leak, filling a pool or just watering winter grass, there is a form that is available to appeal the higher than normal water use. This can be found on the city's website at [www.glendaleaz.com/utilities/documents/SewerAppealForm.pdf](http://www.glendaleaz.com/utilities/documents/SewerAppealForm.pdf) or call 623-930-3190 to request a copy. Appeal requests are accepted within 60 days of the May billing and the time to conserve is during the months of January, February and March.

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**Sign Up For the Barrel District Network News** — Barrel District residents who would like to receive weekly district updates can sign up for the electronic newsletter, Barrel District Network News, through "Glendale Bulletins." To sign up, visit [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com) and click on the "Online Services" link at the top of the home page. Then click on "Glendale Bulletins" and follow the quick and easy instructions.



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# Numbers Tell the Story of City Service

The city provides many services to its residents. Most fall into five main categories: services provided, assistance to residents in need, new business development, community connections, professional development of staff and recognitions earned.

Here is a statistical overview of fiscal year 2010-2011 which tell the story of what it takes to serve a city of 227,000 residents:

- 14.3 billion gallons of water treated
- 56 free child car seats provided to families in need
- A 16% decrease in violent crime
- 13,239 cases handled by Code Compliance with 86% resolved within 30 days
- Almost 900,000 linear feet of yellow and white striping applied to roads
- A record low on streetlight outages – only 74 out of 19,556
- 1,968 incidents covered by Glendale's Crisis Response Team
- 3,968 swim lessons given by Parks and Recreation
- More than 20 million pounds recycled by Public Works, generating \$2.2 million
- 23,746 hours of service donated by Police volunteers
- 128,630 calls for service by Glendale Police and 43,431 by Fire

When these numbers are tallied, they highlight just some of the services provided in the past year.

## Communicating with the City is QUICK & EASY

The city makes customer service a top priority and always welcomes comments, questions, concerns, issues and even kudos from residents. Calling on the phone or sending a message directly to your councilmember's office is always appreciated. There is also another way for residents to pass information along. Ask Glendale is a function on the city's website that has been developed specifically for this purpose. Residents can communicate online at [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com), through the 'Online Services' tab on the top bar of the homepage. The system generates a form that is distributed to appropriate city employees to ensure that all questions, comments or concerns are addressed in a timely manner. The City Manager's Office oversees this program to ensure prompt responses and staff in the mayor and council offices monitor the system, as well. On average, the city receives more than 700 requests for service each year. Each one of these requests is handled on an individual basis, with the ultimate goal of resolution for the citizen, in as timely a manner as possible.

## What's New

**Landmark Senior Housing** – This infill project will consist of 52 dwelling units and will be located at 8280 N. 59th Avenue. It is proposed by Native American Connections. The project is now in construction plan review and looks to be a great in-fill project for this property.

**Salt River Pavillion Center** — WINCO will be the anchor tenant for the Salt River Pavilion Center planned for the southeast corner of 51st and Peoria avenues. Plans are expected to be submitted in 2012 with the store opening expected in 2013.