



Recreational opportunities are vital to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens. In Glendale, Glen Lakes and Desert Mirage are two city-owned golf courses where families are able to come out and enjoy a round of golf at a reasonable price.

Glen Lakes is a 44-acre course on Northern Avenue just West of 54th. The 9-hole, par 33 course is perfect for getting in a quick round of golf and includes a state-of-the-art driving range with a covered tee line and a power mister system to protect golfers from the summer sun. It is lighted at night and stays open until 10 PM every day of the year. The course also offers the *golfers grill*, known for its delicious charcoal broiled hamburgers. There are several weekly leagues that are offered at Glen Lakes.

Recently, your councilmembers and I approved a lease agreement with Glen Lakes Golf Management, LLC for the maintenance and operations of the Glen Lakes Golf Course. This new lease agreement will include short and long term capital improvements that will be funded by the new management company. Improvements will begin in the first year of the contract and will focus on the clubhouse entry area, golf cart storage, safety netting and the practice range which includes improved target greens. Glen Lakes Management, LLC will also provide an enhanced junior golf program offering new instructional programs, leagues and clinics. Technological improvements will now allow guests to have on-line golf reservation access.

Desert Mirage Golf Course is located at 87th and Maryland Avenues and also offers a wonderful golf experience for our Glendale families. The 9-hole course provides opportunities to play a quick round of golf, take lessons and purchase new equipment. You can also eat at the Oasis Grill, a family owned and operated establishment with a consistent focus on quality service and product. Desert Mirage is also the only golf course in the area that has a night-lit driving range that allows you to hit off grass turf. With outdoor music providing a lively atmosphere, this is a must for all golf enthusiasts.

Desert Mirage staff is dedicated to providing a family friendly environment where everyone can get the best value for their money. They offer the *First Tee Program* for youth, providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and values through the game of golf. With this program, kids are able to pay \$50 for free year-round instruction and year round green fee discounts. For Adults, they have the Players Club, a program that offers free Green Fees for \$35 per month. Visit www.desertmiragegolf.com to see other deals on green fees and options for individual and group instruction.

We will continue to make Glendale a great place for our families to live, work and play.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.

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