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BEHIND-THE-SCENES PEEK AT CITY GOVERNMENT OFFERED IN GLENDALE UNIVERSITY CLASSES

Glendale, Ariz. – Glendale University 101, a 10-session program, sponsored by Cox Communications, offers a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works, is now accepting applications through Friday, Feb. 28 to attend classes that begin Monday, March 17.

Glendale residents and those who own businesses in the city can sign up for Glendale University (GU) 101 to learn more about city government directly from the mayor, council members, city manager and top city staff. In the 18 years since the program was started, more than 900 people have attended.

The program's continued popularity is credited to the one-on-one interactions among attendees and the core curriculum that focuses on everything from the city courts to utilities.

“Glendale University is a unique opportunity to meet the city's decision makers and talk about everyone's role in our local democracy,” said organizer Angie Wilkie of Glendale's Neighborhood & Human Services Department.

GU 101 classes are held 6 to 9 p.m., Mondays beginning March 17 running through May 19. The series kicks-off with a night of getting to know your Mayor and Councilmembers. Subsequent sessions cover the inner workings of a variety of city services including public safety, city court, public works, community services, finance and budget and much more.

The classes, which are free, are limited in size to encourage interaction between attendees and the elected officials and city staff who teach each unit.

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To participate in GU 101, you must be 16 or older, a resident of Glendale or own a business in Glendale. Attendees who complete eight of the 10 GU 101 classes and attend a City Council meeting will be honored on the final night, May 19, at the graduation ceremony.

The deadline for registering for Glendale University 101 is Feb. 28. You can register online at www.glendaleaz.com or call the Neighborhood and Human Services Department for an application at 623-930-2868.

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