Barrel District Network News

Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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Special thanks to the 200 volunteers from Peoria Unified School District National Junior Honor Society who volunteered this past weekend to clean up the orchards at Sahuaro Ranch Park. The project was done as part of their annual PLUS DAYS.

I appreciate all the hard work this group did and would like to encourage all groups and individuals to come out and volunteer. If you would like to participate in a project like this, call the Community Volunteer Program at (623) 930-2915.

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Travel Green. The city of Glendale is launching a new green initiative called Travel Green to give people the opportunity to help clean up our environment on the go.

Travel Green in the city of Glendale provides information, tools and resources to help residents, employers and employees make wise choices about how to get around in an effort to help reduce traffic congestion and pollution, while saving money.

The official launch of Travel Green is scheduled to take place at the Glendale Garden Festival tomorrow (Saturday, May 3) from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, located at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. Staff from Glendale's Transportation Department will have a booth set up at the festival to provide Travel Green hand-out information and giveaway items.

The goal of the program is to encourage citizens to explore the various alternate transportation options available. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2967.

Myrtle Avenue Cultural Entryway.

Historic Preservation Bus Tour. To celebrate National Historic Preservation Month, the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission will sponsor a Historic Preservation Bus Tour on May 17, 2008.

Participants will tour historic houses in the Catlin Court Historic District, Floralcroft Historic District, and 59th Avenue Residential Historic District, with a stop at the Myrtle Avenue Cultural Entryway.

The bus tour will be held from 9 a.m. - noon. Participants will meet at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Participants will receive a tour book explaining the various historic resources and other items of interest along the tour route. To register, call (623) 930-2592. Seating is limited to 35 passengers, so please register early. Read more.

67th Avenue Improvements. Drivers who travel along 67th Avenue from Camelback Road to Glendale Avenue; and 67th Avenue from Olive Avenue to Thunderbird Road may have begun to notice restrictions as the city works to add new sidewalks, curbs and other road improvements in the area. For information on this project, click here or call 1 (877) 203-0042.

Glendale University Graduate Class – Environmental Resources. Are you concerned about the city's future water supply and if your tap water is safe to drink?

This information and more will be provided at an upcoming course about Glendale's Environmental Resources. Glendale residents who have previously graduated from the 101 class of Glendale University are encouraged to register for this continuing education opportunity.

The class is scheduled for Thursday, May 29 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The class will be held at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown St., room 102.

Registration for this graduate class is due no later than May 23. Click here or call (623) 930-2868 for more information or to register.

Around Town

Star Watch Saturday. Explore the universe from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at Thunderbird Park, 59th Avenue north of Deer Valley Road. The Saguaro Astronomy Club will have some amazing telescopes available for free public viewing and will be answering questions. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, flash light and walking shoes. Please park in designated areas only. For more information call (623) 930-4701.

What Does Your Handwriting Tell About You? Join us at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at the Velma Teague Branch Library for "What Does Your Handwriting Tell About You?" Handwriting specialists or graphoanalysts can gain insights about a person's character based upon how a person spaces their words in sentences. More insights can be gained by if a person loops his or her letters, slants their words or writes their words upright. Gloria Peach, a certified graphoanalysts, will analyze handwriting samples from members of the audience. Read more.

That Thursday Thing! The Cat's Pajamas. Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers and put on your most comfy pajamas as Downtown Glendale celebrates with a Pajama Party on Thursday, May 15 from 5-8 p.m. The May event marks the final That Thursday Thing of the season, so don't miss out! For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500, come by in person to 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140 or click here.

Spark Award Nominations. The Glendale Neighborhood Commission encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the community or improved our neighborhoods for a 2008 Neighborhood Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to May 15, 2008.

Click here for more information including a list of nomination categories and a downloadable nomination form.

Toddler Water Day. Grab those flip flops and beach towels, it's time to head to the 'beach!' Join us 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 16 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave., for a morning of fun water activities and crafts. There will be a variety of fun water games that will definitely leave your little one soaked, so bring them dressed to get wet, and with shoes. Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. The event is free, souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. And don't forget the sunscreen! For more information call (623) 930-2038.

Memorial Day. City of Glendale offices and all three Glendale libraries will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. For information on holiday schedule changes in Sanitation services click here.

Summer Reading Programs Return May 27. Glendale Public Library is offering a reading program for every member of the family, from babes in arms to seniors. To find out the dates and times for all the free programs, pick up the summer reading program schedules at any Glendale library. Read more.

Click here for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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