Cactus Chronicle

"Glendale – Proud to be the home of Luke Air Force Base"

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Dog Days of Summer – August 6.

Enjoy a special night for you and your best furry friend on Saturday, August 6, from 6-9 p.m. Start your evening at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking map and take a spin on the prize wheel.

Event activities include: Pet aura photos and free gift bags, Greyhound studios featuring dog art, free Frosty Paws for all the dogs, demonstration of a dog GPS system, Arizona Adopt-a-Greyhound Organization, "Pupcakes"and dog treats, watering stations and cool pool stops and dog massages. Also, meet the Glendale Crisis Response Team.

The Glendale Visitor Center will be accepting pet supplies to benefit the Sun Valley Animal Shelter. And cat lovers don't need to feel left out for the evening as The Open Door has special gift items for cat lovers. For more information, click here.

Registration is now open for the Glendale University Fall 2011 curriculum! Applications for the fall 2011 semester of Glendale University (GU) "101" are now being accepted. This free educational program is open to Glendale residents who are 16 or older and want to learn more about the operations of municipal government. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., starting on September 8th, 2011. Each class highlights key functions of the city, such as finance, library, police and fire services. To graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the 10 classes. For more information or to register, please call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868 or click here. Those who complete the curriculum are invited to participate in special continuing education classes and tours for GU graduates.

City Invites Graduates of Glendale University to Tour Luke Air Force Base. A special tour of Luke Air Force Base, including a mission briefing and lunch, is being offered in September for graduates of Glendale University (GU). This latest event in the GU graduate series will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13. The class will tour the air force base, view aircraft take-offs and landings, witness a mission briefing and have lunch at the Officers' Club.

Transportation to Luke Air Force Base is provided and will leave downtown Glendale at 9 a.m., returning at approximately 2 p.m. Tour, transportation and lunch are sponsored by COX Communications.

Registration for this class is mandatory and will be limited to the first thirty Glendale University 101 graduate students who apply no later than Sept. 1. To register, click here and then select "graduate classes" to print out an application or call (623) 930-2868 to receive an application by mail or fax.

Glendale Adaptive Recreation. The Glendale Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of fun activities specially designed for individuals with physical, mental, emotional or social disabilities. Some of the upcoming activities and events include:

- Summer Luau - Saturday, August 6
- Special Olympics Softball - begins August 17
- I Can Be Safe - Wednesday, August 24
- Sock Hop Dance - Saturday, September 10

For information on these and other adaptive recreation activities, click here or call 623-930-4333.

Fall 2011 My Community Magazine. The fall issue of the My Community magazine featuring all the upcoming programs and activities offered by Parks & Recreation, Library & Arts, Code Compliance, Community Action Program and Community Partnerships Departments is now available!

Parks & Recreation highlights in this issue include:

- Small Stars Youth Sports Clinics (page 2)
- Before & After School Programs (page 24-25)
- Family Building Block (Lego) Challenge (page 25)
- Halloween Event (page 25)
- Adult Softball Leagues (page 31)
- Adult Running Programs (page 29)
- Adult Center Events (page 30)
- Over 100 different classes for adults, teens and youth

Registration for the classes is open! Register now to save your space! Click here for online registration or to read the magazine.

Around Town

Back to School and Safety Fair to Giveaway Backpacks and Laptops. The 7th Annual Niños Seguros Back to School & Safety Fair is a FREE one-day family festival focusing on child safety, health and education. Please join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 30 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Attendees can participate in a variety of activities and view demonstrations by city, state and local area health organizations.

The highlight of the event is the "Backpack Giveaway" – school aged children will receive a backpack, courtesy of event sponsors, to kick-off the new school year in style. In order to receive a backpack, children must redeem the voucher that will be provided at the event a first come first serve basis. Participants are encouraged to get there early, as backpacks will run out. There will also be eight laptops raffled off during the event courtesy of Air Products.

State Legislative and Congressional District Boundaries – Public Hearing August 3. While the city of Glendale is working on new council district boundaries, the state of Arizona is determining new boundaries for the thirty state legislative districts and nine congressional districts.

The statewide Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) has notified the city that they will be holding a public hearing in Glendale from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, August 3 at Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

This public hearing will be an important opportunity for the citizens of Glendale and the west valley to educate the Commission about their communities of interest and to express their opinion on how to draw boundaries that will best represent them and their respective communities.

The IRC is responsible for determining the new boundaries for state legislative and congressional districts. For more information on the IRC, visit their website at www.azredistricting.org.

Free Walk-in Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15 to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 6 in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) advises on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. For more information about SCORE, call 602-745-7250.

Bestselling Author William Dietrich – Authors @ the Teague. New York Times bestselling author and Pulitzer-winning journalist William Dietrich will discuss and sign his latest international thriller, "Blood of the Reich," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Foothills Coffeehouse. The Foothills Coffeehouse welcomes folk artists Tom Whitlock, and Linda Bilque on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m., in the Roadrunner Room at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

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