Cactus Chronicle

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

Councilmember Phil Lieberman, Glendale Arizona **September 4, 2009**

Cactus District Meeting– Save the Date

Join Councilmember Phil Lieberman at a community meeting for residents of the Cactus District. For more information on topics that will be discussed, click here.

Wednesday, September 30th
6:30 p.m.
Sunset Elementary School Cafeteria
4626 W. Mountain View Road

Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council recently appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to all of the residents who have volunteered to serve.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group or for more information, call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249 or click here. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Sahuaro Ranch Volunteer Open House. The Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area staff will be hosting two volunteer open houses. Attendees can learn about Sahuaro Ranch and how to join its volunteer team.

The Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area preserves one of the Valley's oldest and most magnificent ranches. The 17-acre site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and features 13 original buildings, a rose garden, a barnyard and more. The Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area offers activities, exhibits, special events and guided tours.

The open houses will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12, in the Fruit Packing Shed at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Information about volunteer positions including docents/history guides, greeters, special events assistants and historic housekeeping assistants will be available. Training and flexible hours are offered. Both open houses include a brief tour of the Sahuaro Ranch grounds.

For more information, call (623) 930-4206 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/srpha.

National Emergency Preparedness Month. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and Glendale Firefighters are asking the community to create an emergency preparedness plan. There are three easy steps to follow to create your emergency preparedness plan; (1) Get a kit, (2) Make a plan, and (3) Be informed. Following are a few examples for each topic:

Get a kit - Your kit should be a sturdy and easy to carry container.

- Water, one gallon of water per person, per day, for at least three days.
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Flashlights and extra batteries.
- Battery-powered radio.
- First aid kit.
- Prescription and non-prescription medication.
- Eye glasses.
- Important phone numbers.

Make a plan

- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.
- If possible, have an out of town contact. It may be easier to make a long distance call due to local phone lines being overloaded. This will help with communicating between separated family members.

Be informed

- Learn about disasters or emergencies in your area.
- Learn CCC (continuous chest compressions) and CPR and first aid.

More safety information can be found on the Glendale Fire Department's website and Homeland Security's Ready America website: www.ready.gov.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

National Teddy Bear Day. Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day in Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, September 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Start the fun at the Glendale Visitor Center located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140. Pick up your maps, coupons and gift bag (for the first 500 visitors) and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Hop on board the cool and comfortable Glendale Express Shuttle, which will provide rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Visit boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for giveaways and great deals. Click here for more information on Teddy Bear Day and the Teddy Bear drive to benefit the Glendale Fire Department's Trauma Teddy Program.

Labor Day. City of Glendale offices and all three public libraries will be closed September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Read more.

Stop In for Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on September 5 in the small meeting room of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call (602) 745-7250.

Let's Talk English! Free English conversation classes, for those who speak English as a second language, continue to be offered at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Fall 2009 session, on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., runs from Sept. 16-Dec. 9 in the large meeting room. No registration is required for the classes. For questions about the classes, phone Claudia at 623-930-3570.

Arab-American Festival. The Arab-American Festival returns to downtown Glendale on September 26 & 27 from noon to 10 p.m. each day. The event includes more than 40 singers, musicians and dancers from all over the Arab World. Activities include kids rides, a Hookah Lounge and an Arabic Food Court. Click here for more information.

Ballet Under the Stars. Spend a relaxing evening under the gorgeous Arizona sky as Ballet Arizona performs at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. The premiere dance company continues its annual tradition with "Ballet Under the Stars," offering free family entertainment with a combination of classical and contemporary works. This year's program will feature the debut performance of a work created as part of the "Class Act" program by Don Mensendick Elementary School students. For more information on Ballet Arizona, visit www.balletaz.org. Sahuaro Ranch Park is located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. For more information on the event, call 623-930-4203.

Are You Ready to Be a Business Owner? David Moss, facilitator with the Maricopa Community Colleges Small Business Development Center (SBDC), presents "Should I Start My Own Business?" at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28 in the auditorium of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. This seminar is perfect for people who are in the early stages of starting a business. Find out the answers to the most basic questions prospective business owners have about developing a business plan, how to obtain financing, and types of business ownership. The workshop is free. To register click here or call (480) 784-0590.

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