Cholla District Network News

Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

February 20, 2009

Family Fishing Clinic. Catch some fish at Bonsall Park Lake, 59th Ave. and Bethany Home Rd., February 21, 7 to 10 a.m. Cosponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, this event offers instruction on how to "snag the big one," bait hooks and information about fish. Bring your fishing pole, a container to take home your catch and something to sit on. A limited supply of rods and bait are available on a first come, first served basis. A fishing license is not needed during this event; however, if you continue to fish after the clinic, you must follow Arizona laws and regulations. Admission is free. Register at the Game and Fish booth the morning of the event. Call (623) 930-4701, for more information.

Know Someone In Need of Utility Assistance? The Glendale Community Action Program is hosting a one-day low income utility assistance pre-screening on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center Annex Building, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Glendale and West Valley residents who live in Avondale, Buckeye, Gila Bend, Peoria, Tolleson, El Mirage and Wickenburg are welcome to attend on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, including the documentation that applicants must bring, visit www.glendaleaz.com or call (623) 930-2854.

Earned Income Tax Credits. The city of Glendale is partnering with the IRS, Arizona's Department of Economic Security (DES) and AARP to encourage residents to learn more about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and find out if they are eligible to apply. Household income and number of dependent children determine eligibility. Income must be below $38,646 in 2008 to receive the credit.

Glendale residents can receive free tax preparation and financial counseling at the following sites until the filing deadline of April 15. Click here for more information.

DES Office
6010 N. 57th Drive
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mondays through April 13)
First come, first-served

Glendale Adult Center
5970 W. Brown St.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday
9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Upcoming Cholla District Meetings

March 12, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Legend Springs Elementary
21150 N. Arrowhead Loop Rd.

This meeting specifically targets the area from Pinnacle Peak to Beardsley, and 51st Ave to 67th Ave, but anyone can attend.

April 2, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Copper Creek Elementary
7071 W. Hillcrest Blvd

This meeting specifically targets the area from Pinnacle Peak to Beardsley, 67th Ave to 79th Drive, but anyone can attend.

Around Town

Glendale Safety Fair. The Glendale Police Department and Cabela's have partnered to provide you a great chance to learn safety tips for all areas of your life. Join us for the Glendale Safety Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, February 21 at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave. From firearm safety to wildfire tips, we've got you covered. The Glendale Police Department will be providing free VIN etching and document shredding from 9 a.m. to 12 noon (limit three boxes per person). For more information, click here then select "Glendale Safety Fair" or call (623) 930-4030.

Glendale Main Library Book Sale. The staff at Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown St., is gearing up for the annual Mega Book Sale, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 on the library's south patio.

Buyers can find many copies of bestselling fiction, both hardbacks and paperbacks, including Oprah's Reading Club titles. There will also be antique, rare and collectible books, non-fiction titles and children's books. People who would rather view or listen to material can find books on tape and CD, music CDs, DVDs and music audiocassettes.

Shoppers can pay by cash, check or debit card. All proceeds benefit the library. For more information about the book sale, please call (623) 930-3559.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Some of the lessons include how to read a bus book, plan a trip, find the closest bus stop, signal your stop and more. Classes will be held on February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28 and June 25 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2035.

Live at the Library. Glendale Main Library's Live at the Library takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the library's auditorium at 5959 W. Brown St. On February 26, Bobby Freeman, the popular organist of the Arizona Diamondbacks returns to Glendale.

9th Annual Touch-A-Truck. Trucks and large vehicles take center stage 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., February 28, at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave. This unique event is a wonderful opportunity for families to see, touch, interact with and learn about these vehicles and their functions. Bring your camera to get those special shots of your child sitting in the driver's seat of an 18 wheeler. Souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. Free admission! For more information, call (623) 930-2044.

Consumer Credit Classes. Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a non-profit organization, will be presenting the following two programs. Patrons may attend one session or both. Registration is required; to register or for more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

Surviving a Layoff:
March 2 at 10 a.m. at Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave. (623-930-3431)
March 4 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
April 20 at 7 p.m. at Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Keeping Debt under Control:
March 9 at 10 a.m. at Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave. (623-930-3431)
March 31 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Enjoy over 150 performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on March 21 & 22 at Sahuaro Ranch Park's Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. The public is welcome to participate in FREE workshops such as "Guitar Finger Style" and "Songwriter's Circle" lead by accomplished entertainers. This unique festival will include family entertainment, historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area and much more! Food/snacks will be available for purchase. Admission and most activities are free. Whether you come for the music, to see a live blacksmithing demonstration or to learn more about the history of Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, this festival has something for the entire family to enjoy. For more information, call (623) 930-4200.

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