Cholla District Network News

Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

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Lane Restrictions Planned on Beardsley Road

Construction work on the Beardsley Connector, which will provide new Loop 101 freeway access, will require lane restrictions on Beardsley Road next week to repair storm drains.

Beardsley Road between 82nd and 83rd avenues
March 15-16
7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Beardsley Road will be restricted in both directions daily between 82nd and 83rd avenues from Monday morning until Tuesday evening for storm drain work.

Beardsley Road between 81st and 82nd avenues
March 17-20
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Beardsley Road will be restricted in both directions daily between 81st and 82nd avenues from Wednesday morning until Saturday evening for storm drain work.

The improvements at Union Hills Drive are scheduled to take approximately two years to complete. The Beardsley Connector Project is expected to be finished in mid-2011.

For more information, including closures and restrictions, click here or call the project hotline at (480) 890-3055.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Over 150 performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling will entertain at Glendale Parks and Recreation's two-day Folk & Heritage Festival.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Attendees are welcome to enjoy the entertainment on six stages and participate in free workshops, on topics such as ukulele techniques, mountain dulcimer, beginning autoharp and banjo led by accomplished entertainers.

This unique festival includes family entertainment, historic Sahuaro Ranch site tours, blacksmith demonstrations and a children's stage and activity area. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission and most activities are free. To volunteer or for more information, call (623) 930-4200.

Legislative Link. The City of Glendale invites residents to attend a legislative session update meeting on Thursday, March 18th. This update meeting is part of the free Legislative Link program that enables citizens to stay informed and closely track neighborhood-related matters and bills being discussed at the State Capitol.

Glendale's Neighborhood Legislative Link program not only keeps residents up to date on issues impacting their local community, it also provides citizens a way to actively engage themselves in the state law-making process.

The Legislative Link meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

At the meeting, residents will receive an overview of:

- How the Arizona State Legislature works
- Who represents Glendale at the State Legislature
- How to track neighborhood issues being discussed at the State Legislature
- What issues are being discussed at the State Capitol

Residents are asked to register by calling (623) 930-2813 or via email at dburt@glendaleaz.com by Tuesday, March 16th. Those unable to attend the meeting, but interested in receiving e-mail updates, can call the Intergovernmental Programs Office at (623) 930-2813.

GU Grad Tour of Public Safety Training Center. Glendale University (GU) graduates wanting to learn more about the city's public safety departments are encouraged to enroll in the newest GU graduate class, which will provide a tour of the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center. This free class is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. and is limited to 30 students.

Located at 11550 W. Glendale Ave., the center is a 57-acre training facility that offers the latest public safety technology, a driving track as well as a pistol range. This class will offer participants a tour of the entire facility, which will include demonstrations of the equipment.

Click here to register online, or call (623) 930-2868 to receive an application by mail or fax. Registration ends on Friday, March 19.

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, is sponsoring the traveling exhibition, "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World." It makes a six-week stop at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., officially starting March 25.

The exhibit gives public audiences the opportunity to explore and to talk about Franklin's life, his contributions to the founding of this country, and his high standards for work, citizenship, and contribution to community. It looks at his background, his self-education, and his philosophical and religious beliefs and their effect on his work and life. It shows Franklin in the context of the eighteenth century and as a product of his times—a brilliant and rather unconventional product of his times—rather than as the venerable bespectacled and grandfatherly figure with whom we are all familiar.

The following free programs have been planned at the Main Library to complement the exhibit:

- **Sunday, March 14**
  2 p.m., Auditorium
  Benjamin Franklin:
  "National Treasure" (Film)
- **Thursday, March 25**
  7 p.m., Auditorium
  Benjamin Franklin's Glass Harmonica (Live at the Library)
- **April 2010**
  From Ben's Pen: Notable Quotes from Benjamin Franklin (National Poetry Month)
- **Saturday, April 17**
  10 a.m., Benjamin Franklin Community Service Saturday for Teens
- **Saturday, April 17, 12:30** p.m., Quick Craft: Benjamin Franklin Flying Kite Craft

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Spring Training at Camelback Ranch. Glendale is the spring training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox. Take in a game today through March 31 at Camelback Ranch-Glendale, 10710 W. Camelback Road.
Facility and ticket information - click here
Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District - click here
Cactus League Spring Training - click here

Financial Fitness 101: Basic Money Management. Take charge of your money! Learn about goal-setting, bank products, cash flow management, home ownership, preparing to invest, and basic estate training in this six-part series. Join us from 7-8:30 p.m., at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Classes will be held on March 15, 22 and 29; April 5, 12 and 19. Call (623) 930-3554 to register.

Glendale Coffeehouse. At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 17, the Main Library continues a 20-year tradition of Coffeehouse music with a St. Patrick's Day celebration: Greg La Cosse, bringing Irish, cowboy and folk music; and Rick Nestler, with more Irish, plus sea shanties, cowboy and folk songs. The Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St.

2nd Annual Summer Safety Fair. In partnership with the Glendale Police, Fire, and Transportation departments, the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni of Glendale (CPAAG) is planning its 2nd Annual Summer Safety Fair, sponsored by Target. The event will be held March 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Target shopping center, 10404 N. 43rd Ave. At the 2nd Annual Summer Safety Fair, kids and their parents can learn about everything from fire, home, and personal safety to water and bicycle safety. For more information call (623) 670-5710.

Glendale's Green Festival/Family Bike Ride. Glendale's Green Festival is teaming up with the Glendale Family Bike Ride on Saturday, March 27 and both events are bigger than ever! This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to get a little exercise and learn about water and energy efficiency, alternative transportation, going solar, and many other green-living practices. The annual Glendale Family Bike Ride will kick off the green-themed event at Sahuaro Ranch Park at 8:00 a.m. For a list of activities and classes, click here.

Acoustic Jam Session. Players can bring their acoustic instruments and play round-robin style, while the audience just needs to show up! The Acoustic Jam Session takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Mar. 31 at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Authors @ the Teague. "New York Times" bestselling author Alan Bradley will discuss and sign his new Flavia de Luce mystery during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 1 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Shred it & Forget it. As tax season comes to a close, discard your unwanted personal paperwork and old tax records at this free shred event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 17 at the Target parking lot, 43rd and Peoria avenues.

The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with Target Corporation to provide residents with an opportunity to combat identity theft, the fastest growing crime in the United States. Bring up to three standard-size file boxes of old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents containing personal identifying information to have shredded on site.

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