Cholla District Network News

Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale April 23, 2010

Dear Cholla District Resident,

At this week's Council Workshop, (04-20-10) the Intergovernmental Programs Department provided council with a state legislative update. During the presentation, we discussed SB 1109 (Annexation, city or town)

This bill could help Glendale halt construction of a tribal casino by the Tohono O'odham Nation near our sports and entertainment district. Click here to read the city of Glendale's position on the proposed Indian Reservation.

I would like to ask residents to contact Senate President Bob Burns, who has the authority to let bills move to the floor for a vote, and respectfully encourage him to allow the bill to be voted on by the full Senate.

Thank you,
Vice Mayor Manny Martinez

Contact Senate President Bob Burns at rburns@azleg.gov or (602) 926-5993.

Glendale Volunteers. This week was National Volunteer Week and the city of Glendale recognized the multi-million dollar economic value volunteers bring to the community. Glendale has more than 1,400 volunteers city-wide who provide service to the city in the amount of more than $2.5 million. That dollar figure is equal to the amount it would cost if the city had to pay for those services. For the past 15 years, volunteers have assisted nearly every city department.

The services provided by city volunteers include office support, data entry, recycling assistants, transit survey aides, code compliance inspectors, Glendale Greeters, being a mascot for the water conservation office, library duties, maintenance of the Xeriscape Garden, Sahuaro Ranch historic guides, animal care, Police Explorers, Police Pipers, Fire Cadets and the Fire Crisis Response Team.

In addition to Glendale's 1,400 volunteers who support 24 departments, there are approximately 2,000 other volunteers who throughout the year assist with community projects such as the annual Rock N' Roll Paint-A-Thon, National Family Volunteer Day, Serve Day and Earth Day. Plus, an additional 132 citizens volunteer their time and talents to Glendale's 20 boards and commissions. Click here for information about the city's volunteer programs.

Public Hearing for Updated Glendale Zoning Ordinance. The Glendale Planning Commission is holding a public hearing for the updated zoning ordinance on Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

The Planning Department has updated the zoning ordinance to be more flexible and user-friendly. The language has been standardized and designed to be easier to understand. Most of the changes occurred in the commercial development area. Applicants also will see an easier process while experiencing excellent customer service.

The ordinance defines specific uses allowed in each zoning district and property restrictions. In addition, guidelines such as height of buildings and structures, required building setbacks, density, coverage and lot sizes are included in the zoning ordinance. Zoning districts include residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural uses and the boundaries are designated on the zoning map available online, www.glendaleaz.com/planning.

The public is encouraged to provide comments now through the public hearing. Email comments can be sent to mpickering@glendaleaz.com. For more information, call (623) 930-2590 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/planning.

Parks and Recreation Priorities Survey. The city of Glendale is conducting a citizen survey as part of the Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan update to help establish priorities for current and future parks and recreation services, programs and facilities offered within the community.

The citizen survey will be mailed to a limited number of randomly selected households. It will take just a few minutes to fill out, and the time invested will aid the city in making decisions that will enrich the future of Glendale's community and positively affect the lives of its residents.

If you receive the survey in the mail, please be sure to fill it out and return it in the enclosed postage–paid envelope. The survey is a tool that will benefit all city of Glendale residents. Please take the opportunity to let your voice be heard.

The survey is being administered by Leisure Vision/ETC Institute, an independent firm. They will compile the data and present the results to the city of Glendale. All responses will remain confidential.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department at (623) 930-2828.

City Sales Tax Amnesty Program ends April 30. During these difficult economic times, the city is offering an opportunity to assist its business community by reducing the burden associated with delinquent sales tax and license fees.

All licensed and non-licensed businesses and landlords subject to city of Glendale sales tax are eligible to participate. Taxpayers choosing to participate in the program will have all penalties, prior delinquent license fees, interest, and related building permit penalties waived as long as all delinquent sales tax liabilities are paid to the city no later than April 30, 2010. Click here for more information.

Are you asking, "What happens if I don't complete my 2010 Census form?" Getting an accurate count of the people is so important that, if you don't return the questionnaire, a Census representative will contact you by phone or visit your home as many as six times seeking your answers. If you still don't respond, your neighbors may be asked about the people residing in your home. Click here to read why the 2010 Census is so important to the city of Glendale.

Around Town

Construction Information

Restrictions on 83rd Avenue/ Lake Pleasant Parkway:

- **Beardsley Road at Lake Pleasant Parkway**
- The right turn lane from westbound Beardsley Road to northbound Lake Pleasant Parkway will be restricted for work on the Beardsley Connector project.
- Through Mid-May

- **83rd Avenue/Lake Pleasant Parkway at Beardsley Road**
- Northbound 83rd Avenue/ Lake Pleasant Parkway at Beardsley Road will be restricted to one lane, and the intersection of 83rd Avenue and Beardsley Road will be under construction until early June, for roadway improvements.
- Drivers should expect daily delays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- Through Late June

ADOT appreciates your patience while we complete this project to improve travel in the Northwest Valley. Read more.

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Acoustic Jam Session. Join us at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 28 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., for the Acoustic Jam Session. Acoustic Jam is perfect for musicians who love to play, but are not ready for the big stage. Just bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style. Audience members are always welcome. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update Workshop. The public is invited to attend the first Parks and Recreation Master Plan Workshop on April 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Those attending will have an opportunity to learn about the parks and recreation system and provide feedback. The preliminary goals and objectives, results of an analysis of the existing conditions and other background information will be presented for review and comment. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2820.

Camp at Glendale's Historic Park! The Glendale Parks & Recreation Department is offering a unique and first-time activity at its historic Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave. The Chuck Wagon Family Campout will be held Friday to Saturday, April 30 to May 1, with check-in beginning at 4 p.m. and check-out at 10 a.m.

The price is just $29 for Glendale residents and $34 for non-residents with children aged 3 and under free. Preregistration is required. A free sleeping bag will be given to children ages 15 and under compliments of the Wonderful Outdoor World educational program. Overnight security and on-site camp counselors will assist with camp set up and ensure a safe, fun family experience. Loaner tents are available. Call (623) 930-4203 for information and (623) 930-2820 to register.

Foothills Acoustic Jam Session. Join us at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 11 for the Foothills Acoustic Jam Session, where everyone can bring their acoustic instrument and play round-robin style. The Foothills Branch Library is located at 19055 N. 57th Ave.

VIN Etching. Bring your vehicle and proof of ownership to Costco at 17550 N. 79th Ave. on Saturday, May 22 for free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching a vehicle's 17-digit vehicle ID number on each piece of window glass on your vehicle to deter auto theft. The process takes about 10 minutes, event hours are from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Click here to learn more about auto theft prevention and VIN etching.

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