Cholla District Network News

Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale **May 30, 2008**

Fire Station 151. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 28 for the new location of Fire Station 151. This facility will replace Glendale's oldest, active station, currently located at 5705 N. 55th Avenue and relocate it to 6851 N. 52nd Ave., just south of Glendale Avenue.

"This move will increase efficiency as we continue to respond to emergencies throughout the community," said Glendale Fire Chief Mark Burdick.

The new station is scheduled to be complete by April 2009 and will include four apparatus bays, a training room, a physical-fitness room and living quarters for 10 firefighters.

Foothills Family Swim Night. Join us from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, for Foothills Family Swim Night. Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center will be reserved for families to enjoy the fun, games and contests. Swimming will cost just $3 per person. The center is located at 5600 W. Union Hills Drive. Parents or guardians must accompany children. For more information, call (623) 930-4600.

For a complete listing of summer aquatic programs, including swimming lessons, recreation swim, swim teams, dive teams, family events, and new this year: scuba, water polo and synchronized swimming, pick up a 2008 Splashbook. They are available at all three libraries and the Parks & Recreation office or click here to download the Splashbook now!

2008 Neighborhood Leadership Forum. Glendale's Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods will host its annual Leadership Forum and Spark Awards on Saturday, June 28 from 8 to 11: 30 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

The breakfast event is free and open to all Glendale residents, neighborhood leaders, community volunteers and business owners. This year's theme is "Connecting with your community: It's our time to shine," and those who attend are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to benefit the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. A raffle ticket will be issued in exchange for the donated food items.

Mayor Scruggs will welcome the audience and provide comments, which will be followed by the keynote address given by Alison Rapping, executive director of Valley Leadership, who will discuss the importance of community involvement. The Commission will also announce the six Spark Award recipients.

To register for this free event or for more information, please call (623) 930-2125 or email: leadership@glendaleaz.com by June 17. Space is limited.

Around Town

Backyard Stargazing for Everyone. "Backyard Stargazing" will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 2 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Tony and Carole La Conte will show the public what any novice can see from one's own backyard. Weather permitting, telescope and binocular viewing will follow the free program. Telescopes will be provided or attendees may bring their own viewing equipment.

Tony La Conte is a "Solar System Ambassador," one of seven Arizonans chosen to organize public educational events about solar system exploration. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Beardsley Road Connector Open House. Join us for an Open House on the final design for the Beardsley Road Connector & Union Hills Drive widening project. The open house will be held from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 3 at the Community Church of Joy Worship Center, 21000 North 75th Ave. This is the last of two briefings held on this project. Representatives from the City of Glendale, the City of Peoria and ADOT will be on hand to give information and answer questions. No RSVP required.

How to Set Your Water Timer. If knowing how to water your plants is a mystery to you, you are not alone. Learn easy-to-follow steps to determine the amount and frequency of water needed for your landscape plants, trees, and grass at "How to Set Your Water Timer," a free class provided by the Glendale Water Conservation Office. Students will get hands-on instruction with "practice" timers. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The class will be held in the auditorium. To register for classes, call (623) 930-3760.

Film/Discussion Series Highlights Oscar-winning Movies. Film scholar Jeannie Berg, an instructor at both Glendale and Scottsdale Community Colleges, is back for a third year to lead free viewings and discussions about award-winning films from the 1930s to the present at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The cinema screenings are at 1 p.m., starting June 7 and continuing on consecutive Saturdays through July 26. The first film in the series, on June 7, will be "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939). Click here or call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

Ride, Rock and Roll. Ride into summer the extreme way at the city of Glendale's first Ride, Rock & Roll event, Saturday, June 14, from 6:30 to 9 pm. at Glendale's X-Court, located on the northeast corner of 83rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road.

The city of Glendale's Transportation, Utilities and Parks and Recreation departments partnered with Radio Disney to offer residents the chance to watch cool BMX freestyle and skateboarding demonstrations, while participating in a "Flip Your Lid" Helmet Design contest, bike parade and bike beauty pageant, as part of the Travel Green initiative. The city created this first-ever event to promote bike and extreme sports safety, as well as to showcase the park's versatility. For more information, call (623) 930-2820.

Free CCC-CPR Class. Learn Continuous Chest Compression CPR on Wednesday, June 18 from 7-9 p.m. at Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Classes are held once a month at various locations throughout Glendale. To reserve a spot or learn more about CCC-CPR, click here.

Glendale's 4th of July Celebration. Get fired up for 4th of July fun! Celebrate America's birthday in style at Glendale's 4th of July Celebration at Glendale Community College with hot dogs, water slides, music and fireworks. For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at (623) 930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events. Glendale Community College is located at 6000 W. Olive Ave.

2nd Annual World Records Day. What in the WORLD is happening on July 26? Breaking records! Do you have what it takes to break a Guinness World Record? Give it your best shot at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center's 2nd World Records Day on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m. This event will showcase a variety of established world records that are just waiting to be broken! This free event will be held in the Coyote Room at the center, located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. For more information, call (623) 930-4610.

Click here for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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