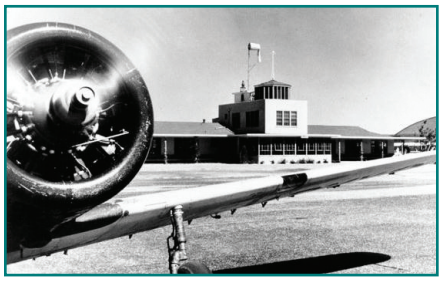
Cholla District Network News

Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale June 11, 2010



Originally a training base for U.S Army Air Corps pilots during World War II, Thunderbird Field was transformed in 1946 into the world's first business school focused exclusively on international management. Pictured to the right of Thunderbird Tower is one of two airplane hangers that is still a prominent landmark on the school's campus. Photo courtesy of Thunderbird School of Global Management

Update on Purchase of NHL Coyotes. At the Tuesday, June 8 meeting, the Glendale City Council voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Ice Edge Holdings to purchase the National Hockey League's (NHL) Coyotes team and keep the team playing in the Glendale-owned Jobing.com Arena. The approved MOU will now be forwarded to the NHL for a final decision.

The proposal keeps the city's commitment of forwarding potential owners to the NHL by the deadline of June 30. Glendale remains committed to ensuring the citizens' and stakeholders' best interests are at the forefront of any negotiations. Click here for more details.

Thunderbird Tower Restoration Fundraising Effort. A fundraising campaign to raise money for the restoration of one of Glendale's most historic and significant landmarks – Thunderbird Tower — recenty kicked off.

The tower served as the airfield control tower at Thunderbird Field, a historic airbase opened by the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 to provide training for American, British, Canadian and Chinese pilots. By the end of World War II, more than 10,000 pilots passed through Thunderbird Field.

At the kick-off event on June 3, Mayor Scruggs announced M&I Bank as the campaign's honorary co-chair for business development and Glendale residents Ray and Winnie Kultala as the honorary co-chairs for resident development.

If you would like to contribute to this important effort and become a part of the history of Thunderbird School of Global Management, please mail a donation form along with your check so your name can be properly recognized on the donor wall. Donations will be accepted through August 31, 2010. Click here to download the donation form or to read more about the historic tower building. Click here to visit the Thunderbird School of Global Management's Web site.

Be a Part of Glendale's Centennial Celebration June 17-19!

Glendale's Centennial birthday bash will include three days of festivities beginning Thursday, June 17 through Saturday, June 19. Thursday will feature the Centennial Summer Band concert performance at 8 p.m. in Murphy Park's Amphitheater. The following day, the 100th anniversary will feature a celebration for the whole family with Centennial Nite Lights in Murphy Park, the debut of the Centennial postmark, which you can purchase as a memento, and many fun-filled activities. The final day of the celebration will be 100 hours of volunteering, with four volunteer projects throughout the city that will allow residents a chance to give back to their community. Be a part of the celebration as we "Honor the past, Celebrate the present and Imagine the Future". For complete details visit www.glendaleaz.com/centennial.

Glendale Civic Center. With nearly 40,000 square feet of rentable space ready to host everything from an intimate family reunion to a large-scale fundraising gala and every wedding, prom and business meeting in between, the Glendale Civic Center is poised to help make your event one that will impress. Our elegant yet contemporary appointments guarantee your guests will enjoy the greatest comforts while our integration of technology will offer the modern conveniences today's professionals demand. Surrounded by lush gardens and located within walking distance of Historic Downtown Glendale's unique international restaurants and shopping districts, the Glendale Civic Center is also minutes away from Glendale's Sports & Entertainment District and the best in professional sports and blockbuster performances. To visit the Glendale Civic Center's Web site, click here.

Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau – First in the West Valley. Beginning July 1, the Glendale Office of Tourism's name will change to the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau (GCVB).

The city-operated GCVB will represent Glendale and the West Valley and will be the first convention and visitors bureau (CVB) located west of I-17. CVBs throughout the country promote specific tourist and visitor destinations and are directly responsible for developing, promoting and marketing the destination.

CVBs are often the official point of contact for convention and meeting planners, tour operators and visitors. They assist planners with meeting preparation and encourage business travelers and visitors alike to visit local historic, cultural and recreational attractions. Read more.

Construction Information

- 75th Avenue Southbound On-ramp Closure
- June 21 at 5 a.m. – late November 2010

As part of an innovative project to provide new Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) access at Beardsley Road and construct a new frontage road system and improvements at the Union Hills Drive interchange, the 75th Avenue southbound on-ramp will be closed from June 21 through late November. The closure will be effective at 5 a.m. June 21.

Detour: During the ramp closure, drivers may use 75th Avenue south to Bell Road to connect with southbound Loop 101. Union Hills Drive is not recommended as a detour route because of ongoing construction of improvements at the Loop 101 intersection.

When the work is complete, the 75th Avenue on-ramp will be combined with a new southbound on-ramp at Beardsley Road, as well as a new southbound frontage road to Union Hills Drive. ADOT's work, in partnership with the cities of Peoria and Glendale, will construct a new Loop 101 connection at Beardsley Road and improve capacity and traffic flow at the Union Hills Drive interchange. The project is also expected to relieve traffic at the 75th Avenue interchange by providing alternate freeway access at Beardsley Road. ADOT appreciates your patience while they complete this project to improve travel in the Northwest Valley. Read more.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Reel Talk Film Series. Mrs. Miniver (1942), starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon will play at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 12 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Canyon Country Community Lecture Series. Foothills Branch Library and the Grand Canyon Association and Coconino Community College's Colorado Plateau Studies present the Canyon Country series. "Call of the Canyon: Moulty Fulmer's 1950s Grand Canyon River Trips" will be held at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., on Thursday, June 17. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-3844.

Hypnotism and Magic Featured at Show. Join us at the LIVE HOOPS, Inc. and Glendale Parks and Recreation Department presentation of Mystified Fun, a high-energy, interactive hypnotism and magic show. Be amazed, surprised and laugh out loud! The show features James Kellogg Jr., a master hypnotist who has performed on television, film and radio around the country and overseas.

Two shows will be held on Saturday, June 19, at the Copper Canyon High School Performing Arts Center, 9126 W. Camelback Rd. The 5 p.m. show features a youth and teen fashion show sponsored by Old Navy. Admission is $15 per person. The 8 p.m. show features the dance crew Anonymous, and tickets are $15, $20 and $25 depending on the proximity to the stage. Tickets may be purchased by calling (623) 930-2820, online at www.mystifiedfun.com or at the show. All proceeds go to the funding of youth programs coordinated by LIVE HOOPS, Inc. and Glendale Parks and Recreation.

World Records Day. Think you've got what it takes to break a Guinness World Record? If so, come join the fun and give it your best shot at the Foothills 4th Annual World Records Day. A variety of established world records are waiting to be broken from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 17 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Rd. For more information, call (623) 930-4609.

Contact Vice Mayor Martinez
Council Office: (623) 930-2249
Home Office: (623) 561-8263
E-mail: mmartinez@glendaleaz.com