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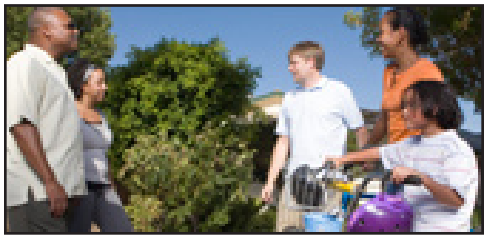
Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale **June 12, 2009**



Centennial Concert & Carnival, June 18. Glendale's centennial year is about to kick off with some old-fashioned summer fun! The city has planned a Centennial Concert & Carnival on Thursday, June 18, from 6-9 p.m. at Murphy Park in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Glendale's Summer Band Concert will take place at 8 p.m. This long-standing Glendale concert series marks the band's 43rd year, making it the longest-running community band in Arizona. For the Centennial kickoff, the band will perform a special show celebrating music from each decade from the last 100 years.

The prelude to the concert will be an old-fashioned carnival hearkening back to Glendale's earlier days. Highlights will include a classic car exposition, antique police cars and fire engines, as well as a demonstration and display from the Glendale Historical Society. Other fun features will include free carnival games and prizes, 50 cent root beer floats, a cake walk with free cupcakes, and a vintage fashion show featuring apparel from 1870s to the 1970s by Matilda's Closet.

The city of Glendale will celebrate its official anniversary as an incorporated city on June 18, 2010. Throughout the year, the city will honor its centennial at various events and activities. This event is made possible with the generous support of our sponsors, including Sanderson Ford, the Glendale Star, Safeway, Papa Ed's Ice Cream and Kalil Bottling.

For more information, click here or call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500.

2009 Leadership Forum. Glendale's Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods will host its annual Leadership Forum and Spark Awards Ceremony on Saturday, June 27 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

"This event is sponsored each year by the Commission to encourage residents to network with each other and to celebrate the neighborhoods' successes," said Commission Chair Mike Nave.

The breakfast is free and open to all Glendale residents, neighborhood leaders, community volunteers and business owners. This year's theme is "Networking Within Your Neighborhood."

The recipients of the annual Spark Awards will be recognized at the event. The award recognizes individuals, groups and organizations for their exemplary leadership and continued contributions to Glendale.

In addition, a non-perishable food drive to benefit the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance will be held.

There is no admission fee for attendance, but reservations are required. To RSVP, call (623) 930-2125 or e-mail leadership@glendaleaz.com by June 22.

A Note from APS. A Paradise Valley resident recently reported that a man claiming to be an APS employee approached the residence, saying that he needed to gain entry into the home to test the electric system. Once inside the home, the man asked the resident to watch a light in the back bedroom to see if it flickered while he performed tests in another area of the home. It is believed the man may have used this opportunity to burglarize the home.

APS does not participate in practices like the one described above. Any customer who is contacted by a person claiming to be an APS employee should ask for and see the following:

- An APS employee identification card with the APS logo and the employee's photo; and
- A clearly marked APS vehicle.

APS representatives may not always wear uniforms with the APS logo. However, all permanent employees are required to carry identification. On occasion, the company uses contract workers who are required to carry a letter of introduction from APS.

If there ever is a question about the validity of a person claiming to be an APS representative, customers are urged to ask for an employee identification number and to call the APS Customer Care Center at (602) 371-7171 to verify employee status. If a person is misrepresenting himself/herself as an APS employee, customers should immediately call 911.

Friday Nite Lights. On the 3rd Friday of each month beginning in June, visitors are welcome to enjoy late night shopping and dining in downtown Glendale, from 5 to 9 p.m. In addition to great summer shopping deals and promotions, visitors can receive an impartial opinion from an established appraiser on June 19.

Elizabeth Dore, ISA AM, member of the International Society of Appraisers and a longtime member of the downtown Glendale business community will run the appraisal clinic at the Country Maiden, which is located at 7146 N. 58th Ave. All proceeds from the Appraisal Clinic will go toward the back-to-school drive to benefit local Glendale elementary schools. The cost is $10 per item.

Shoppers may start their shopping journey at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 to pick up a downtown map and event information. Call (623) 930-4500 or click here for more information.

Change in branch library hours. Beginning July 1, Glendale's two branch libraries, Foothills Branch Library at 19055 N. 57th Ave., and Velma Teague Branch Library at 7010 N. 58th Ave., will be closed on Sundays. The Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., will remain open on Sundays, from 1-5 p.m.

Around Town

Reel Talk Film/Discussion Series. "Some Like It Hot" (1959) starring Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis will be shown at 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 13 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Film scholar Jeannie Berg will lead a discussion following the film. This series is free. Call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

Are You Ready to Be a Business Owner? David Moss, facilitator with the Maricopa Community Colleges Small Business Development Center (SBDC), presents "Should I Start My Own Business?" at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 22 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. This seminar is perfect for people who are in the early stages of starting a business. Find out the answers to the most basic questions prospective business owners have about developing a business plan, how to obtain financing, and types of business ownership.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. Sign up by calling the SBDC at (480) 784-0590 or or click here to register online.

20 Steps to Great Fundraising: What the Top Fundraisers Do. Diana Hoyt, CFRE and President of Heritage Designs LLC, will present "20 Steps to Great Fundraising: What the Top Fundraisers Do" from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The workshop is free. To register, call (623) 930-3552.

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. Join us on June 25 at 10 a.m. or 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.

Bobby Freeman. There probably isn't a musician in town who can command a live audience like Bobby Freeman can. You've heard him yourself if you've ever been to an Arizona Diamondbacks home game, pounding out the Mexican Hat Dance, the Hungarian czardas, or the opening riff from the Addams Family. Freeman's jersey sports the number 88-chosen for the number of keys on a piano-and he's been the Diamondback's organist since their first season. Join us at 2 p.m., Monday, July 6, at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

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