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Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

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From The Heart

New City Court Complex.
The first step in the city's efforts to revitalize the Glendale Avenue Corridor will begin with construction of Glendale's new court complex at the former Larry Miller Toyota location, 4701 W. Glendale Ave. Residents, city leaders, and staff attended a celebration on Monday, June 9, to kick off the construction activity. Demolition is set to begin by the end of June, with completion projected for 2010.

From The Heart. Eighteen non-profit agencies that provide services to Glendale's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents recently received financial grants from money donated by Glendale utility customers and businesses.

The money will be used to fund such services as home-delivered meals for Glendale's frail and elderly residents, support programs for teenagers and emergency programs for victims of violence and abuse.

The $179,000 distributed to the agencies was raised through Glendale's *From The Heart* program, which enables residents to add $1 to their city utility bills each month. Businesses also donate to the program and the BHHS Legacy Foundation provides a 50-cent match for every dollar donated to *From The Heart*.

Since *From The Heart* began in 1997, more than $1.5 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to providing services to citizens. For more information, including a list of the agencies that received funding, click here.

Performing Arts Grants. Glendale's art and culture will continue to grow, thanks to the Glendale Arts Commission. The commission awarded a total of 25 performing arts grants to non-profit organizations, schools and governmental agencies for the 08/09 fiscal year. Grant applications were reviewed by the Arts Commission in May and approved by the Glendale City Council.

Applications were reviewed with the following criteria in mind: 1) artistic quality, 2) ability to serve the needs of the community, 3) managerial and administrative ability of the applicant organization in producing or presenting the arts and, 4) appropriateness of the project budget.

In 1996, the City Council approved the Performing Arts Grants Program to motivate, increase and support the performing arts in Glendale. The Performing Arts Grant Program supports a wide variety of programs, which make the arts more accessible to Glendale citizens, most notably youth and their families. Since the inception of the program, the city has funded 134 grants totaling $338,325.

Click here to read more about this story in the press release. For more information on Glendale's Arts programs, visit www.glendaleaz.com/arts/.

Free Back to School Immunizations Provided by Maricopa County.
The Maricopa County Department of Public Health is offering all immunizations needed to go back to school for free. The immunizations are being offered at six locations throughout the valley from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, August 2. In Glendale, immunizations will be given at Independence High School, 6602 N. 75th Ave. For more information call (602) 506-6767 or visit www.WeArePublicHealth.org.

Around Town

Film/Discussion Series. "The Lost Weekend" (1945) winner of four Oscars, including Best Picture, will be shown at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 14 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Film scholar Jeannie Berg will lead a discussion following the film. 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.

Family Fun Night. On Friday, June 27 the city of Glendale will be hosting Family Fun Night from 6 to 9 p.m. at Murphy Park in Downtown Glendale. This fun event gives Parks and Recreation Summer Program participants a chance to showcase their summer activities and talents to family and friends. For more information, call (623) 930-2820.

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. Click here to read more in the news release.

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.

"The Galapagos Islands: A Photographic Exploration." Renowned photographer Richard Maack will present "The Galapagos Islands: A Photographic Exploration" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 10 in the Roadrunner Room at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The Galapagos Islands are famed for their landscape and large number of unique species not found anywhere else. The program is free. For more information, call (623) 930-3844

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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