Cholla District Network News

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New LED Traffic Lights. Drivers in Glendale will be using two kinds of green at city traffic lights: green energy and brighter green lights. Glendale's Transportation Department has upgraded traffic lights citywide to LED in an effort to conserve energy and reduce costs. LED, or light-emitting diode, last longer, use less power to energize and have a robust sharpness compared to regular lights.

A grant from the Department of Energy enabled the city to complete the conversion of LED lights throughout Glendale. The grant enabled 30 intersections to be converted making all of Glendale's 190 signalized intersections equipped with LED lighting.

The higher quality lamps will require less maintenance, resulting in fewer lane closures due to repairs. Energy and cost savings are substantial, with anticipated savings of $92,000 in annual maintenance and $65,520 in annual energy costs for the newly converted intersections. Total energy and maintenance savings for the 30 intersections will be around $157,520 annually. With 40 lights (red, green, yellow) per intersection the total conversion of 7,600 lights to LED has savings comparable to the amount of power generated for 300 homes annually.

The city's commitment to being green continues with the old traffic lights. Hundreds of reflectors, lenses and bulbs will be auctioned in July and recycled.

Second Parks & Recreation Plan Update Meeting. Glendale residents are being asked to attend the second community workshop to develop the priorities and the future of Glendale's parks and recreation system.

The department is in the process of updating the existing Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The current master plan was adopted by City Council in February 2002 and since that time many changes have occurred within Glendale and the surrounding areas. The master plan identifies community priorities for recreation and park facilities along with outlining a plan of action.

The second public workshop will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 29 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. This second meeting will feature information on the plan and an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback on the results of the first community workshop, community focus groups and interviews, online survey and community-wide survey.

Glendale residents' input during the planning process is critical to help establish priorities for current and future parks and recreation services, programs and facilities offered within Glendale. For more information, click here or call Glendale Parks and Recreation at (623) 930-2820.

Sewer Appeal Process and Rate Schedules. Each year in May, your sewer charge is adjusted based on your actual water usage billed for the winter months of January, February and March. Although each customer has a water meter to determine water consumption, there is no meter to measure how many gallons each customer sends into the sewer system. Sewer appeal process and rate schedules

Monsoon Ready. The Valley's official monsoon begins today, according to the National Weather Service. Though it might be a while longer before we see those high winds and rain, it is important that residents and visitors are educated on safety measures as well as informed on what to expect in turbulent monsoon conditions.

The city of Glendale has created a Web site dedicated to monsoon information, where the public can find a wealth of information about preparing for an emergency, especially during the monsoon.

Preparation can prevent confusion and allay fears for your family in a time of crisis, and can also prevent injury or property damage. Click here to visit the site.

Starlets and Stripes at Centennial Nite Lights. Downtown Glendale shops are celebrating Glendale's Centennial by recognizing well-known celebrities from the last century. Shop owners are encouraging guests to dress like their favorite celebrities from the past during the Centennial Nite Lights celebration. The event will take place in Downtown Glendale tonight - June 18 from 5-9 p.m. in Catlin Court.

Participating shops include The Astrology Store (James Dean theme), the Cottage Garden (Marilyn Monroe theme) and The Country Maiden and Papa Ed's (The Wizard of Oz theme). Click here for more information and a full list of participating shops and themes.

Construction Information.

Loop 101, Union Hills Drive and Beardsley Connector Project. Exciting progress is being made on the Loop 101, Union Hills Drive and Beardsley Connector project. For more details, view our Construction Progress Update.

Loop 101 at 75th Avenue
The southbound Loop 101 on-ramp at 75th Avenue will be CLOSED from Monday, June 21 until late November to reconstruct the ramp. Detour: Drivers may take 75th Avenue south to Bell Road and west to Loop 101. view map

- 5 a.m. June 21 through late November

Loop 101 between Bell Road and Union Hills Drive
Northbound Loop 101 will be CLOSED for three nights between Bell Road and Union Hills Drive for bridge widening work at the Union Hills Drive interchange. The work will also require closing the northbound Loop 101 on-ramp at Bell Road and the northbound Loop 101 on-ramp at Union Hills Drive on Tuesday, June 29.

- 10 p.m. Thursday (June 24) - 5 a.m. Friday (June 25)
- 11 p.m. Friday (June 25) - 6 a.m. Saturday (June 26)
- 10 p.m. Tuesday (June 29) - 5 a.m. Wednesday (June 30)

Union Hills Drive at Loop 101
Eastbound Union Hills Drive will be restricted to one lane for two nights for bridge widening work at the Union Hills Drive interchange.

- 11 p.m. Friday (June 25) - 6 a.m. Sunday (June 27)

Multi-Use Path/Bridge - Loop 101 at 63rd Avenue. Project Description: Construct a multi-use path and bridge over Loop 101 at 63rd Avenue. The pathway will link the 63rd Avenue sidewalk and bike path south of the Loop 101 freeway to those on the north side of the freeway. This is a city of Glendale project that will be administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation.

- Schedule: Construction is expected to begin in summer 2010 and be completed in spring 2011. Click here for more information.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Hynotism 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.

Summer Band Concert, June 24. Enjoy renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes at 8 p.m., Thursday evenings through July 22. It's FREE and the entire family is welcome! The concerts take place in Historic Downtown Glendale at the Glendale Amphitheater, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Click here for more information.

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