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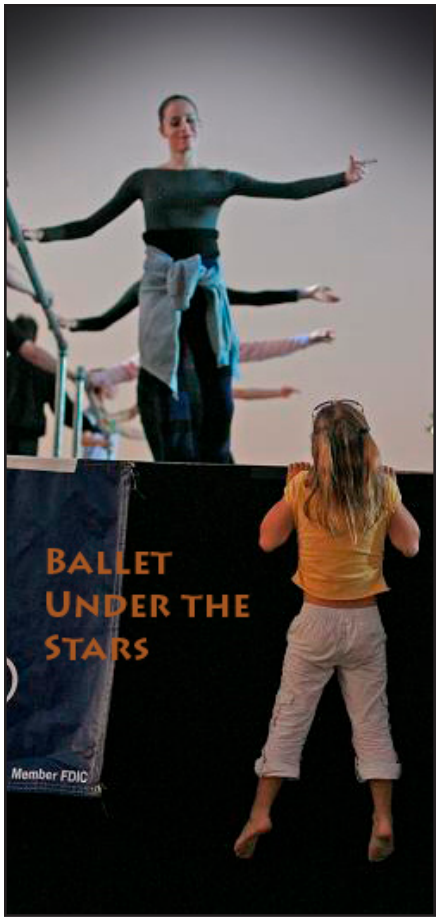
Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale **August 14, 2009**



Glendale Performing Arts Projects Get Approval. Glendale residents will continue to enjoy cultural arts as a result of the Glendale Arts Commission awarding performing arts contracted services to non-profit organizations, schools and government agencies for the FY 2009/10. The Arts Commission recommended funding 11 performing arts projects totaling $35,500.

Grant applications were reviewed by the Arts Commission in May. Applications were considered in accordance with the following criteria: 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.

To read the full press release about the projects that were approved by the Glendale City Council on August 11 or to get more information on Glendale's Arts programs, click here or call (623) 930-3520.

Glendale Police Department Re-accredited. On August 1, 2009 a board from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) awarded re-accreditation to Chief Conrad of the Glendale Police Department. A team of assessors from CALEA conducted an assessment on April 18-22, 2009 to examine all aspects of the Glendale Police Department. This examination included an assessment of the department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services.

This assessment is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of professional excellence in the field of law enforcement. The goal of the assessment is to demonstrate that the Glendale Police Department is in compliance with over 400 professional standards established by CALEA. The Glendale Police Department was first accredited in the year 2000; was re-accredited in the year 2003 and again in 2006.

Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon. Last year 154 homes and four community centers, including homes in Glendale, were painted during the one-day Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon event. It is expected that teams of volunteers will sign up to paint more than 150 homes across the state this year.

Need help painting your home? Are you a homeowner of a single-family residence who is physically unable to paint your home? Then the Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon program may be able to help. The program is a community-based effort designed to paint homes of applicants who are 60 years of age or older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources and are unable to do the work themselves. Only single-family, owner-occupied residences will be painted and homes must be in sufficient condition that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed.

Glendale residents who match the above criteria are encouraged to apply for the program by September 1, 2009. Click here for an application in English or Spanish or call Rebuilding Together at (480) 774-0237.

Want to help paint a home? Residents who want to help paint the homes on Saturday, Oct. 24 in the sixth annual Wells Fargo Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon, should form a team of volunteers consisting of 15 to 25 people. Volunteers from families, businesses, churches, schools, social service and civic groups will participate in the program. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old and those under 18 must have a signed parent-permission form. Volunteer team applications are due by September 1, 2009. Click here or call Rebuilding Together at (480) 774-0237 to volunteer.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Camelback Ranch Open House. Join us on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the Camelback Ranch Open House and watch the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox Rookie Leagues battle it out at the premier spring training facility. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7:05 p.m. Fun activities will be available for the kids. Admission and parking are FREE! All food, beverages (with exception of beer) including hot dogs, soda, bottled water, popcorn, nachos, pretzels, ice cream, peanuts, and Cracker Jacks are only $1.00. Camelback Ranch is located at 111th Avenue and Camelback Road. For more information click here or call (623) 302-5000.

"Strong Heroines in Crime Fiction." Mystery authors Ann Parker, Juliet Blackwell, and Sophie Littlefield will reveal how they create "Strong Heroines in Crime Fiction" at the next Authors @ the Teague panel discussion and signing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 15 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Books will be available for purchase. The program is free. For more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

Understanding Money and Credit. Through careful planning and use of money management skills, one can feel more confident about the ability to live within one's means, handle emergencies, reduce debt and save for the future. Join us for Understanding Money and Credit at 6 p.m., Thursday, August 20 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Reservations are not necessary to attend this free class. For more information, call (623) 930-3531.

Friday Nite Lights, August 21. Enjoy late night shopping and dining, and a real hometown atmosphere. Stroll along brick-lined sidewalks and enjoy charming bungalows-turned shops. Friday Nite Lights will be held from 5-9 p.m. on the 3rd Fridays of each month in Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. Start at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up a downtown map and information. Click here or call (623) 930-4500 for more information.

Jammin' at the Library. The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. In fact, knowing how to play an instrument is not essential to having a good time at this monthly gathering. Everyone is welcome to this free program. Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

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 Thursday, August 27 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.

Free Social Networking Media Class. Whether you are looking for a job, promoting a business, want to connect with others, monitor your children or grandchildren, or just understand the emerging technologies so that you are not left behind, you can no longer afford to ignore the new media. Attend the free "Can the New Social Networking Media Click for You?" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 27 in the Roadrunner Room of Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The program is presented by the Scottsdale Boomerz. RSVP at (480) 990-1450 or go to www.BoomerzAZ.com to sign up.

The Business Forum Holds First Meeting. The Business Forum will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 2 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The free event is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. Each month a featured speaker will entertain and inform on a variety of topics. This month Granison Shines, copywriter, marketing strategist and founder of Shines Marketing.com, will present proven solutions for boosting your marketing return on investment. Well-known businesswoman Joan Howard is lending her expertise in facilitating The Business Forum. Contact her at (602) 725-3246 for more information about the program or to RSVP.

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