Cholla District Network News

Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale **December 26, 2008**

On December 13, VM Martinez helped "Santa Kid" Gavin Garcia shop for needy children from the Glendale Family Development Center. Gavin wrote a winning essay that earned him the opportunity to give kids his age a better holiday through Wal-Mart's "Santa Kid" program.

Tree-cycle Time! The Sanitation Department has established several sites throughout the city where residents can drop off trees for recycling. From Friday, Dec. 26, through Sunday, Jan. 11, bring a single, unbagged tree to one of the following convenient sites (be sure to remove all decorations, tree stands, metal stakes and nails). For more information, call (623) 930-2660.

Where to take your holiday trees at the end of the season:

- **Acoma Park**
  53rd Ave. & Acoma Rd.
- **Fire Station No. 156**
  67th Ave. & Deer Valley Rd.
- **Foothills Park**
  57th Ave. & Union Hills
- **O'Neill Park**
  64th Ave. & Missouri Ave.
- **Rose Lane Park**
  51st Ave. and Marlette Ave.
- **Sahuaro Ranch Park**
  Southeast corner of
  63rd Ave. & Mountain View Rd.
- **Western Area Regional Park**
  83rd Ave. & Bethany Home Rd.

Bulk Trash. The city provides bulk trash pickup service for large, bulky items that will not fit into your residential garbage container. This is the time to dispose of tree limbs and brush, as well as furniture and appliances generated from your property.

Crews are responsible for removal of large debris only. The equipment used often leaves behind small debris, which is the responsibility of the resident to clean up.

Please do not put out cardboard boxes or other recyclables for bulk trash pick up. Cardboard should be RECYCLED rather than put out for bulk trash.

Click here for more information including the 2009 Bulk Trash Pick-up Schedule.

Important Transit Information. Transit passengers should be on the lookout in late December for impacts to their regular bus routes due to service reductions in the city of Phoenix. Some of these reductions include the following:

Elimination of bus trips before 5 a.m. and after 10 p.m. (except for Route 70- Glendale to Luke Air Force Base, which will continue its normal services)

Certain ½-hour service routes will change to hourly service (**Routes 43** - 43rd Avenue, **59** - 59th Avenue, **60** - Bethany Home Road, **67** - 67th Avenue, **80** - Northern, **90** - Dunlap/Cave Creek, **138** - Thunderbird Road and **186** – Union Hills.)

The changes will go into effect Monday, Dec. 29, 2008. Some riders may also experience weekday and additional weekend changes and are being encouraged to check out the new transit book that outlines the new bus schedules and changes. For more information about these changes, click here or call Valley Metro at (602) 253-5000.

Around Town

New Year's Day Holiday. City of Glendale offices and all three public libraries will be closed on Thursday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. Click here for the holiday schedule for Sanitation services.

Fiesta Bowl events in Glendale. Now in its third year in Glendale, the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 5 will match up two of college football's greatest teams, the Ohio State University Buckeyes and the University of Texas Longhorns. Along with the gridiron action, the game brings a multitude of festivities that Glendale residents can enjoy.

A full list of these events, which are all open to the public, are listed below. For details, call (480) 350-0911. Some events charge admission. Read more.

- **Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic**
  Time: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  Date: December 27
  Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)
- **31st Annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship presented by University of Phoenix**
  Time: Preliminaries – 11 a.m., Finals – 6:30 p.m.
  Date: Thursday, January 1
  Location: University of Phoenix Stadium
- **Glendale's Fiesta Bowl Gridiron Jam**
  Time: 4 – 10 p.m.
  Date: Saturday, January 3
  Location: Downtown Glendale
- **Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Brings You College Football's Biggest Party**
  Time: Noon
  Date: Monday, January 5
  Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)
- **Stadium Club presented by Bar-S Foods**
  Time: 2 p.m.
  Date: Monday, January 5
  Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex
  (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)
- **38th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl**
  Time: 5:30 p.m.
  Date: Monday, January 5
  Location: University of Phoenix Stadium

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. As one of the state's premier celebrations of Dr. King's life and the ideals his name so symbolically represents, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon demonstrates Glendale's commitment to create a society that is more just, peaceful and understanding. The public is invited to attend the event from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn. Drive.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Saturday, exclusive of city holidays. Tickets are $40 per person. For more information, click here or call the Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party. Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party. Glendale wraps up the holiday season with its annual Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 17, from 4-10 p.m. and an extra hour of fun for the "After Glow" from 10-11 p.m., with free admission and free parking!

Bring the whole family to take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with dozens of hot air balloons glowing softly amidst the trees throughout 12 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. More than 75,000 people will stroll the sidewalks and watch tethered balloons gently expand as pilots fire them up, enjoying more than a dozen bands performing all genres of music, as well as vibrant street performers for a climactic finale to a festive season.

Free parking shuttles will be available from 3:30 until 11:30 p.m. from Glendale Community College, located at 59th and Olive avenues. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2299.

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