Cholla District Network News

Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale December 31, 2009

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2010 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl! Glendale welcomes Boise State University and Texas Christian University to the 29th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4, 2010, at Glendale's University of Phoenix Stadium. Read more.

New Year's Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Friday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. Read more.

Glitter & Glow Block Party Wraps Up Holiday Season January 16. Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glitter and Glow Block Party, on Jan. 16, from 4-10 p.m. with fun for the whole family including free admission and free parking! Read more

Glendale Presents 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. The city of Glendale's Diversity Committee is proud to present the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon, featuring Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker, Associate Professor at Arizona State University and the recipient of the 2009 Promoting Inclusiveness Award. Read more.

2009 IN REVIEW

Below are just a few of the many Glendale news stories from 2009.
Check glendaleaz.com often to keep up with the latest city of Glendale news, programs and events.

JANUARY

- **Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.** The Fiesta Bowl hosted the Ohio State University Buckeyes and the University of Texas Longhorns. 2009 marked the Fiesta Bowl's third year in Glendale.
- **Glendale Debuts on Facebook.** Glendale entered the social media world with its own Facebook page where users of this widely popular Internet tool can now learn and connect with Glendale in an interactive environment.
- **Big Red Spirit.** The city of Glendale was painted red to proudly display our Cardinals fever all over the city as the Arizona Cardinals took on the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFC Championship. The Cardinals beat the Eagles and went on to play in Superbowl XLIII.

FEBRUARY

- **Chocolate Affaire.** Historic Downtown Glendale turned into a chocolate lover's paradise during the first week of February for the 14th annual *Glendale Chocolate Affaire*. The event matched its highest attendance ever recorded with 95,000 people in downtown Glendale. Click here for more information on Glendale's upcoming special events.

MARCH

- **Camelback Ranch-Glendale.** The state-of-the art spring training facility, Camelback Ranch-Glendale, hosted its first spring training season for the Chicago White Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers.
- **Green Festival.** The city of Glendale Water Conservation Office presented the *2009 Glendale Green Festival* on March 28th. This free event featured the SRP Water Conservation Expo along with informative displays and booths, green vendors, landscape classes, green-living workshops, and free giveaways.
- **Glendale Joins Twitter.** The city of Glendale continued to expand its use of social media to communicate with residents by joining Twitter. Click here to visit the Glendale Twitter page.
- **NCAA West Regional Basketball Championship.** The city of Glendale welcomed NCAA fans from University of Connecticut, Purdue University, the University of Memphis and the University of Missouri to the 2009 NCAA Men's West Regional Basketball championship on March 26 and March 28.

APRIL

- **CDBG Week.** The Mayor and Council proclaimed April 12-18 as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) week in recognition of the positive benefits achieved locally by this federally-funded program.
- **Stimulus Funds.** Glendale announced a new web page for residents and businesses to follow the funds received as a result of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and how they are being put to use in Glendale. Click here to visit the page.

MAY

- **"Click it or Ticket" Grant.** The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) awarded the Glendale Police Department a $10,000.00 grant for seat belt and child restraint violations enforcement.

JUNE

- **Shop Glendale 2009-10.** Glendale launched *Shop Glendale 2009-10!* The important tax dollars generated by making purchases in Glendale help fill library shelves with new books, replace the playground equipment at local parks and ensure that streetlights are always on.
- **Centennial Countdown.** Glendale kicked off its centennial year with a Centennial Concert & Old-fashioned Carnival in Murphy Park on June 18.
- **From the Heart.** Glendale's From The Heart Program distributed $224,500 to social service agencies.
- **2009 Spark Awards Recognize Residents.** Glendale recognized neighborhood leaders, community volunteers and businesses that have contributed to their community and improved the quality of the city's neighborhoods with Spark Awards at the Neighborhood Leadership Forum, on Saturday, June 27.

JULY

- **Glendale Debuts on YouTube.** Glendale created its own official YouTube channel featuring Glendale 11's award-winning videos. To view your favorite Glendale 11 cable shows and videos click here.
- **Deputy HUD Secretary in Glendale.** Deputy HUD Secretary Ron Simms visited Glendale and toured Glendale's Public Housing that was modernized with recovery act funds.
- **Special Art Honor.** The Circles of Time by Howard Meehan, the Myrtle Avenue entryway at Grand Avenue, was one of 40 artworks selected for the "2009 Year in Review Award" at the annual Americans for the Arts Convention. Read more.

AUGUST

- **Fire Station 151.** Fire Station 151 opened in its new location, 6851 N. 52nd Avenue, just south of Glendale Avenue. This station replaced Glendale's oldest active station, which opened in 1969.
- **Pet Food Drive.** Glendale's Building Safety department hosted a pet food drive through the month of August to help homeless pets in the West Valley.
- **Police Department Re-Accredited.** On August 1, a board from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) awarded re-accreditation to Chief Conrad of the Glendale Police Department.
- **Performing Arts.** The Glendale Arts Commission awarded 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.

SEPTEMBER

- **AARP Award.** The city of Glendale was named by AARP to its 2009 list of *Best Employers for Workers Over 50*. The City joined an impressive list of 50 honorees around the country and is the only city organization nationwide that has made the list.
- **Western Area Regional Park.** A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to open the new ramada complex at the city's western area regional park. This park project includes many exciting family-friendly features that will provide fun opportunities for residents of all ages.

OCTOBER

- **Parks and Recreation Accreditation.** The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department became the 80th agency in the country and internationally to have earned the national agency accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).
- **City Court Receives Domestic Violence Grant.** Glendale City Court and the Glendale Domestic Violence Taskforce received a $400,000 grant from the Department of Justice. The award represents the third consecutive Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant the Court and Taskforce have received.
- **Luke Forward Campaign.** The city of Glendale, along with other government and business leaders kicked off a statewide campaign on October 14, at the Arizona Capitol to bring the new F-35 joint strike fighter to Luke Air Force Base. Click here to register your support.
- **Domestic Violence Training Summit.** The Glendale City Court and Police Department held a Statewide DV Training Summit at the Glendale Civic Center on October 6th. Nationally-recognized speakers and local/state experts presented topics to state-wide domestic violence professionals.

NOVEMBER

- **Capitol Christmas Tree Visit.** The first-ever capitol Christmas tree from Arizona stopped in Glendale on its journey to Washington, D.C.
- **Best of the West Awards.** The Glendale Parks & Recreation Department won a WESTMARC Best of the West Award for the Grand Canal Linear Park and Trail located between 75th Avenue and Camelback Road, and State Route 101 and Bethany Home Road.
- **Glendale Glitters.** Glendale Glitters Spectacular in 2009 was unlike any other. As part of the city's centennial activities, two 100-years-young residents helped to turn on the Glendale Glitters holiday light display on November 27. Read more.

DECEMBER

- **UOP Stadium Named Top Venue.** Sports Illustrated named University of Phoenix Stadium as the best new sports venue of the decade.
- **Bond Rating.** The city of Glendale earned an Aa2 rating from Moody's Investors Service and an AA rating from Standard and Poor's, the industry leaders in credit ratings and financial reporting. Aa2 and AA ratings are the second-highest rank issued.
- **Camelback Ranch-Glendale.** Glendale's state-of-the-art spring training facility, Camelback Ranch-Glendale, was honored by Ballpark Digest with an Editor's Choice award for its bold re-imagining of the spring-training complex.

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