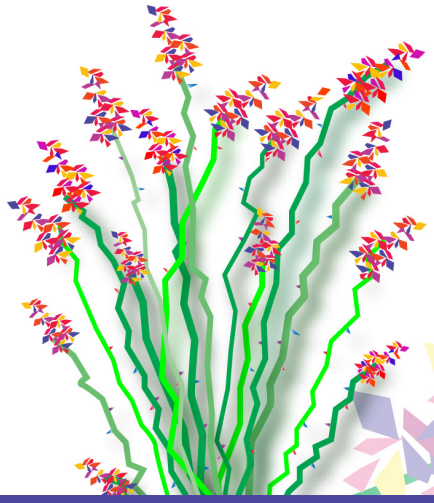

Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District

Councilmember Norma Alvarez **March 18, 2011**

Neighborhood Leaders Meeting

I would like to thank everyone who brought their ideas and neighborhood priorities to the meeting on Wednesday evening. Thanks again for your service as a neighborhood leader, your contribution to the city of Glendale is invaluable.

— Norma Alvarez

Free Glendale Family Health and Awareness Fair

April 2nd, 2011
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Glendale Family Health Center
5141 W. Lamar Rd.

- Medical Screenings
- Community Resources
- Children's Corner

Click here for an event flyer.

Important Web and Online Payment System Notification. The online and phone payment systems will be unavailable on Saturday, March 19, from 10:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. due to scheduled maintenance. This affects all online and phone payments including utility billing, court-related fine and traffic payments. Please plan to make your payments prior to this time.

Glendale's Downtown Events Aid Charities. Fun with a purpose. That's the philosophy behind the special promotions hosted in downtown Glendale. The latest proof that it works can be found in the 182 pairs of shoes donated to the Soles4Souls charity during the recent Paris in the Spring event organized by the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

The shoes were donated to Soles4Souls which is focused on getting all types of shoes – from sandals and pumps to work boots and cleats – to people in need.

The next charitable drive will be for new and gently used books to benefit Glendale libraries. The drive will be held in conjunction with the Annual Mother's Day Celebration on May 7. For details on the upcoming book drive and Mother's Day Celebration, click here or call 623-930-4500.

Disaster Preparedness Class for Graduates of GU. If a natural disaster hit Glendale, how would the city respond? How would you respond? A new class sponsored by Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office will educate residents on the city's emergency plan.

Registration is available now for this continuing education class for Glendale residents who have previously graduated from Glendale University's series of 101 classes. This two-session graduate course is an opportunity to find out how the city prepares for emergencies and organizes in response to disasters. Students will learn about the laws, processes and issues surrounding disaster preparedness, response and recovery. In addition, the class includes valuable information about how residents can help themselves and their families during a time of crisis.

This disaster preparedness course will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31 at the Glendale Training Facility, 11550 W. Glendale Ave., just west of the Glendale Landfill.

The deadline to register is March 25. For more information, or to register online, click here or call 623-930-2868.

Luke Days Open House and Air Show. The 56th Fighter Wing presents, *70 Years of Thunder Luke Days Open House and Air Show* on March 19 and 20. Luke Air Force Base opens its gates at 9 a.m. and flying begins at 11 a.m. both days. Click here for more information.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbird Aerial Demonstration Team's F-16 Fighting Falcons

Glendale Presents the 28th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival April 9-10. The city of Glendale's 28th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 9-10. Headlining the Blues Stage Saturday evening is Shemekia Copeland, daughter of late Texas blues guitar legend Johnny Clyde Copeland. Then on Sunday night, the 2010 Blues Foundation Soul Blues Male Artist of the Year, Curtis Salgado, will headline the Blues Stage. Read More.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule. Click here for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. Click here to watch a City Council meeting online.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Join us for the Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,Saturday and Sunday, March 19 & 20 at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Come out and enjoy over 200 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Click here for the schedule of activities including historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area and workshops led by accomplished entertainers. Admission and most activities are free. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Live at the Library. Join us for one of the West Valley's most popular monthly musical series – Live at the Library. The series is held on the fourth Thursday of the month and begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On March 24, Shay Veno and Jane Hilton will perform. This talented duo will provide an evening of heart-lifting Celtic tunes. For more information about the free music programs at the Glendale Main Library, call 623-930-3573.

Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up — Schedule before March 25! Eliminate toxic materials from your home through Glendale's free hazardous waste pick-up. The first 750 Glendale households that call for an appointment can schedule a home pick-up of hazardous waste. Residents can sign-up for this free service by contacting the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 before March 25. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and a list of common hazardous items, click here or call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

Green Festival, March 26. The fourth annual Glendale Green Festival will be held noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Glendale Main Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at 5959 W. Brown Street.

This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency, recycling, gardening, alternative modes of transportation, and other green-living practices. Click here for event details.

Walk-in Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15–3:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) advises on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call 602-745-7250.

Glendale Family Bike Ride. Join us for the Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Registration is from 7 to 9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. This is a ride for all levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways. This is a free ride with no registration fees. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for $10. Click here to register online.

Residents' Input Sought For GO Transportation Program. The 7th Annual GO Program Open House will be held from 4:30-7:00 p.m., April 13 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions on such projects as the Light Rail, Grand Avenue, the Northern Parkway, Loop 303, and the Grand Canal and New River bicycle paths. For more information call 623-930-2940.

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