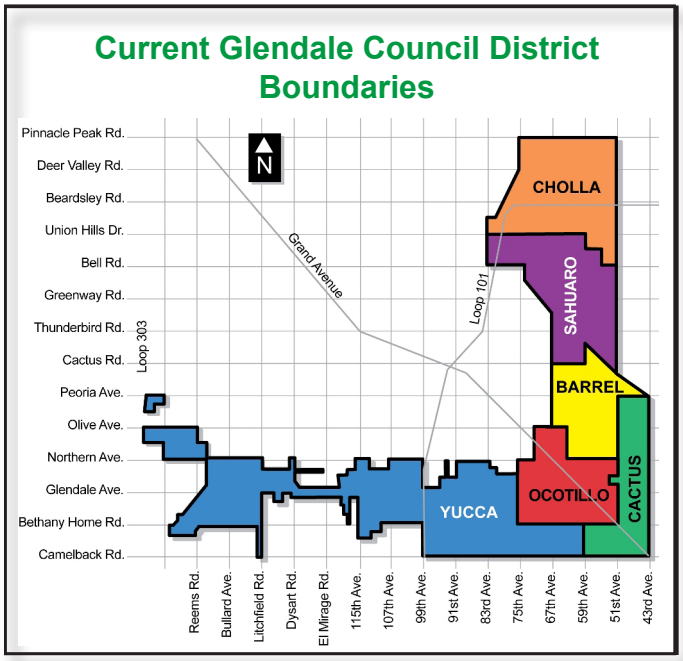
Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District

Councilmember Norma Alvarez **August 19, 2011**



Revisions Requested to Redistricting Maps. The City Council, at its Aug. 16 workshop session, requested revisions to redistricting maps developed by consultants and presented to the public for input over the summer.

The request for map revisions followed the consultant's recap of public comments, presentation of citizen-drawn maps, and councilmember discussion on keeping "communities of interest" together. The revisions would retain the positively received aspects of what had been labeled Plan A, "The Minimal Change Plan," and Plan C, "The Middle of the Road Plan."

The revised maps, which are to be developed by National Demographic Corporation, will be made available to the public as soon as they are complete and will be taken back to the Sept. 6 Glendale City Council workshop session. Changes to the map boundaries, along with updated demographic information for each district, will be posted on the city's website, www.glendaleaz.com. They'll also be available by calling the Redistricting Hotline at 623-930-2296.

At the Sept. 6 workshop, council will review the updated maps and direct consultants on what to bring back to the Sept. 13 city council meeting where a formal vote is expected to be taken on a preferred map to submit to the Department of Justice for review. Action at the Sept. 13 meeting will enable city staff to meet filing deadlines with the Maricopa County Election Department and the Department of Justice.

The public is encouraged to continue providing input on redistricting until new districts are approved by the Glendale City Council. Click here to fill out an online comment form. Comments can also be sent by Fax to (623) 463-6678 or mailed to: Pamela Hanna, Glendale City Clerk, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, Ste. 455, Glendale, AZ 85301.

Once approved and adopted, the final map of voting districts will be used in the city's 2012 election.

Promoting Community Involvement and Education Award Nominations. The city of Glendale's Hispanic Network (GHN) is seeking nominations of individuals and/or companies for its "Promoting Community Involvement and Education Award," which will be presented at the 2011 GHN Hispanic Heritage Breakfast in September.

The breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.

Each year Glendale celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with a breakfast to bring the community together. This year's guest speaker is former Arizona Diamondback Luis "Gonzo" Gonzalez.

All members of the public are invited to submit a nomination for the "Promoting Community Involvement and Education Award," which will honor an individual or a company that has made an impact in Maricopa County.

For more information about nominations or the upcoming event, click here or call 623-930-4722.

New Technology Unveiled at Glendale CVB Annual Meeting. Nearly 200 people attended the first-ever Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) annual meeting at the Glendale Civic Center yesterday (Aug. 18). Attendees got a special preview of some new web-based tools that will further connect visitors and residents with up-to-date information in an easy-to-read format.

The Glendale CVB prides itself on promoting its members and events through social media and current technology and, in keeping with this trend, the CVB launched a new mobile version of its popular website – www.visitglendale.com

Travelers, visitors and residents who want to learn more about the West Valley on-the-go can now log on via mobile device and get a streamlined version of the complete tourism website that will provide one-touch access to things such as visitor center hours; contact information; photo galleries; calendar of events; dining, shopping and other amenity listings; as well as instant online info request tools. Visitors to this mobile site also have the option of clicking to the complete desktop version of the website for even more information.

For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB. You can also stay in touch and up-to-date on travel tips, events and discounts at the website, www.VisitGlendale.com, or by following @GlendaleCVB on Twitter.

Shop Glendale Discount Card. The Shop Glendale Discount Card offers discounts that are valid everyday at a range of Glendale businesses – from Arrowhead Towne Center to Zethina Cosmetics & Skincare. The Shop Glendale card can be downloaded from the Glendale CVB website (www.VisitGlendale.com) or by visiting the Glendale Visitor Center at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.

Around Town

Small Stars Youth Sports Clinics. These 5-week, 10-date sports clinics for boys and girls ages 4 to 7, focus on fundamentals, skills and more! They are presented by Glendale Parks & Recreation as an introduction to organized sport leagues and are held at the Paseo Sports Complex, 63rd Ave. & Thunderbird Rd.

The fee of $60 for residents and $72 for non-residents includes a clinic t-shirt, a certificate of completion and a participation medal/ribbon. Parent/Guardian must be present during the entire clinic. For deadlines and more information, click here or call 623-930-2834.

- Clinic 1: SOCCER, TRACK & FIELD AND FLAG FOOTBALL, Tues./Thurs., Sept. 13-Oct. 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Code #724106-01)
- Clinic 2: SOCCER, TRACK & FIELD AND FLAG FOOTBALL, Tues./Thurs., Sept. 13-Oct. 13, 6:45-7:45 p.m. (Code #724106-02)
- Clinic 3: SOCCER, T-BALL AND BASKETBALL, Nov. 8.-Dec. 13, Tues./Thurs., 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Code #724106-03)
- Clinic 4: SOCCER, T-BALL ANDBASKETBALL, Tues./Thurs., Nov. 8-Dec. 13, 6:45-7:45 p.m. (Code #724106-04)

Free Job Searching Workshop at Glendale Main Library. This two-hour workshop focuses on developing, writing and distributing a basic resume and cover letter. In addition to content, format and style, participants will learn how to write, attach and use a cover letter and how to link effective resume and cover letter distribution to job-hunting goals. Steve Schrade will present "Writing a Winning Resume" from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, August 23 at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The job searching workshops are made possible in part by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, along with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. To register, click here or call 623-930-3546.

Bestselling Author William Dietrich – Authors @ the Teague. New York Times bestselling author and Pulitzer-winning journalist William Dietrich will discuss and sign his latest international thriller, "Blood of the Reich," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Foothills Coffeehouse. The Foothills Coffeehouse welcomes folk artists Tom Whitlock, and Linda Bilque on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m., in the Roadrunner Room at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Registration Now Open for Glendale University Fall 2011. Classes will be held in the evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning on September 8th, 2011. In order to graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the 10 classes. Each class highlights key functions of the city, such as finance, library, police and fire services. For information on classes and registration, click here.

Save the Date for Teddy Bear Day – Sept. 10. Celebrate Teddy Bear Day with your "beary" best friend! Join us for great deals, cool treats and furry fun in Historic Downtown Glendale. Call 623-930-4500 for more information.

ACT/SAT Practice Test. Getting ready to take your college entrance exams and not sure which test to take? Come take a Kaplan SAT/ACT combination test. This combo practice test will help students decide which test is right for them. The test will take place from noon to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, September 10 at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. To reserve your seat for this event, please visit www.kaptest.com/college or call 1-800-KAP-TEST.

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