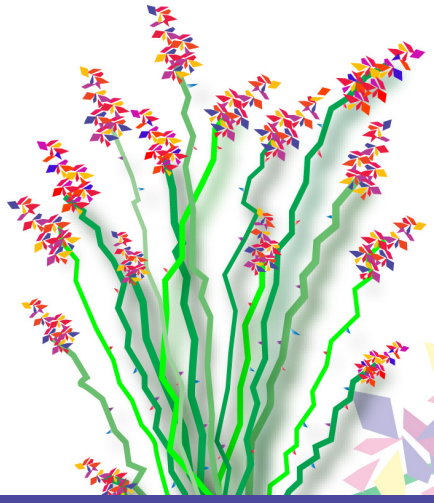

Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District

Councilmember Norma Alvarez **December 23, 2011**

Happy Holidays

Dear Ocotillo Neighbors,

Below is a map with the new Ocotillo District Boundaries. Some of you may find yourselves in a new district as a result of the recent redistricting approved by the Department of Justice. (See "City Receives Final Approval for Redistricting Map")

If your address is now outside of the district, please follow this link http://www.glendaleaz.com/CityCouncil/districtmap.cfm. Then find your city block on the map to locate your corresponding district. Click on your district to learn more about your new Councilmember, district news, Councilmember contact information and more.

To sign up for your new District's Bulletin, click here, then log on to Glendale Bulletins to update your account. If you are a new user, follow the quick and easy instructions to create a new account.

Happy Holidays!
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December & January Holiday Notices. City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday, and Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's holiday. Click here for information on service schedules and facility closures.

City Receives Final Approval for Redistricting Map. The city of Glendale has received notice from the United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, that the submitted redistricting map has been approved.

Glendale was required by City Charter and Arizona Revised Statute to reallocate the population among the six council districts based on the 2010 Census so each district would be of approximately equal population. The city instituted an aggressive outreach program including notices being sent to all residents, meetings in each council district as well as utilizing a hotline for residents, an online form to allow for comments about the maps, several television interviews explaining the subject on the city's TV station and the city's YouTube channel and newspaper articles. Information on the process was provided in English and Spanish. Residents participated by attending meetings and submitting their own maps and comments.

The new redistricting map becomes effective immediately and will be used in the next city election scheduled to take place on Aug. 28, 2012. City documents and web pages will be updated over the next several weeks to reflect the approved changes.

City of Glendale TV Shows Can Be Seen on PBS Affiliate's World Channel. Award winning television shows about the city of Glendale will now reach a wider audience as they air on Eight, Arizona PBS's World Channel. This innovative digital technology is designed for viewers who do not have cable or satellite, but can access channel 8.3 on their television. Read More.

Freedom Rider Jim Zwerg Keynote Speaker at Glendale's Annual Unity Day Event. Freedom Rider and minister Jim Zwerg will be the keynote speaker at Glendale's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Zwerg will recount the days of his life when he stood up for everyone's civil rights at the Unity Day Luncheon that celebrates the life and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This luncheon will be held Friday, January 13 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. with registration beginning at 11 a.m. ABC 15's Susan Casper will emcee the event, considered one of the state's premier celebrations bringing the community together in celebration of King's work and the ongoing efforts to promote a society that is just, peaceful and understanding.

Tickets to the event are $40 per person or $400 for a table of 10. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 623-930-2050 for ticket information. For more information about the Unity Day event, visit www.glendaleaz.com/unityday.

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - Jan. 2. Congratulations, Stanford and Oklahoma State, for being selected for the Jan. 2, 2012 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Arizona! The BCS group and the Fiesta Bowl announced recently that the game will be played Monday night, January 2, 2012. The game will be televised on ESPN. The Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, one of the five BCS bowls, will feature these two top-rated teams as measured by BCS standings. The game had previously been scheduled for Thursday, January 5th. Click here for Fiesta Bowl events, FAQs, ticket info and more!

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party. Glow, baby, glow! Glendale Glitters holiday light display concludes with the rockin' Glendale Glitter and Glow Block Party, on Jan. 14, from 4-11 p.m. with fun for the whole family! Thousands of people are expected to stroll along 16 blocks of closed streets in Historic Downtown Glendale, watch 20 tethered hot-air balloons gently expand as pilots fire them up, and enjoy 11 different bands performing rock, blues, country and pop music. Click here for more information.

Holiday-Related Trash Hinders Recycling Efforts. As the holidays approach, the city of Glendale's Sanitation Department faces a potential slow-down in its recycling efforts from well-meaning residents who are unaware of the holiday-related trash that cannot be recycled by the city.

In an effort to avoid this annual problem, the Sanitation Department issues this timely reminder of what is not allowed in curbside recycling containers.

- Ornaments
- Ribbons and bows
- Holiday wrapping paper
- Tissue Paper • Plastic gift bags
- Garland and tinsel • Paper plates
- Water resistant gift bags • Tree lights
- Holiday cards with glitter • Packing peanuts
- Holiday trees (artificial or real) • Bubble wrap
- Styrofoam • Extension cords • Food of any kind
- Plastic silverware
- Napkins

Glendale "Treecycling" Sites. Glendale residents are encouraged to recycle their live Christmas trees by dropping them off at the following sites. The "treecycling" sites will be open from Monday, Dec. 26 to Sunday, Jan. 8.

- Acoma Park, 53rd Avenue and Acoma Road
- Fire Station #156, 67th Avenue and Deer Valley Road
- Foothills Park, 57th Avenue and Union Hills Drive
- O'Neil Park, 64th and Missouri avenues
- Rose Lane Park, 51st and Marlette avenues
- Sahuaro Ranch Park, southeast corner of 63rd Avenue and Mountain View Road
- Western Area Regional Park, 83rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road

Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed. Trees collected at the recycling stations will be used for composting and mulch. For more information, click here or call 623-930-2660.

(See new Ocotillo District Map below.)

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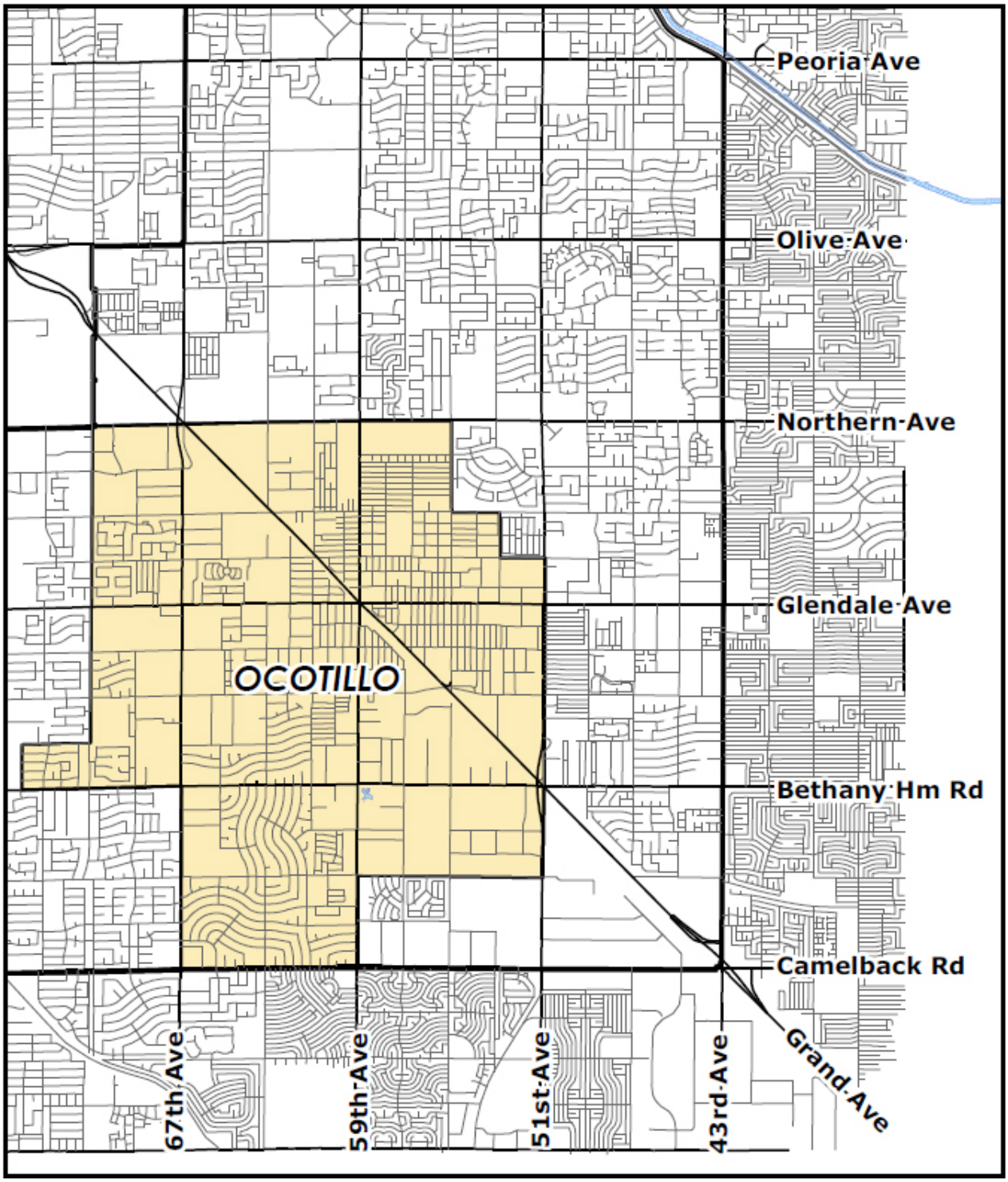

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