Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona **February 17, 2012**

Special thanks!

Thanks to all of you who came out to Arrowhead Towne Center on February 15th for my Neighborhood Dialogue.

I enjoyed meeting you and appreciate the feedback and input you provided. I also want to thank the staff at Arrowhead Towne Center for being so gracious and accommodating; they helped to make the event a success!

— Vice Mayor
Steve Frate

Presidents' Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents' Day. Click here for information on service date changes and facility closures.

Behind-The-Scenes Peek at City Government Offered in Glendale University Classes. Discover what you can find in your library, learn how the city's budget is put together and get an inside look at how your community is policed during Glendale University City Government "101." This special 10-session program offers a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works.

Applications are now being accepted for the spring Glendale University (GU) program. The classes will be held Mondays, March 12 through May 14. The first four classes and the May 14 graduation are 6-8:30 p.m. and the others are 6-9 p.m. The deadline for registering for Glendale University 101 is March 8. Click here for an application and more information or call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868.

Social Service Agencies Invited to "From The Heart" Grant Application Workshop. Representatives from social service agencies that serve Glendale residents are invited to a workshop on Wednesday, February 29 to learn how to apply for *From The Heart* grant funds.

The workshop will be held at 2 p.m. in room B-3 at Glendale City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Grant applications will be available at the workshop. Applications can also be downloaded online. To do so, click here then click "Documents" on the left side of the page.

In order to be considered for funding, social service agencies must be non-profit 501c3 organizations that serve Glendale residents. Agencies must also be operational for at least two years prior to applying for grant funds, which range from $2,500 to $20,000.

The deadline to submit a completed application packet is 4 p.m. Friday, March 16.

From The Heart's mission is to promote the positive development of youth, strengthen the capabilities of families and assist residents in addressing crisis needs. The program is a partnership with Glendale residents and businesses, the Gila River Indian Community and the city of Glendale. Funds are raised through the generosity of residents, who add $1 to their monthly city utility bill payments, and through corporate donations.

The Gila River Indian Community is providing a $75,000 match to the funds raised through resident and business donations. For more information on the *From The Heart* grant application process, call 623-930-2284.

2012-2013 Performing Arts Partnership Program. The Glendale Public Art Program is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Performing Arts Partnership Program. This program has been developed to motivate, increase and support the performing arts in the City of Glendale. The Glendale Arts Commission will only accept one proposal per organization. The Glendale Arts Commission awards support up to $4,000 per applicant in the fields of theater, dance and music. To be considered for this program the applicant must reside in, or work in partnership with, an organization domiciled within the city limits of Glendale. The deadline is 4 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2012. Click here for more information.

Glendale Celebrates Sweet Success With Downtown Festival Season. Glendale is attracting large numbers of visitors to its downtown due to the city's series of winter events, including Glendale Glitters, December holiday weekends, Glitter & Glow and the Glendale Chocolate Affaire. Thus far, the festivals have brought approximately 400,000 attendees to the area.

Last year, Glendale's entire season totaled about 400,000, meaning this season will certainly surpass that number, with the upcoming Jazz & Blues Festival adding to attendance overall. The city's series of Glitters-related festivities drew approximately 275,000 – an increase over 2010-11. Opening weekend attendance was 80,000; Spirit of Giving Weekend was 25,000; Winter Wonderland Weekend was 30,000; Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights was 40,000; and Glendale Glitter & Glow drew 100,000 in a single night! Click here for more information on Glendale's Events and Festivals.

Around Town

EX-STATIC- Excellence in Science, Technology and Team-based Interdisciplinary Creativity - Saturday, February 25, 2012, 1-5pm. EX-STATIC is part of a new dynamic! An ASU-based, all-campus challenge to students, faculty, staff, and community partners alike to showcase the very best examples of innovative research and practice in scientific, technological and artistic endeavor. Hosted by ASU's highly energized New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the West Campus, EX-STATIC will be celebrated during a daylong festival of entrepreneurial enterprise on February 25, 2012. Click here for more information.

Paris in the Spring. Experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris without making a trip half-way around the world from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 in downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. Visit Glendale's Paris in the Spring event for a worldly experience at an affordable price, free! Along with Paris in the Spring, enjoy First Saturdays and the Open Air Market the same day! For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

2012 State of the City Address. Mayor Elaine Scruggs will give her 2012 State of the City Address on Thursday, March 15 at the Glendale Civic Center in conjunction with the Glendale Chamber of Commerce's 61st Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon.

Tickets for the luncheon are $60 per person or $480 for a table of eight and can be purchased from the Glendale Chamber of Commerce by calling 623-937-4754. Registration begins at 10:45 a.m. and the luncheon program begins at 11:30 a.m. Click here for more information.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. This year's festival is an official Arizona Centennial event! Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Avenue. Enjoy 150 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Admission is free. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

20th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15. The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15.

The city of Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature fine artists working on-site, craft artisans and delicious food and beverages.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Glendale Family Bike Ride – April 15. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and 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's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride to pre-register beginning March 5. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for $10.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. For more information, call 623-930-2940.

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