Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Thanks to all the families who attended the **Sahuaro District Spring Fling** and to those who volunteered their Saturday to work at the event. The weather was beautiful and the event was a big success. More photos below or click here to view the photo gallery.

Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up. If you're doing any spring cleaning in the near future, make sure you dispose of your household hazardous waste properly. Glendale can help! The city is offering free pick-up service at your home.

Many residents do not realize that common household hazardous waste can be dangerous when mixed with other garbage material. Simple items that mix together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors that can harm city workers or others. In fact, Glendale Fire responds to 300 household hazardous waste incidents a year.

Residents can sign up for the free pick-up service, by contacting the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 750 households who call and schedule an appointment. Appointments will be accepted through Friday, March 20, with appointments being set for March 16 through April 3.

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

For more information, click here or call the Sanitation Division at (623) 930-2660.

Victim Assistance Unit Volunteers Needed. Victims of crimes often need immediate assistance to deal with what has happened. For over 33 years, the Victim Assistance Unit of the Glendale Police Department has been there to help. A large part of our assistance comes from interested volunteers that want to give back to their communities and lend a helping hand. Click here or call (623) 930-3723 for more information on this program and how you can help.

9th Annual Touch-A-Truck this Saturday. Trucks and large vehicles take center stage 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., February 28, at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave. This unique event is a wonderful opportunity for families to see, touch, interact with and learn about these vehicles and their functions. Bring your camera to get those special shots of your child sitting in the driver's seat of an 18 wheeler. Souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. Free admission! For more information, call (623) 930-2044.

Save the Date for "City of Glendale - Get Your Green On!" The city of Glendale Water Conservation Office invites you to attend the 2009 Glendale Green Festival featuring the SRP Water Conservation Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. This family-oriented free event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency and other green practices. The festival will feature informative displays and booths, green vendors, landscape classes, green-living workshops, free giveaways and a Family Zone powered by Radio Disney with all kinds of fun and games for all!

The SRP Water Conservation Expo and Green Workshops will be located at the Glendale Main Library's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street and the landscape classes and green vendor booths located nearby at the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 North 59th Avenue. Click here for more information and a schedule of events.

Around Town

Consumer Credit Classes. Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a non-profit organization, will be presenting the following two programs. Patrons may attend one session or both. Registration is required; to register or for more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

Surviving a Layoff:
March 2 at 10 a.m. at Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave. (623-930-3431)
March 4 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
April 20 at 7 p.m. at Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Keeping Debt under Control:
March 9 at 10 a.m. at Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave. (623-930-3431)
March 31 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Live at the Library. Glendale Main Library's Live at the Library takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the library's auditorium at 5959 W. Brown St. On March 5, enjoy John Doan, one of the few masters of the rare 20-string harp guitar. Doan has played with a diverse range of artists from pop star Donovan, folk legend Burl Ives, jazz ace Larry Carlton, Mason Williams (of "Classical Gas" fame), and as a member of The New Christy Minstrels.

That Thursday Thing! "The Dish." On Thursday, March19, come hungry and enjoy a culinary event in downtown Glendale with extended evening shopping hours and an opportunity to sample "The Dish," the ninth edition of Historic Downtown's cookbook. Event hours are 5 to 8 p.m.

Live entertainment will be located throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Enjoy an evening filled with live entertainment, free horse drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and much more! Ollie the Trolley will provide free trolley rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Start your night at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up your event map, and more.

The charity component for March is a canned food drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. The Glendale Visitor Center will be accepting canned goods and non-perishable food items to benefit the St. Mary's Food Bank. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-4500 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Enjoy over 150 performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on March 21 & 22 at Sahuaro Ranch Park's Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. The public is welcome to participate in FREE workshops such as "Guitar Finger Style" and "Songwriter's Circle" lead by accomplished entertainers. Admission and most activities are free. Whether you come for the music, to see a live blacksmithing demonstration or to learn more about the history of Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, this festival has something for the entire family to enjoy. For more information, call (623) 930-4200.

Know Someone In Need of Utility Assistance? The Glendale Community Action Program is hosting a one-day low income utility assistance pre-screening on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center Annex Building, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Glendale and West Valley residents who live in Avondale, Buckeye, Gila Bend, Peoria, Tolleson, El Mirage and Wickenburg are welcome to attend on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, including the documentation that applicants must bring, visit www.glendaleaz.com or call (623) 930-2854.

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