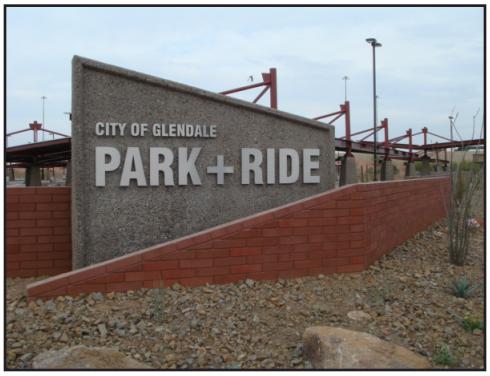
Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona **September 26, 2008**



Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards.

Glendale Park + Ride. Glendale's first park and ride recently picked up a major accolade at the Valley Forward 28th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards.

The Valley Forward Association recognized the new park and ride for its innovative environmental design by awarding the city of Glendale an Award of Merit in the Site Development and Landscape category for Industrial and Public Works.

The Glendale Park and Ride, located at 99th and Glendale avenues, was designed to operate as an express bus transit facility and a local transit stop, which serves riders along Glendale Avenue.

The facility includes parking canopies, passenger walkways, shelters at Glendale Avenue, a security building with security cameras and a platform. Various "green" engineering techniques were applied in this project, making it an example project for architects and engineers around the country. Read more.

Glendale Outdoor Environmental Classroom. The Glendale Main Library's unique combination of the environment and education has been celebrated for its efforts. The library was recognized at the Valley Forward Association's 28th Annual Environmental Excellence Award Ceremony for its Art in Public Places.

The Valley Forward Association presented the city of Glendale Library with the Crescordia, which was given as the highest honor in the category of Art in Public Places for its modern and functional architecture intertwined with impressive landscape. The classroom was designed by Matthew and Maria Salenger of coLab Studio.

Children and adults can learn about the beauty and importance of the natural Sonoran desert at the Glendale outdoor environmental classroom. The artwork bends itself to the forms of the existing landscape.

The outdoor classroom is part of the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, which features 400 species of low-water-use plants. For more information about Glendale's Public Art Program, click here. For more information about the Environmental Resources Department, including upcoming classes, click here.

City Service Updates.

- The Glendale Sanitation Division is once again offering residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted **household hazardous waste** with its home collection service Monday, Oct. 20 to Friday, Nov. 7. Residents can sign-up for the service, beginning Monday, Sept. 29 through October 24 by contacting the Sanitation Division. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and the first 750 households will be eligible for the service. Click here or call (623) 930-2660 for more information.

- Beginning in October, residents' **water and sewer rates** will be adjusted. Click here or call (623) 930-2700 for details on the changes.

Abandoned or Foreclosed Property Tips. Are you concerned about an abandoned home in your neighborhood or HOA? The city has a new web page that provides guidance to residents who may be concerned about vacant homes, code violations or graffiti. City programs and departments are listed that can address these issues, along with contact phone numbers and links.

For those who may be facing foreclosure, the site lists free local counseling as well as social services for help during difficult financial times. Click here to visit the site.

2008 Glendale Hispanic Network Breakfast. The Glendale Hispanic Network (GHN) will sponsor a community breakfast in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:45 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn in Historic Downtown Glendale. Frank Camacho will be the keynote speaker for the breakfast. Camacho is the weekend news co-anchor/general assignment reporter for 3TV.

Doors will open at 7:15 a.m. and the program will begin at 7:45 a.m. There will be a special performance by Ballet Folklorico Estrella Azul. A special commemoration of World War II medal of honor recipient and late Glendale resident Silvestre Herrera will also take place.

Individual tickets are $35 per person or $350 per table. Tickets can be purchased at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn, Suite 140 or by calling (623) 930-4502. The Visitor Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the event, please call (623) 930.2829. **Oct. 3 is the deadline for purchasing tickets**. Read more.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council Meeting schedule.

Glendale HOA Training Academy. This eight session educational program is open to all Glendale Homeowners Association (HOA) board members and residents who want to learn how to more effectively manage, lead or participate in their HOA. Each class highlights a different topic. HOA classes will be on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The course runs Oct. 7 through Nov. 1.

For more information, including a registration form and list of featured topics for each class, click here and scroll down to **HOA Training Academy**.

VIN Etching – Saturday. Bring your vehicle to the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown Street, on Saturday, September 27 or October 25 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for free VIN Etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching the vehicle's 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number on each window on the vehicle and serves as a visual deterrent against auto theft. As owner of the vehicle, you must show proof of ownership, current registration and complete a consent form. Call the Glendale Police Department at (623) 930-3328 for more information. Read more.

Understanding Your Landscape Watering System. Get the basics on understanding how your drip irrigation and sprinklers work and how to water properly. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 30 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., in the Large Meeting Room. Read more. Call (623) 930-3760 to register.

Art Awakenings Exhibit – Closes Oct. 2. "Art Awakenings" at the Glendale Adult Center includes the work of new members and the most successful work from the recent workshops. The exhibit will show through October 2 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 West Brown St. The center is open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday. Click here to visit the Art Awakenings Web site.

Fire Prevention Parade. The Glendale Fire Department will host the 26th Annual Fire Prevention Parade sponsored by Southwest Gas, in downtown Glendale on Oct. 4. The ever-popular parade will begin at 10 a.m., traveling west on Glendale Avenue from 52nd to 58th avenues. It will feature fire vehicles, clowns, scouts and much more! The parade will end at Murphy Park, where families will find a fun safety fair which will include food vendors, arts and crafts, safety information booths, live music, attractions for the kids and a static display of fire apparatus from around the state. The fair will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, click here or call the Fire Department at (623) 703-1571.

All About Grass. Learn how to care for and maintain your lawn with tips on proper installation and watering of winter lawns. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 9 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., in the Large Meeting Room. Read more. Call (623) 930-3760 to register.

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