Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **January 9, 2009**

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party

Yucca District Neighborhood Improvement Grants Update

Emerald Point Neighborhood – Contracts are being prepared the improvement of one of the neighborhood's public retention basins on the east side of 83rd Avenue. This project also includes the painting of the perimeter subdivision wall in the same area. This grant was awarded in the fall of 2008.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party. Glendale wraps up the holiday season with its annual Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 17, from 4-10 p.m. and an extra hour of fun for the "After Glow" from 10-11 p.m., with free admission and free parking!

Bring the whole family to take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with dozens of hot air balloons glowing softly amidst the trees throughout 12 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. More than 75,000 people will stroll the sidewalks and watch tethered balloons gently expand as pilots fire them up, enjoying more than a dozen bands performing all genres of music, as well as vibrant street performers for a climactic finale to a festive season.

Free parking shuttles will be available from 3:30 until 11:30 p.m. from Glendale Community College, located at 59th and Olive avenues. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2299.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day Project. Volunteer groups are needed to pick citrus at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical area for use in food boxes on Saturday, January 17. This project will benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. The vitamin-rich citrus will be distributed to families in need.

Throughout his life, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. advocated peace, unity and service and was committed to creating change in his community. Join others on Saturday, January 17th for the 2009 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, in commemoration of the life and legacy of Dr. King. This project is sponsored by the City of Glendale Community Volunteer program and the HandsOn Greater Phoenix organization. Sahuaro Ranch Park is located at 9802 N. 59th Avenue. Volunteers should meet at the park ramadas at 9 a.m.

To volunteer, call HandsOn Greater Phoenix at (602) 973-2212 or register on their Web site at www.handsonphoenix.org

Glendale PD to Warn On License Frames for 30 Days. The Glendale Police Department has elected to issue only warnings for the first 30 days regarding the new law about the proper display of license plates. They will also use the 30 days to educate the motoring public about the new law when drivers are stopped for other reasons.

As of January 1st, ARS 28-2354 was revised to include a provision that the word "Arizona" not be obscured on Arizona license plates. Many after-market license plate frames do, in fact, cover the word Arizona, and would cause the driver to receive a ticket.

A Day at the Legislature, January 22. You are invited to attend a free legislative program at the State Capitol sponsored by the city of Glendale. The day will begin with a full breakfast at 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 22 at the Glendale Civic Center, Onyx Room, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Breakfast will be followed by welcoming remarks by Mayor Elaine Scruggs. After the morning session, participants will take a chartered bus to the Capitol. While at the capitol, Glendale participants will have the opportunity to see first-hand where Arizona law is made. The bus will head back to Glendale at 11:45 a.m., returning to the Glendale Civic Center at approximately 12:30 p.m. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for an exciting day at the Capitol! **A Day at the Legislature** is available to city of Glendale residents at no charge. RSVP required by January 15, 2009 by calling (623) 930-2813 or via email to dburt@glendaleaz.com.

Glendale on Facebook. If you use Facebook, check out Glendale's new page. Users can find Glendale under the geographic groups section of Facebook and join the city's group.

The city's page includes essential information tailored for residents, visitors and sports enthusiasts. All information offers links that direct users back to the city's main Web sites for more detailed information. Facebook users can also view photos of popular destinations and events in Glendale and watch short videos produced by the city's award-winning cable station, Glendale 11.

Facebook is a free-access social networking Web site and people are welcome to join this site at www.facebook.com. An account needs to be established prior to joining a group.

Around Town

Treecycling. This is the last weekend to recycle Christmas trees at Glendale sites. The "treecycling" sites will be open through Jan. 11. Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed. For more information, call (623) 930-2660 or click here to view locations.

City Council Installation Ceremony - January 13, 2009. Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs and the Glendale City Council cordially invite you to attend the Installation Ceremony for Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Councilmember Joyce Clark, Councilmember Steve Frate and Councilmember Phil Lieberman at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in the City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Click here to RSVP.

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. Join us for "West African Traditional Folklore." In his trips to West Africa, Mali, Senegal and Ghana, performer Keith Johnson has learned how drums are another form of communication tonal language. He will perform on January 15 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. As one of the state's premier celebrations of Dr. King's life and the ideals his name so symbolically represents, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon demonstrates Glendale's commitment to create a society that is more just, peaceful and understanding.

The public is invited to attend the event from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn. Drive.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Saturday, exclusive of city holidays. Tickets are $40 per person. For more information, click here or call the Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500.

"Be a Lifesaver." The Glendale Fire Department and their partners are very excited to bring you FREE life saving classes. They are teaching a new form of CPR called CCC (Continuous Chest Compressions). Classes are only two hours long and are held monthly. Please feel free to include your friends and family in the class. The next class will be held at 7 p.m. January 15 at Midwestern University, 19555 N. 59th Avenue. To learn more about CCC-CPR & see our 2009 calendar visit www.azshare.gov.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party. Saturday, Jan. 17th, 4-10 p.m. See story above.

Martin Luther King Day. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. For information on holiday changes in Sanitation services click here.

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