Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **March 4, 2011**

Best of Show: DJ Berard

Architecture: Elena Golberg

Announcing the Winners of the 2011 Glendale Plein Air Painting Event

In only its second year, 54 artists entered the 2011 Glendale Plein Air Painting event, held on Saturday, February 5, in conjunction with the Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire. The artwork is currently on display at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 West Brown Street. Learn more about the event and see photos of the winning artwork by visiting www.glendaleaz.com/arts.

Downtown Glendale Hosts Three Events in One Day – March 5

Artwerks First Saturdays

Walkway off 58th Ave. & Glendale
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
First Saturdays showcases artists at work, while encouraging visitors to tour historic downtown Glendale, enjoy its boutiques, shops and dining options. Working artists set-up in the renovated walkway just east of downtown Murphy Park at 58th Avenue. First Saturdays, an initiative of Artwerks Lateral 58, is aimed at helping the local arts community connect with the unique businesses in Glendale's Centerline District while creating a free cultural event for the public.

Paris in the Spring French Market and Sidewalk Cafe

Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Bring along your beret and enjoy entertainment, an art show, French Market, shopping and dining all with a Parisian theme! Start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking and event map. The first 250 visitors will receive a free gift bag. The Glendale Visitor Center is also collecting new and gently worn shoes to benefit Soles4Souls, a non-profit charity which provides shoes to adults and children in need. Soles4Souls accepts all types of shoes: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance and flip flops.

Open Air Market

5734 W. Glendale Avenue, Historic Downtown Glendale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Enjoy a beautiful spring day at a fun outside market in the heart of Glendale's historic shopping district. The market features antiques, collectibles, art, treasures, crafts and food.

And, on the same day, a culinary festival titled TASTE will be held in Murphy Park. For more information about the March 5 events, click here or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Civic Center Receives Top Ranking Award. For the fourth consecutive year, the Glendale Civic Center is listed as one of the top five meeting and convention facilities in the state by Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business. The business opinion poll, conducted annually by "*Arizona Business Magazine*," includes more than 250 business and leisure categories and is based on the largest opinion poll in Arizona.

The Glendale Civic Center offers 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space and partners with its official caterer, Arizona Catering. For more information, call (623) 930-4300. For rates, menus, room layouts, photos and an online video tour, visit www.glendaleciviccenter.com.

From the Heart Applications Due March 14. From the Heart is a unique partnership of Glendale residents, the city of Glendale, the BHHS Legacy Foundation and local community agencies. Every "From the Heart" dollar stays right here in our community to support social service agencies that serve Glendale residents. The city is currently accepting applications from social service agencies that are non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and serve Glendale residents. For more information on the program and the application process, click here.

Springtime Permit 101 Class. Spring is "Home Sweet Home" improvement for many homeowners in Glendale! The Building Safety Department is seeing a remodeling permit boom, which has resulted in a 35 percent increase in residential permits and 22 percent increase in solar permits in the last year.

The city is offering consumers a special class with the tips they need to stay safe and save money during renovations. The class will teach residents how to get a permit for construction projects, an explanation of why permits are necessary, how to fill out the required paperwork and what the possible costs are associated with these projects.

The Glendale Building Safety Department and Home Depot have teamed up to get these important safety messages to those who are actively working on projects. The class is scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, March 19 at the Home Depot at 67th Avenue. and Bell Road. To reserve a spot in the class, call 623-930-2800.

For more information on the free permit 101 class or general information on how to obtain a building permit, call 623-930-2800 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/buildingsafety.

Weekend Loop 101 Closure. Loop 101 northbound will be closed between Camelback Road and Peoria Avenue for the HOV lane project from 11 p.m. Friday, March 4 through 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5. Alternate routes include 91st and 99th avenues. Then, Loop 101 northbound will be narrowed to one lane in the same area through 5 a.m. Monday, March 7.

Please allow extra travel time. Click here for a complete list of weekend freeway closures.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule. Click here for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. Click here to watch a City Council meeting online.

Nominations for Promoting Diversity Award 2011 due March 11. Each year, the city of Glendale and the Glendale Chamber Foundation recognize the accomplishments of Maricopa County residents who contribute significantly to creating a diverse and inclusive community. Glendale is now seeking nominations for the 2011 Promoting Diversity Award in honor of the late César Chávez. The award commemorates the powerful life and legacy of Chávez.

For more information about the Promoting Diversity Award and to download the nomination instructions, click here. Nominations must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. March 11, 2011.

The recipient of the award will be honored at the César Chávez Celebrating Diversity Breakfast on March 31 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Helios Education Foundation president and CEO Paul J. Luna will give the keynote address at the event. For more information about the breakfast call the Glendale Chamber of Commerce at 623-937-4754.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Join us for the Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,Saturday and Sunday, March 19 & 20 at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Come out and enjoy over 200 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Click here for the schedule of activities including historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area and workshops led by accomplished entertainers. Admission and most activities are free. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Green Festival, March 26. The fourth annual Glendale Green Festival will be held noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Glendale Main Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at 5959 W. Brown Street.

This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency, recycling, gardening, alternative modes of transportation, and other green-living practices. Click here for event details.

2011 Glendale Family Bike Ride - Online Registration Now Open! The Glendale Family Bike Ride will be held on Sunday, April 10, at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Registration is now open. First 500 people to register are guaranteed a free T-shirt. Click here to register online.

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