Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

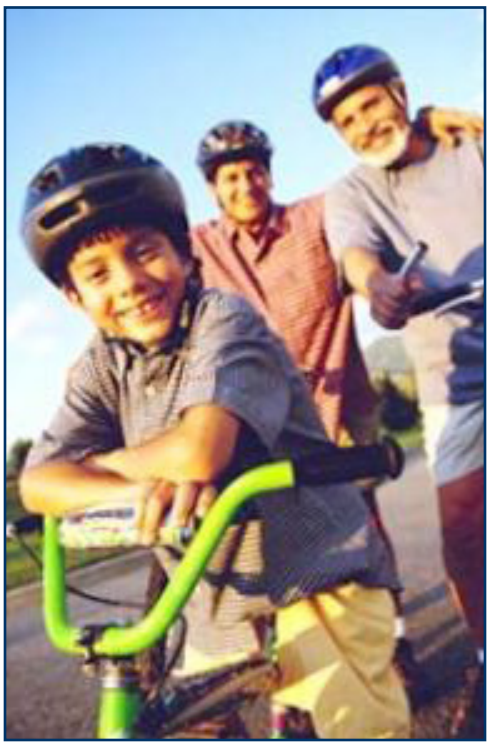
Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **March 13, 2009**

Yucca District Meeting

Wednesday, April 22
6:30 p.m.
Coyote Ridge School
7677 W. Bethany Home Rd.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (623) 930-2878



Code Enforcement Amendment Approved. The Glendale City Council approved an amendment to the city code which will streamline the civil code enforcement process, helping city officials address problem properties in a more efficient manner.

The amendment to the code will eliminate a step in the code enforcement process. Code inspectors will now be able to issue civil citations without having to go through other departments, such as the City Court. This new process will especially address the issue of repeat offenders, those who have not addressed their compliance issues who must appear in court. Furthermore, it will make code inspectors' jobs more efficient, and bring forth a quicker resolution for neighborhoods affected by repeat-offending properties.

For more information on Code Compliance and the new amendment call (623) 930-3610.

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.

REMINDER! Deadline for Hazardous Waste Pick-Up Appointments, March 20. 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 and appointments will be accepted through Friday, March 20. Read more For more information, call the Sanitation Division at (623) 930-2660.

2009 NCAA Tournament Comes to Glendale March 26 and 28. The road to the 'Final Four' comes through Glendale, Arizona this year as the NCAA 2009 Division I Men's Basketball Championship takes center stage at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona March 26 and 28. Read more

Two Spring Family Bike Events. Get that Bike ready for some peddling action. Glendale is hosting two bicycle-related events for the public.

A new event this year is the **Glendale Family Bike Rodeo**, which was created to help families prepare for the upcoming Glendale Family Bike Ride. Staff from the Glendale

Transportation Department will be teaching bicycle safety and instruction to kids of all ages on Saturday, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Northern Horizon Park, located at 63rd Ave. and Northern. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Bike rodeo participants will go through an obstacle skills course, featuring five interactive learning stations. Individuals will learn how to ride safely and get tips on what to do in a real life situation. For more information call (623) 930-2662.

Back by popular demand, the **2009 Glendale Family Bike Ride** is Sunday, April 19, at Sahuaro Ranch Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. Registration for the ride is 7 to 9 a.m. with the bike ride beginning at 8 a.m. Participants will enjoy a free 6- or 12-mile leisurely bicycle ride through Glendale neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo Pathway. Read more.

Around Town

Tips on Improving Your Chances in a Job Search. When the economy is as tough as it is today, the savvy job seeker has to be even tougher in order to succeed. To beat the fierce competition for the good jobs, one's job search strategies must be cutting-edge.

Jump-start your job search by attending the free "How to Succeed in Your Job Search: Advice from the Experts" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 24 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

A panel of skilled professionals gathered by the Résumé Writers Council of Arizona (RWCA) will lead a discussion, along with Q&A, on four vital job search areas:

1. Your career: focus and planning
2. Résumé development: what works and what does not
3. Interviewing skills: turning a prospective employer into your employer
4. Job search process: steps include effective networking and online resume distribution

RWCA members will be available to evaluate your current résumé, giving you tips to improve how you look in print. To register, call (623) 930-3552.

The Glendale Coffeehouse Always Delivers Good Fun. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On Mar. 18, returning musicians include Tom Whitlock, delivering great folk and contemporary music; Bill Turner, with traditional and original country-style guitar; and Tom Connor, a wonderful musician who is in town for a brief visit. Admission is free. For more information, call Anne at (623) 930-3573.

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 19, "Zen Cowboy" Chuck Pyle mixes infectiously "hummable" melodies with straight-from-the-saddle poetry, quoting bumper stickers, proverbs, world leaders and old cowboys.

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. This unique festival will include family entertainment, historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, a children's stage and activity area and much more! Food/snacks will be available for purchase. 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.

Thunder in the Desert 2009. Join us for Luke's "Thunder in the Desert" on March 21 and 22. Luke's "Thunder in the Desert" 2009 Open House is a two-day event at Luke Air Force Base and one of the most diverse air shows in America. The U.S. Air Force's Aerial Demonstration Team, the Thunderbirds, will bring their special brand of high-flying excitement to this year's show as well as numerous other aircraft and ground displays, exhibits, and attractions.

General admission to "Thunder in the Desert" is free. Off-base parking will be available for a small fee. Read more.

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. to 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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