Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. June 5, 2009

Boards & Commissions. The Glendale City Council has appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Many thanks to Yucca District resident Mary Lou McNeill, Historic Preservation Commission, and all the others who have volunteered to serve.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group or for more information, click here or call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Hook a Kid on Golf Clinic. Get your kids, ages 8-13 years old, outdoors and learning something new with Glendale Parks & Recreation Department's Hook a Kid on Golf clinic.

The week-long program is an introductory clinic that teaches golf skill development to kids who may not have had the opportunity to learn yet. It is a complete introduction to the sport, including group lessons, a set of golf clubs and a golf bag, apparel, hat and golf balls, all for just $200 for Glendale residents, or $240 for non-residents. Click here or call (623) 930-2820 to register.

The sessions are from 8-11 a.m. on the following dates:

- June 8-12, Glen Lakes Municipal Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave. (sign up by June 4/code #433111-11)
- June 22-26, Desert Mirage Golf Course, 8710 W. Maryland Ave. (sign up by June 12/code #433111-21)
- July 13-17, Glen Lakes Municipal Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave. (sign up by July 2/code #433111-31)
- July 20-24, Desert Mirage Golf Course, 8710 W. Maryland Ave. (sign up by July 10/code # code #433111-41)

2009 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. Congratulations to Nelda Crowell, this year's recipient of the Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award.

The Historic Preservation Commission selected Ms. Crowell, Archivist for the Thunderbird School of Global Management, from among five nominees, all of whom have made outstanding contributions to Glendale's historic heritage. Nelda has meticulously collected, preserved, organized, and promoted a vast collection of documents that record the history of a community landmark from its beginning as Thunderbird Field, a training facility for World War II pilots, to its present status as Thunderbird School of Global Management. Thunderbird has played a significant role in both local and national history. Click here for more information on this award.

Citizen Police Academy. The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy that starts on August 12, 2009. The Citizen Academy is a free program designed to give participants a chance to learn, hands on, about police operations, such as the use of canines, crime scene investigations, tactical operations and more.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age, undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. the Police Department provides the fingerprint service as part of the application process. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than July 22nd.

The academy is 11 weeks long and most classes are held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center. (There are two Saturday classes, and one Monday and Tuesday evening class.) Click here to apply online. For more information, call (623) 772-7118.

Friday Nite Lights. Enjoy late night shopping and dining and a hometown atmosphere for Friday Nite Lights in Catlin Court every third Friday from 5-9 p.m. Stroll along brick-lined sidewalks and enjoy charming bungalows-turned-shops, where you'll find treasures you won't be able to leave behind! The Catlin Court Shopping District is located at 58th Avenue and Palmaire. For more information click here or call (623) 930-4500.

Around Town

Reel Talk Film/Discussion Series. "Arsenic and Old Lace" (1944) directed by Frank Capra will be shown at 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 6 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Film scholar Jeannie Berg will lead a discussion following the film. This series is free. Call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

Tips for Job Hunters. "Getting That Job: Tips for Job Hunters" will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 8 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The two-hour program will repeat on July 13 and August 10. Get suggestions on preparing a resume and interviewing techniques. This free workshop will provide resume formatting assistance, plus interview practice, complete with useful critiques. Bring a floppy or a pin drive to save your resume. Space is limited in this free class, so reservations are required. RSVPs begin on June 1; please call (623) 930-3431 to sign up.

Summer Band Concert June 11. Enjoy renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes 8 p.m., Thursday evenings, June 4 thru July 23. It's FREE and the entire family is welcome! The concerts take place in Historic Downtown Glendale at the Glendale Amphitheater, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, but please leave pets at home. For more information, call (623) 930-2042.

Couples and Money – Whether you are planning to get married or have been married for a long time, some couples never get around to having "The Talk." Learn how to communicate with your partner about money. This class covers communication, assessing your combined finances, setting priorities and goals, determining your new budget, deciding on a plan of action and making the commitment. Join us for one of two free seminars at 9:30 a.m., Monday, June 15 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. or at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 16 at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Reservations are not necessary to attend these free classes. For more information, call Velma Teague Branch at (623) 930-3431 or the Main Library at (623) 930-3531.

Centennial Concert & Carnival June 18. Glendale's centennial year is about to kick off with some old-fashioned summer fun! The city has planned a Centennial Concert & Carnival on Thursday, June 18, from 6-9 p.m. at Murphy Park in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Glendale's Summer Band Concert will take place that Thursday evening, beginning at 8 p.m. For the Centennial kickoff, the band will perform a special show celebrating music from each decade from the last 100 years.

The prelude to the concert will be an old-fashioned carnival hearkening back to Glendale's earlier days. Highlights will include a classic car exposition, antique police cars and fire engines, as well as a demonstration and display from the Glendale Historical Society.

The city of Glendale will celebrate its official anniversary as an incorporated city on June 18, 2010. Throughout the year, the city will honor its centennial at various events and activities.

This event is made possible with the generous support of our sponsors, including Sanderson Ford, the Glendale Star, Safeway, Papa Ed's Ice Cream and Kalil Bottling. For more information, call (623) 930-4500. Click here for all the details.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Join us on June 25 at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2035.

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