Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **June 25, 2010**

2010 Leadership Forum and Spark Awards. Glendale's Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods will host its annual Neighborhood Leadership Forum and Spark Awards Ceremony tomorrow morning, Saturday, June 26 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Vineyard Church, 6250 W. Peoria Ave.

This event is sponsored each year by the commission to encourage residents to network with each other and to celebrate the neighborhoods' successes.

The breakfast is free and open to all Glendale residents, neighborhood leaders, community volunteers and business owners. Mayor Elaine Scruggs will provide opening comments and the theme, "Recognizing Diversity in Glendale" is the focus of the keynote speech by Glendale's Diversity Program Manager, Don Logan.

The recipients of the annual Spark Awards will be recognized at the event. The awards recognize individuals, groups and organizations for their exemplary leadership and continued contributions to Glendale.

In addition, a non-perishable food drive to benefit the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance will take place and those who participate will receive a raffle ticket. Call (623) 930-2868 for more information.

Circles of Time
Myrtle Avenue Historic Entryway
Read more.

Morcomb Adobe House and Service Station Restoration Project. A historical corner in Glendale that houses one of the only remaining exposed adobe homes is getting a makeover. Downtown's Morcomb Adobe House and service station will be renovated to look like it once did in its earlier days, providing lasting evidence of Glendale's heritage and history.

The building, located at Grand and Myrtle avenues, is part of a renovation project funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior. The city has been restoring this area, known as the Myrtle Avenue Historic Entryway, since 2006. This most recent update involves exterior and interior restoration of both the service station and adobe house, including roof repair and Adobe protection.

Visitors and residents are welcome to visit the Myrtle Avenue Historic Entryway which has also become a popular stop on various historic preservation tours.

DUI Enforcement. In March, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) awarded the Glendale Police Department with a $40,000 grant for DUI enforcement. Year round, officers from the Glendale Police Department partner up with GOHS and other local agencies to put on DUI task forces.

A DUI is recognized as a violent crime. According to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) more than 11,000 people lost their lives in accidents in 2008 involving a drunk driver. This grant supplements proactive DUI enforcement such as multi-agency task forces allowing our department to provide more coverage of officers for a bigger impact on DUI violators; reducing the threat on our roadways.

The penalties for driving impaired are serious and include mandatory jail time, thousands of dollars in fees and court fines, driver license suspension and vehicle impoundment, but nothing is as serious as the loss of life. Have a designated driver or take a taxi and stay safe.

Glendale Selected for New Solar Manufacturing Facility. Linamar Solar Systems, a division of Linamar Corporation based in Canada, has selected Glendale for its new Power Conversion Unit (PCU) production facility. Linamar Solar signed a five-year lease for a 76,000-square-foot industrial building in Glendale's Airpark.

Linamar Solar Systems plans to hire 52 positions and expand to 75 employees by its third year of operation. The company will produce and assemble the PCUs for Stirling Energy Systems (SES) utility scale solar SunCatcherTM systems. Glendale estimates the economic impact to the city at $500,000 during the course of the lease. Glendale worked with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) to locate Linamar in the city.

For more information on Linamar, visit www.linamar.com, and for more information on Glendale's Economic Development Department, click here.

Bella Villagio Rezoning Approved. A significant development project in the heart of Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District is moving forward after Tuesday's General Plan Amendment and rezoning approval by the Glendale City Council.

Bella Villagio, a 47-acre mixed use project located at 99th Ave. and Bethany Home Rd., offers future opportunities for new office, retail, dining and hotels.

The property recently came out of foreclosure with new owners prepared to develop the site plan and file for design review, which are the next steps in the process, prior to construction.

The land and its use was rezoned from agricultural to entertainment mixed use as part of the overall plan to continue enhancing and growing the city's sports and entertainment district. For more information about Glendale's Planning Department, click here.

Around Town

Reel Talk Film Series. Mary Poppins (1964), starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke, will be shown at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 26 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Authors @ the Teague. Beth Hoffman will discuss and sign her bestselling first novel, Saving CeeCee Honeycutt at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. For more information, please call (623) 930-3439. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Help Get Your Business Off the Ground. Instructors from the Maricopa Community Colleges Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 28 to offer "Business Launch." The free seminar is designed for individuals who are in the early stages of starting a business.

This once-a-month workshop answers most of the basic questions that a prospective business owner would have, such as how to develop a business plan, how to obtain financing and types of business ownership. To register, call (480) 784-0590.

Acoustic Jam Session. This evening of musical fun is an opportunity for everyone to bring their acoustic instruments and play round-robin style. Audience members are always welcome. Join us at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 30 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, in the large meeting room. For more information call (623) 930-3573.

Celebration of Independence Day Summer Band Concert. Enjoy renditions of marches and ballads with a patriotic theme at 8 p.m., Thursday, July 1. It's FREE and the entire family is welcome! The concert will take place in Historic Downtown Glendale at the Glendale Amphitheater, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Click here for more information.

Reel Talk Film Series. Superman the Movie (1978), starring Christopher Reeve, Marlon Brando, Gene Hackman will play at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 3 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Independence Day Holiday. City Offices will be closed on July 5th and all three libraries will be closed on July 4th and 5th in observance of Independence Day. Click here for the holiday sanitation collection schedule.

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