Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

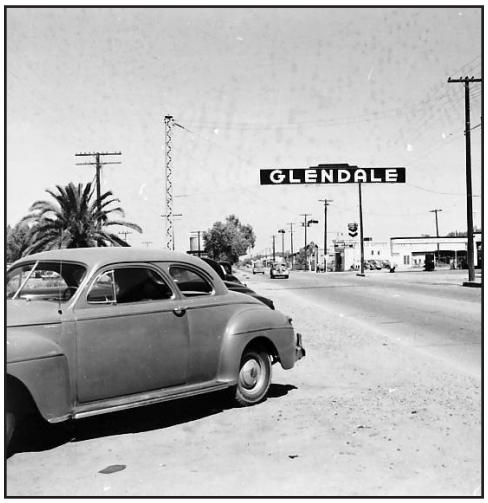
Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **June 26, 2009**

Emerald Point Neighborhood. Neighbors living in the Emerald Point Neighborhood Association have new paint on their subdivision's perimeter wall that faces the east side of 83rd Avenue, as well as improved landscaping, as a result of a neighborhood improvement grant.

The Citizen's Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods awarded the funds to the neighborhood in the spring 2008 grant cycle. The grant, coordinated by the Neighborhood Partnership Office, provided for landscaping materials and paint for the wall along 83rd Avenue between Missouri and Georgia avenues.

The neighbors will be recognized for their efforts to improve their neighborhood by Councilmember Clark who will present them with a plaque during a brief dedication ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 29 at the corner of 83rd and Georgia avenues.

For more information about the services available to neighborhoods, click here or call (623) 930-2868.



Glendale Centennial. The city of Glendale will celebrate its official 100th anniversary as an incorporated city on June 18, 2010. Last week the city kicked off the countdown with an old-fashioned carnival in conjunction with Glendale's Summer Band Concert. If you missed it, don't worry! Throughout the year, the city will honor its centennial at various events and activities.

Contact our Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500 for future event dates as well as information on Glendale's cultural attractions, such as Sahuaro Ranch, Manistee Ranch, the Bead Museum and public art pieces, which document segments of Glendale's history.

Head to Glendale's Web site for a special page dedicated to the city's centennial. Over the course of the next year Glendale will be collecting stories from Glendale citizens young and old to share with our online readers. These 'Glendale Memories' will be compiled regularly and featured on our Centennial Web site. Click here to submit a story or read more about Glendale history.

Glendale's From The Heart Program. Nineteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to Glendale's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents received $224,500 in grants on June 24, 2009 from money donated through Glendale's From The Heart program.

The money will be used to feed Glendale's hungry and provide home medical equipment for the frail and elderly and emergency programs for victims of violence and abuse.

All the money was raised through Glendale's From The Heart program, which enables residents and businesses to add $1 to their city utility bills each month. Also, as a result of a new initiative with The Ellman Companies, all money collected from Westgate City Center's waterdance fountain is donated to From The Heart. The program also receives money through individual donations.

The BHHS Legacy Foundation provides a 50-cent match for every dollar donated to From The Heart. Today's distribution represents money donated from calendar year 2008.

Since From The Heart began in 1997, more than $1.7 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents. Read more.

Around Town

Reel Talk Film/Discussion Series. On June 27 "American Graffiti" (1973) starring Richard Dreyfuss and Ron Howard will be shown at 1 p.m., 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.

Summer Band Concert, July 2. Enjoy renditions of marches and ballads with a special patriotic theme on July 2 at 8 p.m. Concerts take place every Thursday evening through 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. For more information, call (623) 930-2042.

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:

- July 13-17, Glen Lakes Municipal Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave. **(sign up by July 2)**
- July 20-24, Desert Mirage Golf Course, 8710 W. Maryland Ave. **(sign up by July 10)**

Independence Day. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Click here for a list of family-friendly July 4th events taking place around the valley.

Bobby Freeman. There probably isn't a musician in town who can command a live audience like Bobby Freeman can. You've heard him yourself if you've ever been to an Arizona Diamondbacks home game, pounding out the Mexican Hat Dance, the Hungarian czardas, or the opening riff from the Addams Family. Freeman's jersey sports the number 88-chosen for the number of keys on a piano-and he's been the Diamondback's organist since their first season. Join us at 2 p.m., Monday, July 6, at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Tips for Job Hunters. "Getting That Job: Tips for Job Hunters" will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 13 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The two-hour program will repeat on 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.

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 this free seminar 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 the Main Library at (623) 930-3531.

Poetry and Art Contest. Teens, let your creative side shine in Foothills Branch Library's Summer Art and Poetry Contest. The deadline for submissions is 6 p.m. on Friday, July 17. Winners will be announced and unveiled on Saturday, August 8, at the end-of-summer Celebration of the Arts! Pick up a copy of the entry guidelines at the Foothills Branch or download them from the library's Web site, www.glendaleaz.com/library. Poems must be inspired by one of four art prints from the branch's Mobile Masterpieces collection, on display in the Foothills' teen area. For more information, call Karen at (623) 930-3853.

Christmas in July. Downtown Glendale will celebrate a fun-filled day of early holiday shopping and dining on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shoppers will start at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up a map, discount coupons and a holiday gift bag. Holiday music, entertainment and treats will surly put you in the holiday spirit!

The Visitor Center will be accepting food donations for the St. Mary's Food Bank to help during the summer months, when the food bank needs the most assistance. Call (623) 930-4500 for more information.

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