Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **July 2, 2010**

Councilmember Clark joins councilmembers Martinez, Goulet, Knaack and Frate at the grand opening of the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau on Tuesday, June 29.

Bicentennial Park Re-opens. Councilmember Clark welcomed residents to Bicentennial Park, 71st and Missouri avenues, for a grand re-opening ceremony on June 30. Improvements include new turf and landscaping, renovated irrigation systems, resurfaced basketball and racquetball courts, new playgrounds with shade covers, pathways, picnic ramadas and security lighting.

Business News

Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau – We'd Love to Point Visitors Your Way! The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau is open for business and we're ready to showcase Glendale and the West Valley. We can help our members grow, promote and develop their businesses. Being a member really does have its benefits. By becoming a member of the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, you will have access to a wide array of benefits and services. The Glendale CVB is the first convention and visitors bureau located west of I-17 and one of only a few in Arizona. Visit www.VisitGlendale.com or call 623-930-4500 to find out everything the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau can do for you. Join today!

Independence Day Holiday. City Offices will be closed on July 5 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. Read more.

Glendale's Thunderbird Conservation Park to Close Early July 4. Thunderbird Conservation Park will close at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, July 4 for fire safety.

The park, located at 59th Avenue between Deer Valley Road and Pinnacle Peak Road, normally closes at sunset. Due to the dry conditions of the flora at the park and 4th of July festivity hazards, park officials will close the park early. The park will reopen at 6 a.m., Monday, July 5.

2010 Spark Award Winners. Congratulations to the following neighborhood leaders, community volunteers and businesses that have contributed to their community and improved the quality of the city's neighborhoods for receiving 2010 Spark Awards.

- **Young Leaders on the Move:** The students of the Northwest Christian School
- **Business Support & Involvement:** Ed Sharpe
- **Community Partner:** Vineyard Church
- **Neighborhood Revitalization:** Residents of the historic Floracroft Neighborhood
- **Traditional Neighborhood Leadership:** Neighborhood leaders of the Heart of Glendale neighborhood, including John Torres, Mickey Nunez, Joe Enriquez and Rebecca Ontiveros
- **HOA Leadership:** Manistee Ranch HOA president, Ron Short

Read more about these neighborhood leaders.

Did You Know? Citizens can report concerns at their local parks by using Parks and Recreation's interactive EZ Park finder. Once on the Park Finder site, find your park, and then click on "Report Park Concerns" on the parks pop-up window.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

2010-11 City Council Strategic Goals. The Glendale City Council has set its priorities for the upcoming 2010-11 fiscal year. In June, the Council approved its new strategic goals and key objectives for the fiscal year that began July 1. The goals and objectives were developed at the Council's goal review and strategic planning retreat last December.

The goals are:

- ONE COMMUNITY THAT IS FISCALLY SOUND
- ONE COMMUNITY WITH STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS
- ONE COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY
- ONE COMMUNITY WITH QUALITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- ONE COMMUNITY WITH A VIBRANT CITY CENTER
- ONE COMMUNITY WITH AN ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH LUKE AIR FORCE BASE
- ONE COMMUNITY WITH HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES FOR CITIZENS

Read more.

City of Glendale Alarm Ordinance. On June 22nd, the Glendale City Council adopted an alarm ordinance for businesses and home owners. The new program assesses fines for repeated false alarms and will be managed and enforced by the Glendale Police Department.

The ordinance will become effective August 1st with actual implementation of the ordinance conducted in phases over the coming months.

The city will issue free permits and registration to all residents and businesses that have an alarm beginning in the fall. No enforcement will be taken until alarm subscribers have had an opportunity to become better informed about the program and obtain their free permit.

For information about the city of Glendale alarm ordinance, click here.

Low-Income Families May Be Eligible For Repairs On Existing AC Units or EVAP Coolers. The climbing summer temperatures this week makes everyone want to seek cool shelter. The hot weather also increases wear and tear to evaporative coolers and home air conditioning units. For high-risk groups, including the elderly and small children, it is critical that these units are operating properly.

The city of Glendale utilizes federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide much-needed emergency repair assistance to qualified, low-income families and elderly Glendale residents. The city's Emergency Home Repair Program utilizes a non-profit partner, Community Services of Arizona (CSA) to provide emergency repair services.

For more information, or to apply for assistance, please call CSA directly at (480) 963-6276, extension 215. Read more.

Around Town

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.

Summer Band Concert, July 8. Enjoy renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes at 8 p.m., Thursday evenings through July 22. 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. Click here for more information.

Christmas in July. Stop by to see Santa and celebrate the joy of the season early on Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale.

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, will be accepting school supplies for the Annual Back to School Supply Drive, which will benefit local elementary schools. Items being collected include new backpacks, pencils, colored pencils, markers, erasers, paper, folders, binders, crayons and glue. Admission and parking are free. For more information, contact the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500 or click here.

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