Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **July 9, 2010**

Water Watchers Program. Water Watchers provides students with the unique opportunity to meet environmental professionals and learn about what they can do to become more water wise. Glendale Water Conservation staff provide interactive "Discovery Stations," where students gain hands-on experience with 3-D models of groundwater and watershed systems, investigate desert plant adaptations and construct their own dams.

Teachers interested in leaning more about Water Watchers or the new Watt Watchers program, can call (623) 930-3535 for more information.

Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council recently appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Congratulations and thanks to the following Yucca District residents who have volunteered to serve:

Barbara Garland and Joyce Stribling, Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission; and Mary Eggleston, Community Development Advisory Committee.

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.

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.

Christmas cheer begins at the Glendale Visitor Center, where you'll pick up your holiday map, coupons and gift bag (for the first 500 visitors) and take a spin on the prize wheel.

Christmas music will play throughout the neighborhood as downtown businesses offer fun-filled holiday activities, including decorating a Cerreta's Chocolate Christmas tree, card-making at The Creative Quest, and gingerbread man cookies at Shelley's Specialty Desserts, all for a nominal fee.

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.

Park Renovations. The city of Glendale is making improvements to several of its popular parks and trails including Sahuaro Ranch Regional Park, Thunderbird Conservation Park and the Marshall Ranch Trail. These renovations will add to Glendale's growing list of amenities, focusing on lasting improvements for residents.

The Sahuaro Ranch Regional Park renovation includes improvements to the hub of the popular park, the athletic complex. Residents will soon enjoy two full size multi-use fields for soccer, football and/or lacrosse, adjacent to the ball fields. There will also be new shade structures added for spectators in the complex, improved ADA accessibility, new fencing and 'green' lighting installation.

Thunderbird Conservation Park's parking lots located at 55th Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road and 67th Avenue and Patrick Lane will be paved. The new, environmentally-friendly surface will greatly enhance accessibility for park users and improve dust control.

Marshall Ranch Trail will also be improved, creating a consistent surface for pedestrians and bicyclists, and connecting the Thunderbird Paseo Linear Park to the historic Sun Circle Trail.

For more information, call (623) 930-2820.

New Hours at Glendale Libraries

Glendale Main Library 5959 W. Brown St. • (623) 930-3530	Foothills Branch Library 19055 N. 57th Ave. • (623) 930-3830	Velma Teague Branch Library 7010 N. 58th Ave. • (623) 930-3430
Monday..... 1-8 p.m.	Monday..... 1-8 p.m	Monday..... 1-8 p.m
Tuesday..... 10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Tuesday..... 10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Tuesday..... 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wednesday..... 1-8 p.m.	Wednesday..... 10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Wednesday..... 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday..... 10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Thursday..... Closed	Thursday..... 1-8 p.m
Friday..... Closed	Friday..... 1-5 p.m.	Friday..... Closed
Saturday ..... Noon-5 p.m.	Saturday ..... Noon-5 p.m.	Saturday ..... 1-5 p.m.
Sunday ..... 1-5 p.m.	Sunday ..... Closed	Sunday ..... Closed

Around Town

Reel Talk Film Series. E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982), starring Dee Wallace, Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore will play at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 10 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Recession Response. Learn how to make a resume and save it on a free flash drive supplied by the library. The class is being taught by Glendale Community College instructor Kate Sylvester at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 10 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. To register, call (623) 930-3531 and press "5" or stop at the Reference Desk. Click here for more job searching help.

Summer Band Concert, July 15. 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.

World Records Day. Think you've got what it takes to break a Guinness World Record? If so, come join the fun and give it your best shot at the Foothills 4th Annual World Records Day. A variety of established world records are waiting to be broken from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 17 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Rd. For more information, call (623) 930-4609.

Authors @ the Teague. "New York Times" bestselling crime novelist Lisa Gardner will discuss and sign the fourth entry in her D.D. Warren series, "Live to Tell," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 19 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, call (623) 930-3439.

Hook-A-Kid On Golf. Spaces are still available for children ages 8-15 to participate in the Hook-A-Kid On Golf summer clinic. The clinic will be held from 8 to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 19-23 at the Desert Mirage Golf Course, 8710 W. Maryland Ave. Participants should bring water, sun screen and money for snacks at the pro shop. The cost is $200 for Glendale Residents and $240 for non-residents and includes group lessons, a set of golf clubs and golf bag, apparel, hat and golf balls. To register by July 15, call (623) 930-2820. Scholarships are available to eligible Glendale youths.

"SOAKING WET" Teen After Hours Party. Teens, ages 12-18, will take over Velma Teague Library on Saturday, July 24 from 6-8 p.m. for a wet and wild night of team competition, music, video games, and free pizza! Those attending will make a splash by competing in a series of physical and cerebral challenges including: The Great Rubber Duck Relay, "Bombs Away" Water Balloon Toss, and The Leaky Bottle Obstacle Course. The team with the most points at the end of the evening will take home a fabulous movie prize pack! Pizza and Soda will be served. Dress to get wet and bring along your own towel. The Velma Teague branch is located at 7010 N. 58th Ave.

To register, call (623) 930-3431, then press "7" at the prompt and choose Velma Teague Library.

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