Yucca Weekly Update

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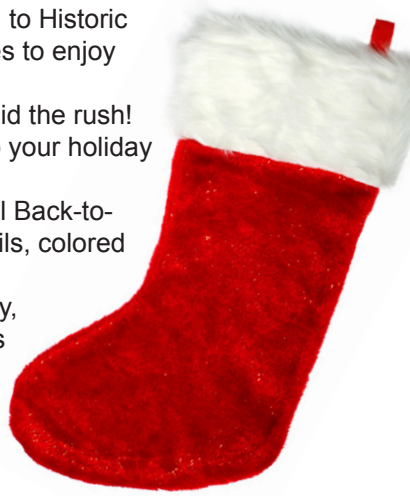
Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **July 15, 2011**



Christmas Comes to Downtown Glendale – July 16. Put on the sunscreen, grab the jingle bells and head to Historic Downtown Glendale for a day of sun-drenched holiday shopping. Even Santa is leaving the northern climates to enjoy this annual Christmas in July shopping event on Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With only 161 days left to get all of your shopping for gifts and decorations complete, start early and avoid the rush! Christmas cheer begins at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, 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.

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Glendale Visitor Center will be accepting school supplies for the Annual Back-to-School Supply Drive, which will benefit local elementary schools. These items include new backpacks, pencils, colored pencils, markers, erasers, paper, folders, binders, crayons and glue.

Christmas in July also kicks off the start of decorating 1.5 million lights for the annual holiday light display, Glendale Glitters, Azcentral.com's Critics' Choice for Best Festival. The installation of the holiday lights takes more than 5,000 labor hours to complete in order to be ready for the Glendale Glitters Spectacular in November.

Admission and parking are free. For more information on a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals, call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500 or click here.

Glendale Adds Neighborhood To Historic Register. The Sands Estates Historic District is joining a distinct list of Glendale properties on the National Historic Register. The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places recognized this neighborhood, located at 59th and Orangewood avenues, for its commitment to preserve the original structure and historical essence of their homes.

The district is comprised of six subdivisions with 176 single-family ranch-style homes and three apartment buildings constructed between 1947 and 1966. Currently, the city of Glendale has eight historic districts and many individual historical properties. The districts include Catlin Court, Floralcroft, 59th Avenue Residential, Northfield, Glendale Tract and Myrtle Avenue Residential. There are currently 298 Glendale properties listed on the National Register with a total of 87,000 properties in the United States.

Participating properties must be at least 50 years old, have maintained the integrity of the facade of the house and reflect a historical significance such as architecture, people, place or event. Click here for more information.

Fabian's Law Effective July 20, 2011. Arizona lawmakers passed HB 2137 during the last legislative session. Championed by a Glendale couple whose poodle was killed by an aggressive dog, this law increases penalties for people who do not control their dogs. Fabian's Law, which becomes effective July 20, 2011, will make it a Class 1 misdemeanor when a person who owns or who is responsible for the care of an aggressive dog does not take reasonable care to control the dog in a manner that prevents the dog from biting or attacking a person or domestic animal at all times while the dog is off the owner's or responsible person's property. The dog owner or responsible person can also be charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor if they do not take reasonable care to prohibit the dog from escaping to the outside of a residence or an enclosed area, yard or structure. Click here for more information.

Velma Teague Library to Close for Repairs. The Velma Teague Branch Library at 7010 N. 58th Ave. will be closed on Saturday, July 16 for the installation of a new air conditioner.

The library will reopen on Monday, July 18 at 1 p.m. and resume normal operating hours. For more information, please call 623-930-3438.

Back to School and Safety Fair to Giveaway Backpacks and Laptops. The 7th Annual Niños Seguros Back to School & Safety Fair is a FREE one-day family festival focusing on child safety, health and education. Please join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 30 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Attendees can participate in a variety of entertaining activities and view demonstrations by City, State and local area health organizations.

The highlight of the event is the "Backpack Giveaway" — school aged children will receive a backpack, courtesy of event sponsors, to kick-off the new school year in style. In order to redeem a backpack, children must have a voucher that will be provided at the event on a first come first serve basis. Participants are encouraged to get there early, as backpacks will run out. There will also be eight laptops raffled off during the event courtesy of Air Products.

Niños Seguros, Seguro Que Sí (Safe Kids, Sure Thing) is a year-round public service program created for the Hispanic community. The program reinforces the importance of safeguarding children and helps increase awareness of common dangers in everyday life. Since the program's inception in 2003, Niño Seguros has provided child identification cards to thousands of children statewide.

Around Town

Reel Talk Film Series. *Diner* (1982, "R" rating) starring Steve Guttenberg, Mickey Rourke and Kevin Bacon will be shown at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. Click here for more information.

Additional Public Meeting. A Redistricting Workshop will take place on Monday, July 18, 2011, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown St. The workshop is intended to provide interested citizens with hands-on training on mapping tools and direct assistance in completing their own proposed maps. Click here for more information.

Reunión Pública Adicional. Un taller sobre reconfiguración distrital se llevará a cabo, el 18 de julio del 2011, de 4 p.m. a 7 p.m., en el Glendale Adult Center, ubicado en 5970 W. Brown St. Con el taller se espera proporcionarle a los ciudadanos interesados entrenamiento práctico sobre las herramientas para elaborar planos y asistencia directa para realizar los planos que vayan a proponer.

Glendale Summer Band Concert – July 21. Thursday is the last opportunity to attend the 45th annual Glendale Summer Band concert series presented by Glendale's Office of Special Events. The concert gets underway at 8 p.m. on July 21, at the Murphy Park Amphitheater in Downtown Glendale. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a fun evening under the stars. Admission and parking are free. Click here for more information.

Teen Library Council Meeting. Is your teen looking for something fun to do that can actually make a difference? By joining the Teen Library Council, young adults can earn volunteer service hours, have a good time and meet new people, all while helping to make the library a better place for teens.

Attend the Thursday, July 21 Teen Library Council meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The library is currently recruiting teens, ages 12-18, to provide input on the selection of books and music for the branch's teen collection. Council members also participate in the planning and presentation of library teen events. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3441.

Dog Days of Summer - August 6. Enjoy a special night for you and your best furry friend on Saturday, August 6, from 6-9 p.m. Start your evening at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking map and take a spin on the prize wheel. Event activities include: Pet aura photos and free gift bags, Greyhound studios featuring dog art, free Frosty Paws for all the dogs, demonstration of a dog GPS system, Arizona Adopt-a-Greyhound Organization, Pupcakes and dog treats, watering stations and cool pool stops and dog massages. Also, meet the Glendale Crisis Response Team. For more information, click here.

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