Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **August 1, 2008**

Special Thanks. Thanks to all who attended Glendale's Christmas in July event on July 19. This event truly evoked the spirit of the holidays with its canned food drive for St. Mary's Food Bank as visitors donated enough food for 1400 meals; and had fun too!

Sweet Summer Saturday. On Saturday, Aug. 16, Sweet Summer Saturday will delight visitors with more fun: sweet treats, great deals, entertainment and, of course, free prizes! The August event will feature another community-oriented component as well – a Back to School Drive to benefit local K-8 schools in the Glendale Elementary School District. For more information, visit www.visitglendale.com or call 623-930-4500.

"Be a Lifesaver." The Glendale Fire Department and our partners are very excited to bring you FREE life saving classes. We're teaching a new form of CPR called CCC (Continuous Chest Compressions). Classes are only two hours long and are held monthly. Please feel free to include your friends and family in the class. The next class will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 21 at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center, 11550 W. Glendale Ave. To learn more about CCC-CPR & see our 2008 calendar visit www.azshare.gov.

Neighborhood Grants. Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office announces the start of the Fall 2008 Neighborhood Grants process. Grants up to $80,000 will be available for qualified neighborhoods and homeowner associations in Glendale.

The grants program is designed to encourage residents to come together and apply for projects of a public nature that will enhance their neighborhood.

Residents interested in participating in the Fall 2008 grants process must attend one of three orientation sessions, which will explain the guidelines of the grants program, eligible projects and how to complete the grant application. The actual grant application also will be available at these meetings.

The three orientation sessions will be at the following times and locations:

- Thursday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. – Sine Building, 6829 N. 58 Drive, Conference Room A
- Saturday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. – Foothills Library, 19055 N 57 Ave., Hummingbird Room
- Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. – Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., Room 102

All Fall 2008 neighborhood improvement grant applications must be submitted to the Neighborhood Partnership Office no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. A draft of the application is requested by Friday, Oct. 10.

For more information, call the Neighborhood Partnerships Office at (623) 930-2868.

Construction Information. For Glendale Avenue Waterline Replacements Construction Information click here or call the project hotline at 1 (877) 203-0042. For information on status of other construction projects in Glendale click here.

Around Town

Free Back to School Immunization. The Maricopa County Department of Public Health is offering all immunizations needed to go back to school for free. The immunizations are being offered at six locations throughout the valley from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, August 2.

In Glendale, immunizations will be given at Independence High School, 6602 N. 75th Ave. For more information call (602) 506-6767 or visit www.WeArePublicHealth.org.

Backyard Stargazing. "Backyard Stargazing" will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 4 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Weather permitting, telescope and binocular viewing will follow the free program. Telescopes will be provided or attendees may bring their own viewing equipment. Instructor Tony La Conte is a "Solar System Ambassador," one of seven Arizonans chosen to organize public educational events about solar system exploration. For more information about the free program, call (623) 930-3573.

Glendale Coffeehouse. It never changes. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Performing in the large meeting room on Aug. 6 will be three terrific acts. A. Rocco Mare brings mellow and thoughtful originals to the Coffeehouse, Wyllow Ravenscroft, with an ethereal style and wistful ambiance, performs traditional folk music and Ken Harold is back with many great songs from the '60s and '70s. For more information, call (623) 930-3573. Admission is free.

Battle of the Bands—with a Twist! The teen librarians at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., have added a new angle to the regular clash of musical groups.

The library's auditorium will be the "combat zone" at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 when three terrific bands square off. Chaos Theory, Chandler Heights and Tanicus will be bringing their best sets to the stage.

Now, for the "what is different" about this battle of the bands. Each band gets 30 minutes to set up, perform and take down. In between sets, the library will be offering prizes for teen audience members who bring in their MP3 players and iPods and play DJ for three songs each. Teens in the audience will also get opportunities to "Beat the Librarian" at "Guitar Hero." For more information, call (623) 930-3537. No reservations are required.

Remembering Glendale's own Marty Robbins. As part of the Authors @ the Teague series at Velma Teague Branch Library, writer Andrew Means will share his book "Some Memories: Growing Up with Marty Robbins—as remembered by his twin sister, Mamie." He will appear at 2 p.m. on Aug. 23 in the adult lobby. Call (623) 930-3431 for more information.

Teddy Bear Day. Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day in Historic Downtown Glendale! Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry bears on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500 or visit online at www.visitglendale.com The Glendale Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.

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