Yucca Weekly Update

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Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **August 12, 2011**

Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon Seeking Applicants, Volunteers. Do you own a single family home but are unable to keep it painted due to age or physical impairments?

If so, the Seventh Annual Rebuilding Together Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon program on Saturday, Oct. 22, may be able to help. This program, which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes owned by applicants who are 60 years of age or older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources and are unable to do the work themselves.

Glendale residents who match the above criteria are encouraged to apply to have their homes painted. Volunteers willing to wield a paint brush are also encouraged to get involved.

Volunteers from families, businesses, churches, schools, social service and civic groups can participate in the program. Residents willing to paint homes at the event on Saturday, Oct. 22, should form a team of volunteers consisting of 15 to 25 people. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old and those under 18 must have a signed parent-permission form.

With enough volunteer sign-ups, it is expected more than 150 homes across the Valley will be painted. Last year, 80 homes and two community centers were painted during the one-day event, including homes in Glendale. Only single-family, single-story, owner-occupied residences will be painted. Homes must be in sufficient condition that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed.

Homeowners and volunteers for the Paint-A-Thon should apply by Sept. 1. To volunteer or appy for assistance, click here or call 480-774-0237 to contact Rebuilding Together. Applications for homeowners are available in English and Spanish.

'Like' the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau for a Chance to Win Cardinals Tickets. If you like the Arizona Cardinals then you ought to like the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (GCVB). The reason: the Glendale bureau is kicking off the football season with a ticket giveaway to Game 4 for Cardinal fans who "like" the bureau on Facebook.

It's one way the bureau is rolling out the "red" carpet for those who want to watch a game in the Card's home nest in Glendale as they take on the Denver Broncos Sept. 1. The bureau also helps fans feather their own nest with its cardinal red Shop Glendale Discount Card, which is available online. Here's how the Game 4 Ticket Giveaway sponsored by the Glendale CVB works.

Visit the Glendale CVB Facebook fan page (www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB), click on "LIKE" and complete the entry form to win two tickets to the 7 p.m. game on Sept. 1.

The winner of the two tickets will be selected at noon on Friday, Aug. 26, and notified that day.
For more details on the ticket giveaway, discount programs, and up-to-date advice on ways to enjoy Glendale and West Valley attractions during the football season, contact the Glendale CVB by calling 623-930-4500, or by visiting www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB, www.VisitGlendale.com or www.twitter.com/GlendaleCVB.

Hold Your Next Event In Downtown Glendale. Downtown Glendale may be just the perfect place to hold your next event – whether it's a school performance, dance recital, church activity or community based event. The Glendale Amphitheater, which features a full-length stage, can accommodate up to 400 people, while Murphy Park serves as the perfect event venue in the city's historic district.

Call 623-930-2820 for more information on these facility rentals. Or visit us online at www.glendaleaz.com. Look for "Rental Facilities" under the Quick Links heading at the top of the home page.

Loop 101 HOV Project. Northbound and Southbound Loop 101 will be narrowed to one lane between I-10 and Bethany Home Road from 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 until 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 for removal of the temporary concrete barrier. The eastbound I-10 ramp to northbound Loop 101 will also be closed. DETOUR: I-10 traffic can exit at 99th Avenue and travel north to access Loop 101 at McDowell Road.

Southbound Loop 101 off-ramp at Bethany Home Road will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15 for installation of the temporary concrete barrier. In addition, north and Southbound Loop 101 will be narrowed to one lane between Glendale Avenue and Bethany Home Road during this time frame. DETOUR: Exit at Indian School Road and use 91st or 99th avenues to access Bethany Home Road.

Around Town

Canine Search and Rescue: Finding the Lost. Dr. David Jenkins, a podiatrist and member of the Midwestern University faculty will present C*anine Search and Rescue: Finding the Lost* at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 16 at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Dr. Jenkins also works in search and rescue as a dog handler. He and Vader, his canine companion, will present the techniques and practices of finding lost persons. For more information, call 623-930-3858.

Free Job Searching Workshop at Glendale Main Library. This two-hour workshop focuses on developing, writing and distributing a basic resume and cover letter. In addition to content, format and style, participants will learn how to write, attach and use a cover letter and how to link effective resume and cover letter distribution to job-hunting goals.

Steve Schrade will present "Writing a Winning Resume" from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, August 23 at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The job searching workshops are made possible in part by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, along with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. To register, click here or call 623-930-3546.

Bestselling Author William Dietrich – Authors @ the Teague. New York Times bestselling author and Pulitzer-winning journalist William Dietrich will discuss and sign his latest international thriller, "Blood of the Reich," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Another Free Job Searching Workshop at Glendale Main Library. In today's digital age, basic computer knowledge is no longer optional. It is considered necessary in order to find a job. Topics covered in this free workshop range from effectively surfing the Internet to creating documents and using email to connect with employers and their network. Additionally the workshop will cover how to create documents for the work search, how to create and use email and how to effectively search for jobs on the Internet.

Steve Schrade will present "Basic Computer Literacy for Your Job Search" from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, August 30 at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. To register, click here or call 623-930-3546.

Foothills Coffeehouse. The Foothills Coffeehouse welcomes folk artists Tom Whitlock, and Linda Bilque on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m., in the Roadrunner Room at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Registration Now Open for Glendale University Fall 2011. The classes will be held in the evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning on September 8th, 2011. In order to graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the 10 classes. Each class highlights key functions of the city, such as finance, library, police and fire services. For information on classes and registration, click here.

Save the Date for Teddy Bear Day – Sept. 10. Celebrate Teddy Bear Day with your "beary" best friend! Join us for great deals, cool treats and furry fun in Historic Downtown Glendale. Call 623-930-4500 for more information.

ACT/SAT Practice Test. Getting ready for your college entrance exams and not sure which test to take? Come take a Kaplan SAT/ACT combination test. This combo practice test will help students decide which test is right for them. The test will take place from noon to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, September 10 at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. To reserve your seat for this event, please visit www.kaptest.com/college or call 1-800-KAP-TEST.

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