Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **September 2, 2011**

Deadline for Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon Applicants, Volunteers Extended.

The deadline to be part of the Oct. 22 Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon has been extended to Sept. 15.

The Seventh Annual Rebuilding Together Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon program 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.

Homeowners and volunteers for the Paint-A-Thon should apply by Sept. 15. Both groups should contact Rebuilding Together at 480-774-0237 or go online to: www.rebuildingtogetherphx.org.

Applications for homeowners are available in English and Spanish. Residents interested in painting homes at the event on Saturday, Oct. 22, should form a team of volunteers consisting of 15 to 25 people.

Holiday Notice - Labor Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will close Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. The loose trash pick-up schedule **will not** be affected. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No same-day Dial-a-Ride service will be available on Monday. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will remain open on the Labor Day holiday, however, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on other Parks and Recreation facilities, call 623-930-2820.

Free Tours of Sahuaro Ranch Park's Historic Main House. Preserving one of the Valley's oldest and most magnificent ranches, the 17-acre Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area features 13 original buildings, a rose garden, barnyard and historic orchards. Enjoy a trip back in time during a tour of the ranch's main house built in the 1880s. Tours are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Groups of 10 or more people should call 623-930-4201 for reservations. For more information on the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area click here

State of Arizona Tax Recovery Program Information. From September 1 through October 1, 2011, Arizona will offer Tax Recovery - an opportunity for those who live, work or do business in Arizona to pay any back taxes owed to the state without penalty or criminal prosecution, and at a reduced interest rate for those who qualify. For more information, visit the Arizona Department of Revenue website by clicking here.

Teddy Bear Day, Sept. 10. They're known by many names – Paddington, Care Bear, Teddy Ruxpin and, of course, Winnie-the-Pooh – but by any name, the cuddly icons collectively known as teddy bears remain as beloved and popular today as when they were first introduced in 1902. Now, 109 years later, bears and their buddies can celebrate Teddy Bear Day in historic downtown Glendale on Saturday, Sept. 10.

In honor of the enduring toy named for President Theodore Roosevelt, Teddy Bear Day in Glendale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features Glendale's own loveable, huggable "Al the Bear" who will be available for pictures. Teddy Bear Day also includes make-and-take arts and crafts, special treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Attendees are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they can pick up a map of participating merchants, coupons and a gift bag for the first 500 attendees. At the Visitor Center, participants can also take a spin on the prize wheel, and can contribute a new or gently hugged teddy bear. Donated bears will be provided to the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, the Glendale Crisis Response Team and United Way to comfort young children who have been affected by a traumatic event. In past years, nearly 500 teddy bears have been collected at the one-day event.

For more information about Teddy Bear Day and other upcoming events, log on to www.VisitGlendale.com, Facebook.com/GlendaleCVB, Twitter.com/GlendaleCVB or call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500.

Around Town

Using Rainwater for Landscape Plants. This Simple Savings energy class, which includes free energy-saving devices for Glendale residents, is funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and is presented in partnership with the Maricopa Cooperative Extension Smartscape Program. Join us from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7 at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street for *Using Rainwater for Landscape Plants.* While the class is free, pre-registration is required. To register call 623-930-3760. For an on-going list of classes offered by the Conservation and Sustainable Living Program, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green.

Registration Now Open for Glendale University Fall 2011. Classes will be held in the evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning on September 8th, 2011. 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.

ACT/SAT Practice Test. Getting ready to take 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.

Glendale Public Library Offers e-Reader Workshop. Glendale Public Library is offering a workshop to help potential e-reader buyers sort out the differences between five of the top-rated devices: the Sony Pocket Reader; the Barnes & Noble Nook; the Barnes & Noble Nook Color; the Amazon Kindle; and the Apple iPad.

The free workshop, "Introduction to E-Book Readers," will be held on Wednesday, September 14 and repeated on October 12, November 16 and December 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Digital librarian Marlene Jacobson will give an overview of the features, specifications and functions of each device. Participants will also have an opportunity to explore each of the devices.

There are significant differences in the devices that the workshops will cover, including screen types, navigation, wireless capability, screen size and weight, supported file formats, price, library borrowing compatibility and vendor bookstore selection.

To register for the free workshops call 623-930-3531 or stop by the reference desk at the Main Library.

Live at the Library. Live at the Library welcomes Wayward Maggie with Jess Hawk Oakenstar and Kate DeLaPointe. Their musical presentation rests somewhere between mournfully dark and rockingly/rollickingly comedic, but it's hard to pin them down. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22 at the Glendale Main Library's Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown Street.

Thunderbird Global Business Dialogue "Redefining Global Leadership." An elite group of global business executives, global leaders, government officials, NGO representatives, and thought leaders from around the world will unite on Thunderbird's campus Nov. 10-11 for two days of leading-edge dialogue, networking and collaboration on today's most pressing global business topics. The Thunderbird Global Business Dialogue will focus on "Redefining Global Leadership," and discussion will include an exchange of ideas related to effective leadership in the new world economy; accelerating business across cultures; financial solutions for global growth and prosperity; navigating emerging markets and beyond; technology and its impact in an interconnected world; and the role of business in social and economic prosperity worldwide. Click here for more information.

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