Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **September 3, 2010**

Glendale Oral Histories Online. We all love to see old photos, but sometimes hearing the voices of the people in the photos really brings them to life. The second year of the Glendale History Online project is doing just that with a collection of oral histories available on the Arizona Memory Project.

To hear people reminisce and be able to read their words on transcripts, just go to www.glendaleaz.com/history, then select "Listening to Glendale's Past."

The project is an effort by six local organizations to share some of Glendale's history with not only local citizens, but the world. Glendale Community College, Glendale Arizona Historical Society, Glendale Public Library, Luke Air Force Base, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area and Thunderbird School of Global Management have put together a collection of ordinary and extraordinary people who have made our city great.

Listening to Glendale's Past is funded, in part, through a grant from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Labor Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day. All households' scheduled garbage and recycling collection will be shifted one day due to the holiday. Read more.

Neighborhood Meeting to Discuss Sportsman's Park East and West. On behalf of the apllicant, Earl, Curley & Lagarde, P.C., invite you to attend a neighborhood meeting to review the proposal and give input on the Sportsman's Park East and West projects. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, September 8th at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 6630 North 95th Avenue.

Update on Potential Transit Strike. The potential strike over contract negotiations with one of the city of Phoenix transit service operators, Veolia, on its union collective bargaining agreements has been averted for now. Parties are continuing to negotiate with a new deadline of September 30. The city of Glendale will continue to monitor this situation and will inform the public regarding any potential impact to bus service.

The city of Phoenix Public Transit Department has created a Web page to keep you informed on the progress of negotiations. Click here to visit the page.

Glendale Police Museum. The Glendale Police Museum has reopened in a new location. Located in the lobby of the Glendale Police Department at 6835 N. 57th Drive, the museum features photographs and articles from 1910 to 1970. You can view police booking slips from 1940-1945 and see badges, uniforms and equipment used by Glendale Police officers for the past century. Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact Dan Kallberg, Glendale Police Museum Historian at 623-930-3486.

Revised Policy for New Utility Account Holders. The city of Glendale is revising its policy relating to utility account holders, in which an account for rental property will be allowed to be established in the property owner's name only. This new policy is a result of recent legislative action, HB2450, which went into effect on July 29, 2010. The new city policy goes into effect September 7 and will apply to new utility accounts; existing utility accounts will not be affected, until a change in occupancy occurs.

For inquiries on the new policy call the hotline at 623-930-3228. A representative will provide a follow-up call within 24 hours of the following business day. Information on this policy revision and a link to HB2450 can be found at www.glendaleaz.com/utilities.

Around Town

No Construction Closures Along State Highways Over Labor Day Weekend

Friday, Sept. 3rd - Monday, Sept. 6th

Enjoy the Holiday and Please Drive Safely

- Never Drink and Drive
- Arrange for a Designated Driver If Necessary
- Check Your Vehicle, Including Tire Pressure, Before Traveling
- Get a Good Night's Rest Before Traveling
- Buckle Up – That Includes You and Your Passengers
- Be Patient, Follow Speed Limits Don't Follow Other Vehicles Too Closely
- Use Caution in Existing Work Zones

Check highway conditions before traveling by visiting www.az511.gov or calling 5-1-1.

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

International Garbage Truck Competition. Garbage trucks and their drivers will be rolling into the city of Glendale from all over the globe to participate in the International SWANA Road-E-O. The competition takes place at the University of Phoenix Stadium on Saturday, September 4, 8 a.m.-noon. Coined the Olympics for garbage truck drivers, this competition puts the best of the best drivers' skills to the test on a fierce competitive course.

The free community event is sponsored by Beall Trailers of Arizona, and will take place on the north side of the stadium. Some of the activities include a "Touch-a-Truck" event, Recycling Games and a raffle to benefit the West Side Food Bank. Click here for more information.

Walk-in Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15 to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, September 4, in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call 602-745-7250.

Glendale Hispanic Network Luncheon - Ticket Deadline September 8.
The community is welcome to attend the Glendale Hispanic Network Luncheon on Thursday, **September 16** at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. The event is sponsored by the city's Hispanic Network, an employee organization committed to promote cultural awareness and professional development. The Glendale Hispanic Network is proud to present Armando Flores as the keynote speaker for this event.

Doors will open for registration at 11 a.m. Tickets are $35 per person or $350 per table. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, September 8. Read more.

Teddy Bear Day. A favorite downtown event partners with the Glendale Fire Department on this significant day in history to help benefit children involved in traumatic situations. Downtown Glendale celebrates Teddy Bear Day on Saturday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and participants will be encouraged to donate a Teddy Bear to the Glendale Fire Department's Trauma Teddy Program.

Once visitors drop off a Teddy Bear at the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau they will enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. Other fun activities include a "Teddy Bear Tea," a special appearance by the downtown merchant's mascot Al the Bear who will pose for photos and an obstacle course demonstration with Arizona Search Dogs. The search dogs were part of the 9/11 search and rescue team.

For more information, contact the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500 or visit online at www.visitglendale.com. The Glendale CVB is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.

Building Permit and Rebate Class. Homeowners will learn how to save money on home improvement projects by taking advantage of available rebates and following the DOs and DON'Ts of the permit process in an upcoming "Permit 101" class being offered by the city of Glendale. The class is Wednesday, September 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Glendale City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., second floor, room 2C. There is no cost for the class and free parking is available in the adjacent garage. To reserve a spot, call 623-930-2800. Read more.

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