Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **October 8, 2010**

October Events in Downtown Glendale.

Friday Nite Lights

There will be "No Tricks, Just Treats" for the first of the two events: Friday Nite Lights from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15 For this Halloween-themed night, shoppers are encouraged to haunt their favorite downtown stores and eateries in their spookiest or most creative costumes. Read more.

Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace

On the following day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, the city will host its Sixteenth Annual Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace. This event features a day of shopping with special activities on the lawns and front porches throughout the city's Historic Catlin Court and Old Towne district. Read more.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, call the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500.

YUCCA DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE - Discuss Hot Topics at the Gateway Fire Station!

Councilmember Clark is hosting a casual, one-on-one Open House where residents of the Yucca District can discuss city concerns and ask questions. Join us any time between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3 at the Gateway Fire Station, 6261 N. 83rd Ave. The casual atmosphere will allow residents to stay for a few minutes or longer as time permits.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the City Council Office at 623-930-2878.

New Boards & Commissions Members. Congratulations and thanks to all residents who have volunteered to serve on Glendale's advisory boards and commissions. Our newest member from the Yucca District is Shirley Galvez who has volunteered to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

More volunteers are always needed! Glendale's boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group or for more information, call the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or click here to apply online. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Upcoming Glendale University Graduate Classes. Are you a Glendale resident who is a graduate of Glendale University 101 interested in learning more about the inner workings of your city? Be sure to register for one or both of the following upcoming classes.

Glendale Municipal Airport. A two-hour class will teach Glendale residents about the operations of the city's airport, the staff's excellent customer service and how the facility combines the amenities of a big city airport with one-on-one, personalized service.

This course will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 2-4 p.m. at the Glendale Municipal Airport, 6801 N. Glen Harbor Blvd (approximately 107th and Glendale avenues). Students should park in the lot adjacent to the terminal building and meet in the terminal building. Class participants will learn about the history of the airport, current projects and the master plan. The second hour will consist of a site tour, which will include the air traffic control tower. Registration for this graduate class is open until Oct. 21.

Don't Be A Victim. The second class, entitled "Don't Be A Victim," will be taught by the Glendale Police Department Community Action Team. This class will be held on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center, located at 5970 W. Brown St. (59th Avenue just south of Peoria). This class will address personal, automobile and home security. Residents will also receive a workbook. Registration for this class is open until Nov. 11.

To register for either class, click here then select "Glendale University" to register online or print out an application. For further information, call 623-930-2915.

Storm Clean-up. As Glendale residents are cleaning up after Tuesday's storm, we want to thank everyone for their efforts. City crews have been working diligently to clear arterial streets and associated sidewalks from downed trees and flooding issues. Removing debris and cleaning streets is a top priority.

Many residents were also seen working to assess damage to their homes and clear properties of debris. To assist residents with their clean-up efforts, loose trash can be placed out ahead of schedule. Normally, items cannot be placed out prior to 6 a.m. on the Thursday before the scheduled service week. Because of the current situation, residents may place debris at their curb knowing that citations will not be issued. Sanitation crews are working to get to all of the debris piles as fast as possible and still provide the regularly scheduled service. Please click here for information on loose trash collection. Residents can also take up to one ton of debris to the landfill free of charge as often as they wish provided they can show proof of residency like a water bill and driver's license.

Here are a few important numbers:

- Trees blocking roadways or sidewalks 623-930-2670
- Sanitation/Bulk Trash 623-930-2660
- Code Compliance 623-930-3610

Traffic Twitter Account. The City of Glendale is launching a new Twitter page aimed at keeping people informed about suggested traffic routes and updates during major sporting, entertainment events and festivals.

The page will be updated by Glendale Police Department and Glendale Transportation Department representatives who are monitoring traffic flow during the city's many special events, such as college or NFL football games, hockey games, concerts, spring training baseball or downtown festivals. Posted information will include updates on busy intersections, traffic incidents such as vehicles on the side of a road or crashes, full parking lots and more. Followers will also be sent links to maps and information posted on the city's website when appropriate.

To sign up, just click on www.twitter.com/GlendaleTraffic and sign up to follow Glendale Traffic Tweets (you will need to create a Twitter account). Users can receive traffic updates via the web or by phone. This service is meant to be checked before driving to or from an event or by a passenger; tweeting or reading tweets should not be conducted while operating a vehicle.

Glendale Fire Department Receives PETA Award. The Glendale Fire Department will receive PETA's Compassionate Fire Department Award for rescuing a dog from a burning house.

Recently, firefighters responded to a fire that broke out at a home near 47th Avenue and Bethany Home Road. The family's dog, Paco, was trapped inside. Firefighters rescued Paco from the smoke-filled house and were able to save him using an oxygen mask specially designed for cats and dogs. Each of the department's fire trucks is outfitted with a "Fido Bag," which contains companion-animal emergency equipment such as the oxygen mask, water bowls, a blanket, and treats to help comfort animals affected by fire or smoke. Read more.

October Green Living Classes. Those concerned about the environment or simply looking to save money should mark their calendars for Oct. 16 and 30 for the next set of free classes in the Green Living series presented by Glendale's Environmental Resources Department.

The first set of Green Living Classes will focus on a variety of landscaping and gardening topics.
The classes will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The class times and topics are:

- Vegetable Gardening (1 to 2:15 p.m.) – Learn how, when, and what to plant.
- Composting (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.) – Learn different methods of composting and soil building.
- Care of lawns (3:30 to 4:30 p.m.) – Learn how to install, water and care for winter and summer lawns.

The second set of October classes will focus on energy use. The classes will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Auditorium at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The class times and topics are:

- How to Reduce Your Energy Use (Noon to 1:15 p.m.) – Find out what areas in your home can help you save money and the resources and rebates that are available.
- Solar 101 (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.) – Learn about home energy generation from the sun.
- Programmable Thermostats (2:15 to 2:45 p.m.) – Learn how to install and program a thermostat to maximize the heating and cooling efficiency in your home. Glendale residents who complete this class will receive a free programmable thermostat for their home.

All classes are free, but advance registration is required. To sign up for classes, call 623-930-3760. For a complete listing of the Green Living class series, go to www.glendaleaz.com/green.

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