Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **October 9, 2009**

Upcoming Yucca District Meeting

Residents living in the Yucca District can learn about local and citywide services and development projects at an upcoming community meeting, hosted by Councilmember Joyce Clark.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 4 at Coyote Ridge Elementary School, 7677 W. Bethany Home Road, in the cafeteria. For more information, click here or call the City Council Office at (623) 930-2878.

Fall Shopping Festivals. Back by popular demand and welcomed by cooler temperatures, two fun shopping events are taking place in Historic Downtown Glendale:

Friday Nite Lights on October 16. Friday Nite Lights kicks it off with an early Halloween twist on Friday, October 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. Shoppers will enjoy an evening of fun-filled activities with a special theme of "No Tricks, Just Treats." Participants are encouraged to start their shopping adventure at the Glendale Visitor Center where a downtown walking map and a list of activities and shops can be picked up.

The first 50 visitors to the Glendale Visitor Center will receive a free treat bag filled with surprises. Many shop owners will be getting into the Halloween spirit by dressing up in their favorite costume, and shoppers are encouraged to dress up as well. Many of the downtown shops and restaurants will also feature fun treats.

15th Annual Front Porch Festival & Old Towne Marketplace. The 15th Annual Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 in Historic Catlin Court District, Old Towne and the Promenade at Palmaire in downtown Glendale. This event features a day of shopping with special activities on the lawns and front porches of the charming shops and boutiques. More than 80 shops and eateries are offering many special activities, including demonstrations, make-and-take crafts and special treats. Shoppers may start the day at the Glendale Visitor Center where walking maps and a list of activities for the day are available.

For more information on these fall shopping events, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500 or click here to visit online. The Glendale Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.

$400,000 Domestic Violence Grant. The Glendale City Court has received a $400,000 Domestic Violence Grant from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. Glendale City Court and the Glendale Domestic Violence Taskforce are making a special commitment to address issues concerning domestic violence.

The recent award of a $400,000 grant represents the third consecutive Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant the Court and Taskforce have received. Additional grant partners include the Glendale Police Department and A New Leaf. This award represents a total of $1,200,000 in VAWA grants the Court has received since 2005.

October is domestic violence month. If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship and need information, please click here or call the West Valley Advocacy Center at (623) 930-3720.

Glendale Wins International Festival Awards. Glendale's Office of Special Events was recently awarded two silver awards and two bronze awards at the 2009 International Festival and Events Association (IFEA) annual conference. These awards come on the heels of the Office of Special Events receiving several state AzTEC awards this year.

The two Silver Pinnacle Awards were won for “Best Miscellaneous Multimedia” for Glendale Glitter & Glow’s Internet advertising, and also for “Best Cover Design” for the cover of the program for the Glendale Chocolate Affaire.

The two Bronze Pinnacle Awards were won for “Best Full Length TV Program” for Glendale 11’s coverage of the Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival and for “Best Event” (within an existing festival), for incorporating romance novelists at the Glendale Chocolate Affaire.

The IFEA professional competition drew 1,428 entries this year from among the world’s top festivals and events.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Columbus Day. City of Glendale offices and all three public libraries will be closed Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day. For more information on schedule changes for residential garbage and recycling, as well as other city services, please click here.

2009 Glendale Hispanic Network Breakfast. The Glendale Hispanic Network (GHN) invites you to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive in Historic Downtown Glendale. To purchase your tickets, please contact the Tourism Center at 623-930-4500. Individual tickets are $35 or a table of ten is $350.

The GHN’s 5th annual breakfast featured speaker is Rosemary Ybarra-Hernandez. Ms. Ybarra-Hernandez is the CEO and Founder of AGUILA Youth Leadership Institute, a college prep/access program for Latina and Latino youth that has received national recognition for its innovation and success.

Free Landscape Class: Desert Vegetable Gardening Made Easy. Learn how to grow vegetables in your backyard from garden author, Mary Irish. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19 at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

Live at the Library. Join us for Wayward Maggie at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 22 in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. The duo Wayward Maggie consists of Jess Hawk Oakenstar and Kate DeLaPointe, who met at the library where they both work. Their musical presentation/persona comes to rest somewhere between mournfully dark and rockingly/rollickingly comedic. For more information call (623) 930-3573.

Shred It & Forget It Event. The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Target Corporation to provide residents with an opportunity to combat identity theft, the fastest growing crime in the United States. Shred It & Forget It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 24. Bring up to three boxes (per household) of personal paperwork to have shredded on site in the Target Parking lot at 10404 N. 43rd Avenue. Read more.

Free Landscape Class: Pruning of Trees and Shrubs. Learn proper timing and techniques for pruning your trees and shrubs. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27 at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

GlendOberfest. Games, contests and candy await you at GlendOberfest! Held at Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area, from 5-10 p.m. on October 31, this annual event features carnival-style games, on-site trick-or-treating, a Hallowympics parade and more. Bring your pre-carved or decorated jack-o-lantern for the pumpkin contest. Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. This event is a great alternative to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating. Sahuaro Ranch is located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2042.

Teen Money Management. Topics for this 3-part series include: spending wisely, needs vs. wants, budgeting, saving for college, checking/savings accounts, the power of savings, writing checks and balancing the checkbook, borrowing money, credit cards, cost of owning a car, protecting against fraud, credit reports and more. Teen Money Management will be presented from 7-8:30 p.m., on Monday, November 2, 9 and 16 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. This program is free. For more information or to register, call (623) 930-3554.

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