Yucca Weekly Update

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Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **November 18, 2011**

Thanks to all who attended my district meeting on Thursday evening at Coyote Ridge School. We had some great conversations on happiness. It's always good to see Yucca residents and hear what's on their minds.

- Joyce

Jaysen Lopez, a senior at Ira H. Hayes High School on the Gila River Indian Community, adds color to a basket sculpture inspired by his ancestral O'odham people. The student artwork is currently on display at the Glendale Main Library.

Glendale Wins WESTMARC Excellence in Innovation Award. The city of Glendale was recently awarded WESTMARC's prestigious Excellence in Innovation award for the Oasis Groundwater Treatment Plant at the 2011 Best of the West Awards event. The Oasis Groundwater Treatment Plant is a state-of-the-art facility that provides high quality, safe drinking water to the Glendale community by enhancing the overall reliability of Glendale's water services and supports economic growth, and a sustainable community. The facility also received the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) Honor Excellence Award for 2011. Read more

Take Thanksgiving Outdoors! Take your Thanksgiving feast outdoors just like the Pilgrims did in 1621. Parks are great locations to host the annual autumn event and Glendale has great parks that include Ramadas that are perfect for your holiday gathering, available for reservation. Hosting Thanksgiving in a park is easier for the host, offering plenty of seating for large families and places for the kids to play. There are several ideal host locations such as Sahuaro Ranch Park and the Western Area Regional Park. These two park ramada areas include large counter spaces, sinks and water, electrical outlets and huge charcoal grills as part of the reservation. Read More

Glendale Glitters Spectacular. The day after Thanksgiving is Glendale's long-standing tradition of turning on its 1.5 million lights covering 16 blocks of the historic downtown area, and it's one huge celebration that kicks off the city's eight-week long Glendale Glitters holiday display! The Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, and the entertainment will include the international-award-winning Sweet Adelines, The Uptown Angels as well as dance performances. In addition, the traditional reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas will be done by the 2011-12 Fiesta Bowl Queen Shannon Maule. The 30-minute celebration will culminate with Governor Jan Brewer, Mayor Elaine Scruggs and Councilmembers turning on the 1.5 million lights. Read More

Student Artists from the Gila River Indian Community Display Their Work. The Glendale Main Library is hosting a special exhibit of basket sculptures created by student artists from the Ira H. Hayes High School on the Gila River Indian Community. Inspired by their ancestors, the project is a contemporary approach to the rich basket history of the O'odham people who used the vessels for ceremony and for the transportation of dry goods like cactus fruit, grains and vegetables.

Legislative Link Program. The city of Glendale invites residents to attend a legislative session update meeting to be held Monday, Dec. 5. The meeting is part of the free Legislative Link program that enables citizens to stay informed and closely track neighborhood-related matters and bills being discussed at the State Capitol. The program not only keeps residents up to date on issues impacting their community, it also provides citizens a way to actively engage themselves in the state law-making process. Read more

City Offers Two Classes for Residents. Glendale residents have an opportunity to participate in one or both of two new classes the city is offering. "Learn What Occurs at Court Outside the Courtroom" is a two-day class that will focus on learning the Domestic Violence laws in the State of Arizona and how DUI criminal cases are processed. The first night will cover the roles of the prosecutor, defense attorney, judge and jury. The second night will be an interactive session in which the students participate in a mock trial. The class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29 and 30 at the Glendale City Court complex, 5711 W. Glendale Ave.

"Disaster Preparedness" is a two-night class that will educate residents on the city's emergency plan, how the city prepares for emergencies and how it organizes in response to disasters. Students will learn about the laws, processes and issues surrounding disaster preparedness, response and recovery. In addition, the class includes valuable information about how residents can help themselves and their families during a time of crisis. The class will be held from 6-8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 5 and 6 at the Glendale Training Facility, 11550 W. Glendale Ave., just west of the Glendale landfill. Read More

Around Town

City Offices will Close November 24 and 25. City Offices will close Nov. 24 and 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Read More

City Recycling Cell Phones for Good Cause Through Nov. 30. The city of Glendale is dialing in on a good cause with its annual cell phone recycling campaign. The campaign, which coincides with America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, benefits domestic violence victims. Through Nov. 30, the public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at any of following locations: Glendale's three public libraries, the Glendale Visitor Center in downtown Glendale, Gate 3 of Jobing.com Arena, located on the northwest corner of the building, and at Glendale Community College. Read more

American Roots Fall Music Series. Bad Cactus Brass Band: Holiday Concert is the last of the series at Foothills Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30 in the Roadrunner Room. This will be an exciting and festive evening with the New Orleans-style jazz band, whose repertoire ranges from funky street beats to traditional Dixieland and swing powered by tuba, drums, saxophones and trumpets.

Live at the Library. Live at the Library presents the *Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir* from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. This uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with multi-sized brass bells. Don't miss this holiday favorite!

Artwerks First Saturday. Historic Downtown Glendale will turn into a living masterpiece on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as First Saturdays takes place just east of Murphy Park. Learn more

Open Air Market December 3. The marketplace, which features antiques, collectibles, art treasures, crafts and food, will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. The market will be held at the corner of 57th Drive and Glendale Avenue in the parking lot of A Mad Hatter's Antiques, located at 5734 W. Glendale Ave. The Open Air Market will continue on the first Saturday of each month through May. For more information and to learn about becoming a market vendor, call 623-931-1991.

Dine & Glitter is Back! Friday, Dec. 9. Dine & Glitter is a co-op type event for small and mid-size companies to celebrate with employees at a cost-effective shared holiday party. Companies can reduce costs by sharing the main ballroom of the Civic Center, yet each business also has a designated dining area of their own. Last year 150 guests from several Valley companies attended Dine & Glitter!

Plus! Step outside the Civic Center to enjoy Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend, part of Glendale Glitters' outdoor holiday festival with 1.5 million twinkling lights! Click here for more information or to RSVP online. For more information, call the Glendale Civic Center at 623-930-4300.

Coffeehouse. The Main Library Coffeehouse welcomes *Members of the Glendale Public Library's Acoustic Jam Session* as they take the stage to entertain the audience with holiday favorites. Join us on Thursday, December 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

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