Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **November 19, 2010**

Glendale Recreation Centers Closed for Maintenance and Holidays. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center and Glendale Adult Center will have modified hours and closures for the holidays and annual maintenance.

Glendale Adult Center
5970 W Brown St.
Hours are as follows:

- Closed, Nov. 25-27, for Thanksgiving.
- Closed, Dec. 24-25, for Christmas.
- Closed, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, for New Year's.

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center
5600 W. Union Hills Dr.
Hours are as follows:

- 5:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24.
- Closed, Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 25-28 for Thanksgiving and annual maintenance.

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Glendale Salvation Army Night with the Coyotes. Support your Glendale Salvation Army's efforts to win a $10,000 grant from Phoenix Coyotes Charities by purchasing tickets to the Saturday, Nov. 27 game. This is an exclusive opportunity to purchase discounted game tickets while helping a wonderful cause. Tickets are $15 for upper level side/end seats (regular $36). The Coyotes will take on the Anaheim Ducks at 6 p.m. To order tickets, click here and use the password "glendalesa". The deadline to order tickets is Monday, November 22.

Glendale – Top 10 Ranking from Forbes For Safest City. Glendale has come in at number ten nationally on Forbes "America's Safest Cities" list. The city was ranked as the 10th safest city of the larger metropolitan cities within the United States. Forbes based their ranking from an analysis of violent crimes and fatal traffic accidents within the larger cities throughout America.

"We are proud of this recognition, and it should go without saying our goal is to make our community the safest place to live," said Steve Conrad, Glendale's Chief of Police. "This kind of recognition is a tribute to our community and to the members of this department who work hard to make Glendale a safer city." Chief Conrad went on to say, "We will continue to strive to make Glendale a safe place for its residents and visitors, who we take great pride in serving." For further information on America's Safest Cities, click here.

Help Residents in Need During the Holidays While Enjoying Great Food. Join Maître d' Mayor Elaine Scruggs, special guests, family and friends from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, at Tuscan Oven in Westgate City Center for a special From The Heart fundraising event. The new restaurant (located next to Margaritaville), which features pizzas, pasta and paninis, will be donating a portion of its evening's proceeds to Glendale's From The Heart program. Reservations, which are encouraged but not required, can be made by calling 623-877-4760,

One hundred percent of all money raised through From The Heart is distributed to non-profit agencies serving local residents in need of social services. From The Heart is supported by residents adding $1 to their monthly utility bill and through business donations. Make plans now to be a part of this special evening for a great cause!

Beardsley Road now connected to Loop 101. Earlier this week the connection between Loop 101 and Beardsley Road officially opened, though work still remains ongoing in the area.

Drivers can now exit west/southbound Loop 101 and use a frontage road system to either access Beardsley Road or Union Hills Drive. This is the first major opening of two separate projects that, when completed in spring 2011, will fully connect Beardsley Road to Loop 101.

For this week's update, click here. For more information about valley freeways, visit http://www.valleyfreeways.com.

- 7 a.m. – 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 24 for Christmas eve.
- Closed, Saturday, Dec. 25 for Christmas.
- 5:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 31 for New Year's eve.
- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 1 for New Year's day.

For questions or information call Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center at 623-930-4600 and the Glendale Adult Center at 623-930-4321.

Community Education Expo. Join us from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Saturday, December 4 at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., for the Community Education Expo. Residents can explore a variety of cultural, culinary, language, music, and personal development offerings at this free event. It's a fun family event with hands-on opportunities for all ages and a chance to learn about the Special Interest Classes offered by Glendale Parks and Recreation. For more information, call 623-930-4612.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Job Searching Open Labs. Let a human resources professional assist you with your job search at the library's Job Searching Labs. Labs are scheduled through December at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. and Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Click here for more information.

Glendale Glitters Kickoff. What is synonymous with holiday fun on Thanksgiving weekend in the Valley of the Sun? Glendale Glitters! The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona, and it all kicks off Nov. 26-27 from 5-10 p.m. each evening. Free admission and free shuttles make Glendale Glitters one of the best-loved festivals in Arizona year after year. Read more.

Live at the Library. On Thursday, Dec. 2, Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir, a uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with their multi-sized brass bells. Join us for this free program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Spring Training Pre-Sale Offer, Exclusive to Glendale Residents. The 2010 season may be over, but Spring Training is right around the corner in your own backyard. As a resident of the city of Glendale, we'd like to once again cordially invite you with this offer to purchase single-game tickets for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox 2011 spring training season at Camelback Ranch – Glendale in advance of the general public! To take advantage of this offer, simply visit dodgers.com/spring or whitesox.com/spring between the dates of December 1st and December 3rd and click on Single Game Tickets. Use "Glendale" as the promotional code when prompted. A wide variety of other ticket options are also available such as season tickets, suites, group tickets, mini-plans and holiday packages. Contact Camelback Ranch-Glendale at 623-302-5000 for more information.

Gingerbread Nights. Join us on Friday and Saturday, December 3-4 from 6-10 p.m. for Gingerbread Nights in Downtown Glendale. Click here for more information and the entertainment lineup.

Trail of Two Cities Bike Ride. Join us for this fun, free family event on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Rio Vista Community Park,8866 W. Thunderbird Road. The ride will go from 8-10 a.m. To register, call 623-773-5209

Glendale Coffeehouse. On Thursday, Dec. 16, members of the Glendale Public Library's Acoustic Jam Session will take the stage to entertain audience members with holiday favorites. Join us for this free program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

The Acoustic Jam Session. The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style. The next jam session will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, and an audience is welcome. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Save the Date. The Glendale Family Bike Ride has been scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2011 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

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