Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **November 24, 2010**

Thanksgiving Holiday Closures. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. All three Glendale libraries will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24 and will remain closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26. Residential sanitation and recycling collection will shift one day later. Therefore, residents who normally receive service on Thursday will receive service on Friday (11/26) and those who normally receive service on Friday will receive service on Saturday (11/27). Visit www.glendaleaz.com for more information.

Promoting Inclusiveness Award. All members of the public are invited to nominate an individual who has made an impact in Maricopa County for the Promoting Inclusiveness Award. Nominees may be unsung heroes working quietly to make a difference or recognized leaders who use their influence to advance inclusiveness. To be selected, nominees should go beyond the scope of their jobs to promote inclusiveness in their actions, and exhibit qualities that are consistent with the ideals advocated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The award will be presented at the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon on Jan. 14. Nominations are due by Dec. 16, 2010. Click here to complete the nomination form online.

Holiday Events in Glendale

Glendale Glitters Spectacular. This year's Glendale Glitters Spectacular celebration will be 'jazzed' up by the appearance of a special celebrity guest, Lauren Froderman, winner of this season's "So You Think You Can Dance" national TV competition.

Not only will Froderman flip the switch on the downtown's 1.5 million lights, but she will also perform during the exciting countdown show.

As part of the city's award-winning annual festival, the holiday light display will kick off the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. with the Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show beginning at 5:30 p.m. The 30-minute show will feature a performance by The Valley Jazz Divas, which includes Delphine Cortez, Margo Reed, Nancy Gee and Sherry Roberson. The countdown show continues with a solo performance by the now-famous local star Lauren Froderman, who will go on to help the Glendale City Council turn on the 1.5 million lights that cover 16 blocks throughout downtown Glendale, creating Arizona's largest free holiday light display!

Downtown Glendale will be abuzz with excitement, including holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, everyone's favorite visitor from the North Pole, Santa Claus. Click here for the entertainment lineup.

Glendale Glitters Holiday Weekends. The state's largest free holiday light display continues in December with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday, from 6-10 p.m.

- **Glendale's Gingerbread Nights, Dec. 3-4.** Enjoy family fun all about gingerbread, including gingerbread décor, gingerbread-flavored food and beverages and all sorts of other treats to satisfy your sweet tooth, as well as holiday performances and storytelling provided by Bookmans & The Arizona BookPALS. Read more.

- **Glendale's Spirit of Giving, Dec. 10-11.** The holidays are a time of generosity, so what could be better than a whole weekend recognizing those who give back to our community? It'll do your heart good to get into the spirit of giving by paying tribute to those selfless organizations who make our community a better place to live. Support local food banks with our canned food drive for St. Mary's Food Bank and kids will enjoy all kinds of entertainment! Read more.

- **Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights, Dec. 17-18.** Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in Murphy Park, which will be packed with music, lights, kids' crafts and entertainment. Enjoy performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances. Read more.

Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir. 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 Live @ the Library program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

'Dine & Glitter' Co-op Holiday Parties. Small and mid-size businesses are encouraged to celebrate the season with a shared holiday party at the Glendale Civic Center on Friday, Dec. 10, from 6-11 p.m. The event will combine several company parties into one large event. To make a reservation for 'Dine and Glitter,' contact the Glendale Civic Center at (623) 930-4300. Read more.

4th Annual Santa's Workshop. Kids of all ages are invited to Santa's Workshop where they can purchase holiday gifts (everything is $1) for friends, family and even pets. Join us from 10 a.m. to noon at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., on Saturday, Dec. 11. Santa's elves will be on site to wrap their selection in holiday wrapping paper. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Glendale Adult Center Holiday luncheon. Celebrate the joys of this special season with your friends at the Adult Center's Holiday Luncheon. The luncheon will be held from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17 at the Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. Entertainment will be provided by the Celebration Singers and the Mockingbird Kitchen Band. Bring a new pair of adult socks to donate to the Veteran's Hospital. The cost for the luncheon is $5 per person, members only. Click here or call the Adult Center at 623-930-4321 for membership information.

For information on other holiday events and entertainment, go to www.visitglendale.com.

College Bowl Games and Events

Along with the gridiron action, the games bring a multitude of festivities to enjoy. All events are open to the public. Some events charge admission. For more information, call 480-350-0911.

33rd Annual Fiesta Bowl Band Championship • *University of Phoenix Stadium*
Thursday, December 30, 2010 – Preliminaries: 1:00 p.m., Finals: 6:30 p.m.
As a long-standing Fiesta Bowl tradition, the Fiesta Bowl Band Championship has distinguished itself as one of the most prestigious high school marching band competitions in the country. Featuring the nation's most highly decorated bands, the Band Championship welcomes participants to present their best 10-minute field presentations in front of a panel of judges who critique them on musical performance, visual performance, auxiliary techniques, percussion, drum majors and general overall effect. The top bands from the preliminary competition are invited to compete for the coveted Grand Master's Trophy in the event finals.

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Brings You College Football's Biggest Party • *Glendale Youth Sports Complex*
Saturday, January 1, 2011 - 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Annually attracting tens of thousands of fans, College Football's Biggest Party is an action-packed celebration full of the ultimate tailgate experience. Sports fanatics gear up for the big game while enjoying pep rallies, performances by the university marching bands and cheerleaders, jumbotrons, interactive games and food and beverage booths. Ticket price includes a plated meal.

40th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl • *University of Phoenix Stadium*
Saturday, January 1, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.
As a member of the Bowl Championship Series, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl has the opportunity to host the champion of the Big 12 Conference as well as an at-large BCS team. The 40th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played at University of Phoenix Stadium and telecast on ESPN.

College Football's Biggest Party • *Glendale Youth Sports Complex*
Monday, January 10, 2011 - 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Annually attracting tens of thousands of fans, College Football's Biggest Party is an action-packed celebration full of the ultimate tailgate experience. Crazed sports fanatics gear up for the big game while enjoying live music from a national act, pep rallies, performances by the university marching bands and cheerleaders, jumbotrons, interactive games, and food and beverage booths. Ticket price includes a plated meal.

BCS National Championship Game • *University of Phoenix Stadium*
Monday, January 10, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
The Fiesta Bowl is proud to host its seventh national championship game on January 10, 2011. The No. 1 team in the country will face-off against the No. 2 team at University of Phoenix Stadium vying for the national title.

* The Glendale Youth Sports Complex is adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium.

In January 2011

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party. Save the date of Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011 from 4 to 11 p.m., for Glendale Glitter & Glow. More information to come.

2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. The life and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are once again being celebrated by the city of Glendale during the 2011 Unity Day Luncheon. The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

Each year in January, Glendale honors Dr. King and his ideals with a luncheon that brings the community together in celebration of King's work and the ongoing efforts to promote a society that is just, peaceful and understanding.

The luncheon will be emceed by Susan Casper, a news anchor with ABC-15, and will feature keynote speaker Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr., a pastor and human rights advocate. In addition, the 2011 Promoting Inclusiveness Award will be presented.

Seats will go on sale in early December and additional information on how to make reservations will be coming soon. Click here for more information.

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