Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **November 25, 2009**

Thanksgiving Holiday. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. Residential garbage and recycling collection shifts one day later to avoid the holiday, therefore residents who normally receive service on Thursday will receive service on Friday and residents who normally receive service on Friday will receive service on Saturday. Click here for more information.

2009 Historic Downtown Glendale Holiday Food Drive. The merchants of Catlin Court and Historic Downtown Glendale invite the community to participate in the annual Holiday Food Drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. Participating merchants and the Glendale Visitor Center will have collections boxes available for donations of non-perishable food items. The food drive will conclude on Saturday, December 12 with Glendale's Spirit of Giving event in Murphy Park. For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500. Click here for a list of collection box locations.

Holiday Events in Glendale

Glendale Glitters Spectacular, November 27-28. Glendale Glitters kicks off this weekend, November 27-28 from 5-10 p.m. each evening in historic downtown Glendale. Free admission and free parking mean you can bring the whole family and not break the bank!

The exciting stage show counts down to the lighting ceremony on Friday evening, November 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate twelve blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona. Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

This year's Glendale Glitters Spectacular will be unlike any other, because the city is celebrating its 100th anniversary. As part of the city's centennial activities this year, two 100-years-young residents will be joining the Glendale City Council on Friday, November 27, to help turn on the Glendale Glitters holiday light display for the first time this season. The two centenarians will be part of a 30-minute lighting program called, "Celebrating Glendale's Centennial," which will highlight the city's first 100 years through music, dance and other entertainment.

Event attendees are encouraged to use the free shuttle to downtown Glendale, from Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave. Please note that the shuttle runs from the north campus lots, and cars should enter off of 59th Avenue, north of Olive. The shuttle will run continuously from 4-10:30 p.m.

Glendale Glitters Spectacular is sponsored by Target, APS, Kokopelli Winery, KTVK, KMLE Country 108, 101.5 JAMZ and the Arizona Republic.

The holiday magic continues in December with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday, from 6-10 p.m. each evening. Read more.

- **Glendale's Gingerbread Nights, December 4-5.** Enjoy family fun all about gingerbread, including our own Flat Murphy contest winners, a gingerbread décor, gingerbread flavored food and drink as well as holiday performances and all sorts of treats to satisfy your sweet tooth.

- **Glendale's Spirit of Giving, December 11-12.** 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 a free Madagascar movie!

- **Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights, December 18-19.** Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in Murphy Park, which will be packed with music, lights, APS clowns with kids' crafts and excitement! Entertainment will include performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances.

Campanillas del Sol Handbell Choir. On December 3, the Campanillas del Sol Handbell Choir will perform at Live at the Library. A long time favorite, this uniquely talented group returns with favorite holiday tunes rung with their multi-sized brass bells. Join us at 7 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Coyotes and Glendale Celebrate Centennial. The city of Glendale is turning 100 and the Coyotes are joining in the fun by hosting hundreds of students for Flat Murphy Glendale Centennial Night, Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Phoenix Coyotes/Calgary Flames game. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. at Jobing.com Arena.

Flat Murphy is based on the popular children's character Flat Stanley, but with a twist. The city's version is a gingerbread man who is named 'Murphy' after W. J. Murphy, Glendale's founder. The Flat Murphy project culminates Dec. 4 and 5 at Gingerbread Nights at Glendale Glitters in Murphy Park located in downtown Glendale.

Students from all over the Valley are encouraged to attend this game and become part of the Flat Murphy Project. Ticket discounts for students and families are available. Students may also download a picture of Flat Murphy on this site to decorate and bring along to the game. Howler will be available for photos during the second intermission outside of section 105 on the south end of the concourse next to the Glendale Centennial table.

In addition, the first 100 kids that visit the Glendale Centennial table with their Flat Murphys will receive a special Coyotes gift.

Parents' Night Out. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's youth and teen division presents "Parents' Night Out" from 6-9 p.m., on Friday, December 4 at the Glendale Adult Center. Children, ages 4 and older, can bring their pajamas and a pillow for an evening of FUN! The night out includes pizza and drink, arts and crafts, games and a special holiday movie. This is a GREAT opportunity to get that holiday shopping done without the kids! All children must be potty trained. The cost is $10 per child for Glendale residents or $12 per child for non-residents. Pre-registration is required, call (623) 930-2832.

Jingle Bell Hike to Santa. Visit with Jolly Ol' St. Nick at the mid-point in this moderate 2/3-mile round trip hike. Join us from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, December 5 at the Thunderbird Conservation Park, 59th Ave. north of Deer Valley Rd. Wear hiking or tennis shoes and bring water. This event is free. No dogs please. Call (623) 930-2038 for more details.

Santa's Workshop. Join us from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 12 at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Drive, for the 3rd Annual Santa's Workshop. Kids of all ages are invited to this event where they can purchase holiday gifts (everything for $1) for their friends, family, and even pets. A special store will be set up with a variety of items sure to make everyone happy. Santa's elves will be on site to wrap the purchases. Call (623) 930-4610 for more information.

Holiday at the Ranch. Join us from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, December 12 at Sahuaro Ranch Park for Holiday at the Ranch. Experience a hometown holiday and a seasonal atmosphere in the historic setting of this 17-acre ranch! Enjoy family activities and holiday-themed historic house tours. Dress warm for winter fun! Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic area is located at 59th Avenue & Mountain View Road. For more information, call (623) 930-4200.

Glitter & Glow Block Party, January 16. Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 16, from 4-10 p.m. with fun for the whole family including free admission and free parking!

Take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with dozens of hot air balloons glowing softly amidst the trees throughout 12 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale.

More than 75,000 people will stroll the sidewalks and watch tethered balloons gently expand as pilots fire them up, enjoying more than a dozen bands performing all genres of music, as well as vibrant street performers for a climactic finale to a festive season.

Free parking shuttles will be available from 3:30 until 11:30 p.m. for attendees, from Glendale Community College, located at 59th and Olive avenues. Shuttle parking is located in the north campus parking lots, with entrance off of 59th Avenue.

Glendale's Glitter and Glow Block Party is sponsored by Kokopelli Winery, 3-TV KTVK, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, and The Arizona Republic. For more information, call our Special Events Hotline at (623) 930-2299. Read more.

Fiesta Bowl Events

32nd Annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship presented by University of Phoenix. The Annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship will be held on Friday, January 1, 2010 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. The preliminaries will be held at 1 p.m., and the finals will commence at 6:30 p.m.

As a long-standing Fiesta Bowl tradition, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship presented by University of Phoenix 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 National 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.

Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic presented by NCAA. Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at the Glendale Youth Sports Complex. As one of the Valley's most exhilarating experiences in youth football, the Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic presented by NCAA promotes more than just the fundamentals of the game. Boys and girls, ages 9 - 14, are invited to participate in this free, non-contact clinic led by trained athletes and experienced coaches. Young competitors walk away with the perseverance, discipline and determination necessary to achieve their maximum potential both on and off the field. The Glendale Youth Sports Complex is located adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium.

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Brings You College Football's Biggest Party. 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 pep rallies, performances by the university marching bands and cheerleaders, Jumbotrons, interactive games and food and beverage booths. Ticket price includes a plated meal. College Football's Biggest Party will take place at noon on Monday, January 4, 2010 at the Glendale Youth Sports Complex, adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium.

39th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. The Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale.

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 39th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played at University of Phoenix Stadium and telecast on Fox.

Click here for more information on Fiesta Bowl Events.

In January

2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. The city of Glendale's Diversity Committee is proud to present the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon, featuring Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker, Associate Professor at Arizona State University and the recipient of the 2009 Promoting Inclusiveness Award.

Each year, on the third Monday of January, the life and the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are celebrated. Glendale honors this great man and his ideals with a luncheon that acknowledges the value of diversity, the progress made toward freedom and equality for all people and continued efforts to strengthen communities across the nation. This year's theme, "Celebrating diversity in our communities—keeping the dream alive" pays tribute to Dr. King's legacy and the positive impact that it has had on our community.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2010 at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn. Drive. Doors open at 11 a.m.; program will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The public and community members are invited to attend the event by purchasing a reserved seat that includes a plated lunch. Seats for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon can be purchased in person at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., exclusive of city holidays. Seats are $40 per person. For more information on reserving a seat, contact the Visitor Center at (623) 930-2955. Read more.

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