# Yucca Weekly Update

**Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona**

**Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.** **December 10, 2010**

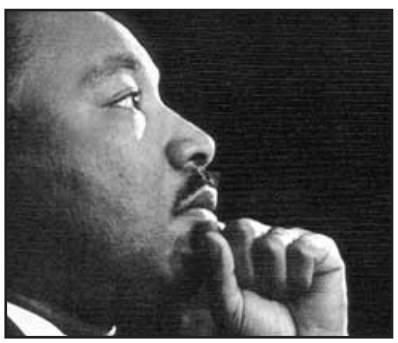
**Glendale Glitters – Spirit of Giving Event.** Join us from 6-10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 11 at Murphy Park in Downtown Glendale for the Spirit of Giving Weekend. The holidays are a time of generosity, so what could be better than a whole weekend recognizing those who give back to our 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. Click here for more information on Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend including the weekend's performers.

**Glendale Public Safety Memorial Dedication.** The community is invited to the dedication ceremony for the new Glendale Public Safety Memorial at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4, in the Glendale Civic Center Plaza, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. The memorial honors two police officers and one firefighter killed in the line of duty in Glendale. The names of the fallen include:

- Fire Engineer Lester Hillis – September 7, 1974
- Sergeant Pat Campbell – September 22, 1985
- Officer Anthony Holly – February 19, 2007

During the 45-minute ceremony, there will be tributes to each of the men, highlights about the memorial and its unique design, comments from Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs and special performances from the Mountain Ridge High School Honor Choir.

The 15-foot-tall bronze memorial features two police officers and two firefighters rescuing a child while connected by an eternal flame. Behind the statue is a 28-foot-long granite wall with plaques of honor with background information on Hillis, Campbell and Holly. Free public parking is available in the Promenade Parking Garage at 58th and Palmaire avenues and Glendale City Hall at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.



**Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr. to Keynote Glendale's 2011 Martin Luther King Jr., Unity Day Luncheon.** Pastor and human rights activist Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Jr. will offer the keynote address at the city of Glendale's 2011 Unity Day Luncheon held in celebration of the life and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For the second year, Susan Casper of ABC-15 will emcee the event, which will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

Stewart's keynote address will top off a program that includes live entertainment, a chance for the community to come together in celebration, presentation of the Unity Day Youth Art Contest winners and the announcement of the 2011 Promoting Inclusiveness Award winner.

The event planners are accepting nominations for the Inclusiveness Award until 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16. All members of the public are invited to nominate an individual who has made an impact in Maricopa County. 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. King.

Nomination forms are available by logging on to www.glendaleaz.com/unityday or by calling 623-930-3169.

Reservations are also being accepted for the Unity Luncheon, which attracted overflowing crowds in years past. Organizers expect a full house this year, and urge early registration.

Individual seats for the 2011 Unity Luncheon are $40 per person. Tables of 10 can be reserved at a cost of $400. Individual seats and table reservations can be made at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, or by calling Lorraine Pino at 623-930-2955. Click here for more information including Dr. Stewart's career highlights.

**Small Stars Youth Sports Clinic.** Children ages 4-7 can learn soccer, football and t-ball during the Glendale Parks & Recreation's Small Stars youth sports clinic.

This 6-week, 12-day clinic focuses on fundamentals. The clinic includes practice skill drills, warm up/conditioning, review of rules and short scrimmage games.

Clinic dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 25 through March 3, at the Paseo Sports Complex, 6268 W. Thunderbird Rd. Two sessions are offered: Session I from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Session II from 6:45-7:45 p.m. The price is $60 for Glendale residents and $70 for non-residents. The price includes a clinic t-shirt, certificate of completion and participation medal or ribbon. Participants must wear gym shoes (no sandals, boots or open toe shoes allowed). A parent or guardian must be present during the entire clinic.

To register, click here or call 623-930-2820 by Jan. 7. For more information on the program, call 623-930-2834.

**5K Family Fun Run/Walk to be Held Dec. 18.** Get the family to put on their walking or running shoes and participate in a 5K that will feature Santa Claus!

The Santa Chase 5k Family Fun Run/Walk will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 18 starting from the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center parking lot, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. This fun, healthy event is designed for the whole family. The event will be held on the Skunk Creek trail and Santa will be at the race to cheer everyone on.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three males and females in both adult and youth divisions. Raffle drawings and prizes will be awarded throughout the race. The timing will be non-chipped.

The race begins at 9 a.m. but check in and late registration will begin at 8 a.m. The price is $20 per person through to Dec. 17 and $25 on race day. For more information or to register, call 623-930-4600. This event is provided through the Glendale Parks & Recreation Department.

# Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

**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 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.

**33rd Annual Fiesta Bowl Band Championship.** The Band Championship will be held on Thursday, December 30 at University of Phoenix Stadium. Preliminaries begin at 1 p.m., and the finals will be held at 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. For more information, call 480-350-0911.

**40th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl – Big East Champ Connecticut vs. Big 12 Champ Oklahoma.** The 40th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played at 6 p.m., Saturday, January 1, 2011 at University of Phoenix Stadium and telecast on ESPN. For more information, click here or call 480-350-0911.

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

**BCS National Championship Game.** The BCS National Championship Game will be played at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 10. The No. 1 team in the country, Auburn, will face-off against the No. 2 team, Oregon, at University of Phoenix Stadium vying for the national title. For more information, click here or call 480-350-0911.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