Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **December 16, 2011**

Councilmember Clark attended the rededication of the U.S. Air Force F-100D Super Sabre, nicknamed "The Hun," displayed at Bonsall Park, Dec. 15.

December & January Holiday Notices. City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday, and Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's holiday. Click here for information on service schedules and facility closures.

Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights. If you love music and holiday fun, head to Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights this weekend! Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in downtown Glendale on Dec. 16-17 and enjoy music, fun and excitement amid 1.5 million lights! A festive mix of holiday songs and rock jams will get everyone off their feet and in the holiday spirit! Practice your moves to the tunes of some stellar musical performances. The event will also feature holiday arts and crafts, delicious food and beverage, horse-drawn carriage rides, inflatable rides and visits with Santa Claus. Bring your camera, or have Santa's helper snap a photo for a small fee. Free admission! Click here or call 623-930-2299 for more information.

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center Gift Card. We all have someone on our list that is hard to find a gift for. Look no further. Give the gift of fun and fitness by purchasing a Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center gift card. The recipient will love the fitness center, child-care area, water aerobics, lap swimming, gymnasium, rock wall, racquetball, indoor walking/jogging track, volleyball and so much more. Open to everyone, not just Glendale residents. Come see why people from all over the Valley use Foothills! For information, call 623-930-4600.

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl to Be Played Jan. 2. The BCS group and the Fiesta Bowl announced recently that the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played Monday night, January 2, 2012. The game will be televised on ESPN. The Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, one of the five BCS bowls, will feature two of the top-rated teams in the country as measured by BCS standings. The game had previously been scheduled for Thursday, January 5th. Click here for Fiesta Bowl events, FAQs, ticket info and more!

Glendale "Treecycling" Sites. Glendale residents are encouraged to recycle their live Christmas trees by dropping them off at the following sites. The "treecycling" sites will be open from Monday, Dec. 26 to Sunday, Jan. 8.

- Acoma Park, 53rd Avenue and Acoma Road
- Fire Station #156, 67th Avenue and Deer Valley Road
- Foothills Park, 57th Avenue and Union Hills Drive
- O'Neil Park, 64th and Missouri avenues
- Rose Lane Park, 51st and Marlette avenues
- Sahuaro Ranch Park, southeast corner of 63rd Avenue and Mountain View Road
- Western Area Regional Park, 83rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road

Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed.
Trees collected at the recycling stations will be used for composting and mulch. For more information, click here or call 623-930-2660.

Free Tax Help for Eligible Residents. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax-Aide preparers, trained to IRS certification, file your taxes for FREE. Get your refund FAST if you e-file and use direct deposit. ***These services are subject to income eligibility.***

Did you earn less than $40,078 last year? You may qualify for several tax credits. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) alone could pay you up to $5,751. You have to file to receive the credit.

Glendale locations are:

- **National Bank of Arizona,** 9878 W. Camelback Rd., Thursdays 12-3 p.m., February 2-April 12.
- **Vineyard Church,** 6250 W. Peoria Avenue, Wednesdays 5-8 p.m., February 1-April 11.

A 24-hour hotline will be available beginning January 2012. Call 2-1-1 or 1-877-211-8661 or visit www.211arizona.org.

For information about saving money, reducing debt and money management, visit the Arizona Assets Alliance website, www.assetsforaz.org.

Around Town

Nominations Being Accepted for Promoting Inclusiveness Award. The public is 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. The winner will be recognized at the Jan. 13, 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Nominate online now.

"Make the Most of Social Media in Your Business." Business networking through The Business Forum at Glendale Library is a productive way of establishing beneficial relationships with potential clients and area business people. On Wednesday, January 4, the group will meet in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The free event is from 5:30–7:15 p.m. Attendees are invited to meet new contacts, exchange business cards and share their stories. Additionally, every month a featured speaker presents information on a variety of current business topics. January speaker, Carol Hagen will present "Make the Most of Social Media in Your Business."

Hagen, President of Hagen Business Systems, Inc. is a social media guru who can help steer businesses through the social media maze. Call 602-725-3246 for more information or to RSVP.

January Job Searching Labs. Are you finding that job searching online can be overwhelming? Need help establishing an email account, creating a resume, or applying online? Glendale Public Library offers job coaching and assistance on the following dates in January:

Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on the following Thursdays: January 5, 12 and 19. Job Searching Labs are held in the large meeting room at the Main Library, and are facilitated by Steve Schrade, an Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, and former director of human resources for Bashas'.

Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Avenue, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18 and 25. Job Searching Labs at Velma Teague are facilitated by Michael Burton, Information Technology Specialist at Glendale Public Library. No registration is necessary.

The free job searching labs are made possible in part by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 along with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

Small Business Counseling With SCORE, Saturday, January 7. Free business counseling by appointment is available from SCORE from 12:15 – 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, January 7 in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) advises on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information and to schedule an appointment with a SCORE representative, call 602-745-7250.

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