Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **December 30, 2010**

Wishing you all a safe and happy New Year!

New Year's Holiday. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 31, for the New Year's holiday. Click here for information.

Glendale "Treecycling" - Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-off Locations. The Sanitation Department has established several sites throughout the city where residents can drop off trees for recycling. The "treecycling" sites will be open from Monday, Dec. 27 to Sunday, Jan. 9. Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed. Click here or call 623-930-2660 for more information.

College Bowl Game Information. Glendale, AZ welcomes University of Oklahoma and University of Connecticut to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, 2011 and Auburn University and the University of Oregon to the 2011 BCS National Championship Game on Jan. 10, 2011 at the University of Phoenix Stadium. Tickets can be purchased via phone from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. MST by calling 480-350-0911. Along with the gridiron action, the games bring a multitude of festivities to enjoy. Click here for a list.

Public Safety Memorial Dedication Ceremony - Jan. 4, 2011. The public is invited to attend Glendale's dedication ceremony for the Public Safety Memorial on Jan. 4, 2011, at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Glendale Civic Center Plaza, 5750 W. Glenn Drive, and will showcase the new memorial tribute to Glendale's fallen firefighter and police officers. Click here for more information.

Safety Improvements Project – 51st & Northern avenues. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in partnership with the City of Glendale, has selected J. Banicki Construction to construct safety improvements at the 51st Avenue/Northern Avenue intersection. Improvements include the addition of right-turn lanes, bus bays, and new pavement, drainage, traffic signals and landscaping. In addition, raised median islands will be constructed at all four approaches to the intersection.

A Public Open House for the project will be held on Thursday, January 6th, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Glendale Main Library located at 5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale

Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2011 and be completed in July 2011. For more information, call 1-877-203-0042 or visit www.GlendaleAz.com/improvements.

2010 - Glendale's Centennial Year in Review

January

- **2010 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.** The city of Glendale rang in the New Year by hosting Boise State and Texas Christian University – and their fans for our fourth successful Fiesta Bowl game in Glendale. Read about this year's Fiesta Bowl and BCS Game.
- **Promoting Inclusiveness Award.** In celebration of the life and the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the city of Glendale announced Chris Gossett, a teen coordinator at the Glendale Swift Kids Boys and Girls Club, as winner of Glendale's 2010 Promoting Inclusiveness Award at the 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day luncheon. Click here for information on the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day luncheon on January 14.

February

- **15th Annual Chocolate Affaire.** Approximately 100,000 chocolate lovers brought their sweet tooth to downtown Glendale for the annual award-winning Glendale Chocolate Affaire. Read more.
- **Online Video Library.** Glendale Launched the Online Video Library with the latest videos, including past city council meetings, regular Glendale 11 programs like "Glendale Today" or "City Beat," and special features. Read more.

March

- **Glendale's Green Festival and Family Bike Ride.** On March 27 two popular events, the Glendale Family Bike Ride and the Green Festival teamed up to create a fun-filled, educational day for the whole family. Read more.
- **Glendale Sets Record for Visitors.** March 2010 will go down in the city's record books as its busiest month for visitors coming to the city. Between baseball spring training, World Wrestling Entertainment's WrestleMania® XXVI, and Paul McCartney's kickoff to his world tour, Glendale welcomed more than 387,000 visitors.

April

- **Glendale Celebrates National Volunteer Month.** Volunteers play an important role every day with their determination to better the community. Glendale has more than 1,400 volunteers city-wide who provide service to the city in the amount of more than $2.5 million and donate nearly 127,000 volunteer hours each year. Read more.
- **DeVry University locates in Glendale.** DeVry University chose Glendale's Westgate City Center as its fourth Arizona location, occupying approximately 18,000 square feet, bringing dozens of new professional jobs to the city. Read more.
- **Successful Sales Tax Amnesty Program.** The city of Glendale's first city sales tax amnesty program generated $1.3 million in 38 days. Business owners and landlords were able to pay delinquent sales tax and license fees and have all penalties, prior delinquent license fees, interest and related building permit penalties waived.

May

- **Building Permits on the Rise.** The Building Safety Department noticed a remodeling permit boom in the spring, which resulted in a 45 percent increase in residential permits and 154 percent increase in solar permits. Read more.
- **Glendale Celebrates Dedicated Public Works Employees.** The week of May 16 - 22 marked the national observance of Public Works Week. Glendale's Public Works group includes more than 600 employees from the following departments: Field Operations, Transportation, Utilities and Environmental Resources. Read more.

June

- **Glendale Summer Band Concerts.** A long-held city tradition continued as the Glendale Summer Band celebrated its 44th season of evening concerts in downtown Glendale. Read more.
- **Centennial.** Glendale celebrated 100 years as an incorporated city on June 18, with celebrations and activities throughout the year. The city's 100th birthday was a tremendous opportunity for residents and city officials to celebrate in such a manner to "Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present and Imagine the Future" of our great city! Read more.
- **2010 Spark Awards.** Glendale recognized neighborhood leaders, community volunteers and businesses that have contributed to their community and improved the quality of the city's neighborhoods with Spark Awards at the Neighborhood Leadership Forum on Saturday, June 26. Read more.

July

- **Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau.** On July 1, the Glendale Office of Tourism's name changed to the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau (GCVB). The city-operated GCVB represents Glendale and the West Valley. CVBs throughout the country promote specific tourist and visitor destinations and are directly responsible for developing, promoting and marketing the destination.
- **Luke Air Force Base.** The Air Force selected Luke Air Force Base in Glendale as the preferred location for the new F-35 Pilot Training Center. Read more.

August

- **International Garbage Truck Competition.** Garbage trucks and their drivers rolled into Glendale from all over the globe to participate in the International SWANA Road-E-O at the University of Phoenix Stadium.

September

- **Pedestrian Countdown Signals.** Glendale received funding through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) from the federal government to install pedestrian countdown signals at 23 intersections in the city.
- **Waterous Arizona Operations relocates to Glendale.** One of the world's leading mobile firefighting equipment manufacturers, Waterous, chose a 51,000-square-foot industrial building in Glendale as the new headquarters for its Arizona-based operation.

October

- **Excellence in Financial Reporting.** The city of Glendale received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- **Glendale Gains Funding to 'Go Green."** Glendale residents have a variety of resources available to help them "go green," thanks to education classes and the specialized training of a key Glendale manager who is the first municipal employee in Arizona certified as a Sonoran Sustainable Building Advisor. The city garnered an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) to expand its educational offerings beyond water conservation to other topics of green living. Read more.

November

- **Glendale Visitor Center Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary.** In the 10 years since it opened, visitors from 46 countries as well as local and national tourists have stopped by the Glendale Visitor Center. Read more.
- **Camelback Ranch – Glendale.** The home of the Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers, was named winner of a 2010 WESTMARC Best of the West Award in the "Attractions, Entertainment & Destinations" category in the West Valley. Read more.
- **Community Housing Division – 'High Performer.'** The city of Glendale's Community Housing Program was rated a "high performer" for the 16th consecutive year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the city's administration of HUD's Section Eight Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- **Glendale Glitters.** This year's stunning display of 1.5 million lights was kicked off with the appearance Lauren Froderman, winner of this season's "So You Think You Can Dance" national TV competition. Read more.

December

- **Midwestern University.** Glendale celebrated the 15th anniversary of Midwestern University's expansion west from Illinois and the successful partnership with the city.
- **Preparing for College Bowl Games.** The city has been hosting major sporting events the past seven years, and is always reviewing plans and creating new opportunities to enhance the experience for residents and visitors. Read more.

Above are just a few of the many Glendale news stories from 2010.
Check glendaleaz.com often to keep up with the latest city of Glendale news, programs and events.

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