Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona **November 20, 2009**

Friday Night Lights – Tonight! Residents and visitors are invited to discover downtown Glendale after dark Friday, November 20 from 5-9 p.m. to enjoy late night shopping and dining in Catlin Court & Old Towne at Friday Nite Lights!

Shoppers may start their shopping journey by stopping at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a downtown map, a Shop Glendale discount card and take a spin on the Shop Glendale prize wheel.

In addition to great holiday shopping deals and promotions, there is a holiday food drive, which will benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. The Glendale Visitor Center and many downtown businesses will have collection boxes available for people to donate non-perishable food items. Friday Nite Lights is held the third Friday of every month throughout the year.
For more information click here or call (623) 930-4500.

Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Mural. On Saturday, Nov. 7th the City of Glendale and PSA Art Awakenings unveiled a beautiful 7' x 24' painted and mosaic piece designed by master artist, Martin Moreno and implemented by the young people in the Las Artes de Maricopa program. The mural, located in the Historic Area of Sahuaro Ranch Park, reflects the history of Sahuaro Ranch and Glendale's rich cultural diversity.

Luke Forward Update. Since the Luke Forward Campaign was launched last month, 9,600 Arizonans have registered their support for the new F-35 training mission coming to Luke Air Force Base. The campaign was created to generate awareness of the positive impacts the Air Force's next generation strike fighter will bring to Arizona.

Luke Forward organizers, who had set a goal of having 5,000 registered supporters by the end of the year, are thrilled with the level of support the campaign has received thus far.

Please register your support at http://lukeforward.com/.

Out of Work? Glendale Public Library's Recession Response is underway. Please join us for the free December classes at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. These classes are for those who need help in figuring out the maze of searching and applying for jobs online, creating a winning resume and other job-related skills. The project also addresses issues of bankruptcy, foreclosure and stress.

Upcoming hands-on classes for job seekers include:

- Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. – Getting an E-mail Account
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. – Writing Your Resume
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. – Job Searching Online

Reservations are required for the hands-on classes. Register by calling (623) 930-3555 or at the Main Library Reference Desk.

Other classes in the series include:

- Thursday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. – Relaxation at Your Desk (large meeting room)
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m. – Writing Your Resume with Goodwill, the job hunting people (auditorium)

The project is funded by a grant from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, through the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Local partners include Jobing.com, Goodwill, AARP and Consumer Credit Counseling Services. For more information, call (623) 930-3555.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

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.

Glendale Glitters Spectacular, November 27-28. Glendale Glitters kicks off on 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 old St. Nick.

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.

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.

Live at the Library. 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.

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 old 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.

Stop In for Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 in the small meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call (602) 745-7250.

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.

The Best of the Jam. Amateurs with special talents play together once a month at the Acoustic Jam Session. Now "the Best of the Jam" are ready to take center stage. Get ready for some serious fun at 7 p.m., on Thursday, December 17 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

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