Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **February 10, 2012**

President's Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents' Day. Click here for information on service date changes and facility closures.

City of Glendale Budget Meetings Scheduled. The city of Glendale will conduct five budget meetings over the next two months beginning Feb. 14. The meetings will be held at Glendale City Hall in room B3 and will also be broadcast on Glendale 11 TV and online. For details, please click here to read the press release.

March Business Programs Offered at Glendale Public Libraries. Free business programs are being offered in March at all three Glendale Public Libraries: Wednesday, March 7, "The Evolution of Online Networking"; and March Job Searching Labs. For more information on these programs, click here.

Glendale's Bell Road Thriving with Economic Development. The Bell Road corridor in north Glendale has attracted numerous new business investments totaling more than 231,000 square feet of leased or purchased commercial space in Glendale. The city's Economic Development Department has played a significant role in assisting the companies that have chosen to locate in Glendale.

Eleven businesses, including a new grocery store, furniture showrooms and restaurants, are in the midst of putting out the welcome mat for customers. Some of the businesses, such as Furniture King at 7320 W. Bell Road, have been open for a short time, with others expected to open this spring, such as WinCo Foods at 59th Avenue and Bell Road. WinCo will open after renovating a 130,000-square-foot building.

The complete list of new additions to the Bell Road corridor includes:

- WinCo Foods – 59th Avenue and Bell Road
- The Place Restaurant – 5171 W. Bell Road
- Family Dental Station – 5664 W. Bell Road
- Clean Freaks Car Wash – 5901 W. Bell Road
- Ron Turley and Associates – 17437 N. 71st Ave.
- Furniture King – 7320 W. Bell Road
- Terri's Consign and Design – 7650 W. Bell Road
- Cleopatra Café – 5686 W. Bell Road
- Full Service Medical Spa – 6120 W. Bell Road
- Sun Valley RV/OPS – 7050 W. Bell Road
- Former Ultimate Electronics building – 17510 N. 75th Ave.* (*building recently purchased)

For information and business opportunities pertaining to the city of Glendale, click here or call (623) 930-2983.

Regional Transportation Project Approved in Glendale. The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) recently unanimously approved $15.5 million of funding for the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) ramps at Loop 101 and Maryland Avenue in Glendale. The project was brought forward by Glendale to MAG. While regional funding from MAG has been approved for the project, the proposal goes next to the State Transportation Board to approve the use of the state funds.

This project will connect Maryland Avenue to the newly-completed HOV lanes along Loop 101, alleviating congestion in the area and providing for more efficient traffic circulation to and from events in Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District. In addition to providing another point of vehicular access to regional travelers on Loop 101, these HOV lanes and ramps will also benefit bus routes utilizing Loop 101 and the Park & Ride facility at Glendale and 99th avenues.

The project is scheduled to be completed by February 2015, in time for the Super Bowl, when tens of thousands of fans will attend the game at University of Phoenix Stadium and many more will visit the NFL Experience.

For more information, call the Glendale Transportation Department at 623-930-2940.

20th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15. The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15.

Again this year, Glendale's longest-running festival will also feature an eclectic mix of artisans representing different art forms. Artists will work on-site, giving event attendees an interactive, one-of-a-kind experience to add to the musical performances.

The city of Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature craft artisans and delicious food and beverages.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, and sponsored by The Arizona Republic, ABC 15, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, the Glendale Arts Commission and the Phoenix Coyotes.

For more information, call the city of Glendale special events hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Around Town

Arizona SCITECH Festivals! For information on ARIZONA SCITECH Festival events happening around the state, visit azscitechfest.org or connect with the festival on Facebook (facebook.com/arizonascitech) and Twitter (twitter.com/arizonascitech).

22nd Annual Antique Tractor Show. Join us for the Tractor Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11 and Sunday, Feb. 12 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Avenue. Enjoy tractor pulls, displays and more. The cost is $5 per person, ages 12 and under are free. Presented by the Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

"Real Moms Love to Eat." Healthy lifestyle and nutrition expert Beth Aldrich will discuss and sign her new book, "Real Moms Love to Eat; How to Conduct a Love Affair with Food, Lose Weight, and Feel Fabulous," during the Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 18 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call 623-930-3439.

Paris in the Spring. Experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris without making a trip half-way around the world from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 in downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. Visit Glendale's Paris in the Spring event for a worldly experience at an affordable price, free! Along with Paris in the Spring, enjoy First Saturdays and the Open Air Market the same day! For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. This year's festival is an official Arizona Centennial event! Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Avenue. Enjoy 150 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Admission is free. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

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