

Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Samuel U. Chavira - Glendale, Arizona

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Artist Alex Pekala's watercolor painting of the historic Messenger House (now The Spicery restaurant) in downtown Glendale won the "Council Choice Best of Show Award" at the city's recent Plein Air Painting Contest at the Glendale Chocolate Affaire. Pictured with Pekala (from left) are Councilmembers Sam Chavira, Ian Hugh and Gary Sherwood along with Mayor Jerry Weiers.

New Yucca District Board & Commission Members. Glendale's boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Congratulations and many thanks to the following Yucca District residents who have recently been appointed to serve on Glendale advisory boards and commissions:

Karen Aborne, Library Advisory Board; **David Moreno**, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission; **Alexa Salas**, Teen-Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission; **Robert Portillo**, Chair-Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission; **Stephen Gilman**, Personnel Board and **Jamie Aldama**, Planning Commission.

[Click here](#) to view current vacancies and download an application to serve on a citizen advisory group. For more information, call the City Council Office at 623-930-2249.

Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors. Are you looking for an organization where members meet and network with other people in their own community, help raise funds to benefit local nonprofit organizations and community programs, and have fun? The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors (GCPA) just might be that group!

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors were founded in 1994 to assist the city in increasing people's awareness of all Glendale has to offer. The Ambassadors' mission is to enhance the economic, social and cultural vitality of Glendale.

Please consider becoming a Glendale Civic Pride Ambassador! [Click here](#) for more information.

REMINDER!

Spring 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule. Glendale's Household Hazardous Waste Collection provides a safe way to dispose of unwanted hazardous waste.

Call the Sanitation Division between February 25 and March 22 at 623-930-2660 to make your appointment for pick-up. The collections will be handled March 18 through April 5. For complete details, visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation and click on "hazardous materials."

MWU Dental Students to Offer Free Dental Care to Kids at March Event. On Saturday, March 23, Midwestern University's College of Dental Medicine-Arizona will host Give Kids a Smile, a student-organized and faculty-supervised community event which offers free dental care for local kids and education for their families. Give Kids a Smile is supported by the Arizona Dental Foundation (ADF).

Give Kids a Smile will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Midwestern University Dental Institute at 19369 N. 59th Avenue in Glendale. Approximately 400 children ages 6 to 17 will have the opportunity to receive free screenings and treatments including cleanings, sealants, fillings, or extractions. Families will also be able to receive important information on proper oral health maintenance and disease prevention. Spanish-speaking faculty, staff, and students will be available.

Grand Avenue Restrictions. Westbound Grand Avenue will be narrowed to one lane between 71st and 75th avenues from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, Feb. 24.

Eastbound Grand Avenue will be narrowed to one lane between 75th and 71st avenues overnight, 9 p.m. Sunday through 5 a.m. Monday, February 25, for removal of temporary concrete barrier wall. Please be prepared to merge safely in work zone.

Spring Time Brings Out Visitors for Two Glendale Events. Two events on March 2 in Historic Downtown Glendale signal the start of spring – Paris in the Spring, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Open Air Market, which runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Paris in the Spring is an opportunity to experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris without making a trip half-way around the world. Enjoy entertainment, an art show, a French Market, shopping and dining, all with a Parisian theme.

The Open Air Market, adjacent to A Mad Hatter's Antiques, features antiques, collectibles, art, treasures, crafts and food.

For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4500.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Water and Home Energy Efficiency Classes. The city of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program offers a variety of free classes for Glendale residents. [Click here](#) for upcoming events.

Glendale Woman's Club Fashion Show and Luncheon. Mark your calendar for this annual fun-filled event. The Glendale Woman's Club Annual Charity Benefit Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Woman's Club located at 7032 North 56th Avenue. This year's theme is Bodacious Bash at the Beach. Enjoy a delicious lunch, prizes, and raffles. Tickets are \$20. Fashions will be presented by Draper's and Damon's.

SAT Practice Test – Saturday, Feb. 23. Not sure what to expect on the SAT? This simulated test will help teens, ages 14-19, gain a better perspective of what the SAT test will be like. Get a jump on the real thing by taking an SAT Practice Test. The exam is given under true-to-life testing conditions from 1 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, February 23 at the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Avenue. Teens will receive a score analysis and useful test-taking advice during a follow-up "Strategy Session" from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28. Both programs are free of charge in cooperation with The Princeton Review of Arizona. Seating for this class is limited, to register, call 1-800-2REVIEW or visit www.princetonreview.com.

Behind-the-Scenes Peek at City Government Offered in Glendale University Classes - Register by March 8. Glendale University, a 10-session program that offers a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works, is accepting applications through March 8 to attend its '101' classes that begins Monday, March 18. [Read more](#)

Get Energized at Glendale Solar Day. Choosing to go solar at home is a complicated decision. We're bringing in the solar industry experts to help answer your questions and provide the latest information from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 9. Bring the kids, too! They will learn how solar energy works and take part in fun solar activities at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. [Learn more](#)

Glendale Family Bike Ride – Save the Date. One of Glendale's favorite family traditions is back! Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 14 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. More information is to come at www.glendaleaz.com/transportation/GlendaleFamilyBikeRide.

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