Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **March 20, 2009**

Yucca District Meeting

Wednesday, April 22
6:30 p.m.
Coyote Ridge School
7677 W. Bethany Home Rd.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (623) 930-2878

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Enjoy over 150 performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 21 & 22 at Sahuaro Ranch Park's Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. The public is welcome to participate in FREE workshops such as "Guitar Finger Style" and "Songwriter's Circle" led by accomplished entertainers. This unique festival will include family entertainment, historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area and much more! Food/snacks will be available for purchase. Admission and most activities are free. Whether you come for the music, to see a live blacksmithing demonstration or to learn more about the history of Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, this festival has something for the entire family to enjoy. For more information, call (623) 930-4200.

Luke Presents 'Thunder In The Desert' Luke Days 2009. The United States Air Force's Air Demonstration Team, the Thunderbirds, will bring their special brand of high-flying excitement to Luke Days 2009, March 21 and 22. The theme for this show of historic and current air power will be 'Thunder in the Desert.'

Flying begins at 10 a.m. both days. Luke expects about 100,000 spectators to visit each day of the event. There will be food, games and plenty of attractions to make this year's event a memorable one.

The air show is open to the public with free admission, but does include a modest parking fee for the public at nearby off-base areas.

Joining the Thunderbirds in the air show lineup will be several military demonstration teams and civilian aerial shows. Invited demonstration teams include: Air Combat Command F-22 Raptor, U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue, Red Bull MiG-17, CV-22 Osprey and A-10 Thunderbolt aerial demonstrations. More acts are confirming their performances every day. Not all of the activities will be in the air. Numerous ground displays and attractions will be available for young and old. Read more.

"Design-A-Sign" Contest. Calling all young artists! Glendale children have the opportunity to display their artwork on the side of a city recycling truck through the Glendale Sanitation Department's "Design-A-Sign" contest.

Children ages 6-9 are encouraged to submit artwork highlighting the theme: "Recycling is for Everyone." Four winners will be selected, one from each age group. All qualified participants will receive a certificate of recognition and a special prize.

The winning artwork from each of the four winners will be featured on Glendale recycling trucks from Earth Day in April through America Recycles Day in November.
All artwork must be submitted on 8 ½-by-11-inch paper by Friday, April 10. Entries will be judged for creativity, use of color, relevance and adherence to contest rules. The contest is open to residents of Glendale only.

Mail entries to City of Glendale, Attn: Recycling, 6210 W. Myrtle Ave., Suite 111, Glendale, AZ, 85301-1700. With entry, please also include name, mailing address, city, state, zip, home phone number and age. For additional contest information, call (623) 930-2660.

Follow the City of Glendale on Twitter! Be the first to know about exciting happenings in Glendale through the city's official Twitter page. Twitter is a free, online social media outlet that allows users to register to get instant updates from a variety of sources. Users can receive updates by following the quick and easy steps to create a twitter account and then selecting to "follow" GlendaleAZ. Read more

Around Town

Tips on Improving Your Chances in a Job Search. Jump-start your job search by attending the free "How to Succeed in Your Job Search: Advice from the Experts" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 24 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. A panel of skilled professionals gathered by the Résumé Writers Council of Arizona (RWCA) will lead a discussion, along with Q&A. To register, call (623) 930-3552.

Know Someone In Need of Utility Assistance? The Glendale Community Action Program is hosting a one-day low income utility assistance pre-screening on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center Annex Building, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Glendale and West Valley residents who live in Avondale, Buckeye, Gila Bend, Peoria, Tolleson, El Mirage and Wickenburg are welcome to attend on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, including the documentation that applicants must bring, visit www.glendaleaz.com or call (623) 930-2854.

Huicho Art Trunk Shows. Huicho Art Trunk Shows will be presented by Rosendo Carrillo de la Rosa, an indigenous Huichol artisan from Jalisco, Mexico. Carrillo teaches educational art programs and has shown his art in several museums including the Mengei Museum in Escondido, CA, and the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. Join us on March 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. and March 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at The Bead Museum, 5754 W. Glenn Drive. For more information on this free program, call (623) 931-2737 or visit beadmuseumaz.org, then click on "Calendar."

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Some of the lessons include how to read a bus book, plan a trip, find the closest bus stop, signal your stop and more. Classes will be held on March 26, April 23, May 28 and June 25 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2035.

City of Glendale - Get Your Green On! The city of Glendale Water Conservation Office invites you to attend the 2009 Glendale Green Festival featuring the SRP Water Conservation Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. This family-oriented free event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency and other green practices. The festival will feature informative displays and booths, green vendors, landscape classes, green-living workshops, free giveaways and a Family Zone powered by Radio Disney with all kinds of fun and games for all!

The SRP Water Conservation Expo and Green Workshops will be located at the Glendale Main Library's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street and the landscape classes and green vendor booths located nearby at the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 North 59th Avenue. Click here for more information and a schedule of events.

César Chávez Breakfast. The Glendale Chamber Foundation and the Glendale Hispanic Network presents the César Chávez Breakfast on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at the Glendale Civic Center. The keynote speaker is Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, Ph.D., Director, U.S. Latino & Latina WWII Oral History Project. Visit www.glendaleaz.com for more information

The 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival. The city of Glendale's 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 4-5.

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

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 5. Admission and parking are free. Parking is located throughout the downtown area, including handicapped parking. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, click here or call the city of Glendale special event hotline at (623) 930-2299.

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