Yucca Weekly Update

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Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **May 22, 2009**

"Click it or Ticket." The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) has awarded the Glendale Police Department a $10,000.00 grant for seat belt and child restraint violations enforcement.

The "Click it or Ticket" Program focuses on seat belt and child restraint violations. Officers from the Glendale Police Department are partnering with GOHS to conduct enhanced enforcement of passenger restraint laws on City of Glendale roadways. This will be carried out during the Click It or Ticket effort taking place May 18th-31st and Child Passenger Safety Week taking place September 19th-26th. Glendale Police officers will be patrolling various parts of the city to ensure seat belts and child restraints are being used.

Please buckle up and drive safely!

You can make a difference! If you are interested in making a difference in your community, the city of Glendale supports two volunteer programs: the Glendale Community Volunteer Program and the Glendale Star Volunteer Program.

The goal of the Community Volunteer Program is to improve the quality of life for Glendale residents and volunteers through valuable public service projects. Click here for information on registering your group or yourself with the Community Volunteer Program.

The Glendale Star program encourages involvement in government through volunteerism. Many department services are enhanced because of the generosity of time given by citizens of Glendale and citizens of surrounding areas. Volunteers enable the city to stretch tax dollars and improve the community in many ways. Click here for information on becoming a "Glendale Star" and volunteering at the city of Glendale.

Summer Tips. The city of Glendale is offering safety tips, summer programs and services for residents to help you keep your cool as the temperatures climb. Check out the following categories – Water Safety Tips, Heat Safety Tips and Points of Refuge, Water Conservation Tips, Summer Fun in the City, Emergency Repair Assistance – all in one location. Click here to go there now.

Teen and Youth Summer Reading Program. Glendale Public Library's annual free summer reading programs for children and teens begin on May 26.

To register for the youth program, pick up a game board at the closest Glendale library. Click here for more information. Teens can sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/library/teen or at the library. The reading incentive programs end on July 25.

Free Summer Movies!

Outdoor Film Festival. Westgate City Center is continuing its WaterDance Film Festival on Fridays through June. Selected films will play on Westgate's giant 30-by-50-foot, high-definition, LED screen in WaterDance Plaza. Guests are invited to bring blankets and chairs and enjoy an evening of free entertainment. All movies begin at 8 p.m. Read more.

Reel Talk Classic Film Series. Film scholar Jeannie Berg is back for a fourth year to lead viewings and discussions about classic films at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The free cinema screenings are at 1 p.m., starting May 30 and continuing on consecutive Saturdays through July 25.

The 2009 film series has representative films from each decade, beginning in the 1930s, all with a comedic theme. Check your "Around Town" section of this newsletter for each week's movie.

Around Town

Memorial Day. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Read more.

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 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.

Reel Talk Film/Discussion Series. On May 30, "Bringing Up Baby" (1938) starring Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant will be shown at 1 p.m., at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Film scholar Jeannie Berg will lead a discussion following the film. This series is free. Call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

Credit Reports and Credit Scores. Consumer Credit Counseling Services is continuing its series of Money Talks over the summer with Glendale Public Library. Coming up is "Credit Reports and Credit Scores." Learn how to obtain, read and understand your credit report and how to dispute inaccurate information. Discover how your credit score can affect more than your ability to establish or re-establish credit. Join us for one of two free seminars at 9:30 a.m., Monday, June 1 at the Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave. or at 10 a.m., June 4 at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Reservations are not necessary to attend these free classes. For more information, call Velma Teague Branch at (623) 930-3431 or the Main Library at (623) 930-3531.

Sidewalk Stargazing for Everyone. "Sidewalk Stargazing" will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 1 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Weather permitting, telescope and binocular viewing will follow the free program. Telescopes will be provided or attendees may bring their own viewing equipment. For more information about the free program, call (623) 930-3554.

Authors at the Teague. Heather Lauer will celebrate both the publication of "Bacon: A Love Story" and the fourth anniversary of her popular "Bacon Unwrapped" blog in the upcoming Authors @ the Teague talk and signing at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. For more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 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.

Summer Band Concerts. Enjoy renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes 8 p.m., Thursday evenings, June 4 thru July 23. It's FREE and the entire family is welcome! The concerts take place in Historic Downtown Glendale at the Glendale Amphitheater, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. A special patriotic theme will be featured July 2. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, but please leave pets at home. For more information, call (623) 930-2042.

3rd Annual World Records Day. Do you have what it takes to break a Guinness World Record? If so, give it your best shot at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Drive. World Records Day begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 25 and will showcase a variety of established world records waiting to be broken! For more information, call (623) 930-4610.

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