Yucca Weekly Update

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Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **July 1, 2011**

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

Independence Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau. Click here for a list of holiday closures and hours.

Fireworks FAQs From the Glendale Police Department.

What are "permitted" fireworks? Permissible consumer fireworks specifically include ground and hand-held sparkling devices, cylindrical fountains, cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers, toy smoke devices, wire sparklers and dipped sticks.

What are "prohibited" fireworks? Prohibited fireworks are anything designed or intended to rise into the air and explode or to detonate in the air or to fly above the ground, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, sky rockets, missile-type rockets, helicopters, torpedoes, roman candles and jumping jacks.

Where can I set off permitted fireworks? In the city of Glendale, you can only use permissible consumer fireworks on private property on which you are legally entitled to be present.

What are some safety tips for using consumer fireworks?

- Only use permitted consumer fireworks. Fireworks purchased in other states or countries may not be legal in Arizona. Click here to view the flyer of permitted fireworks available for sale in Arizona.
- Use good common sense and always follow the directions on each firework.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Always have an adult present when fireworks are being used.
- Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass, trees and combustible materials.
- Have a bucket of water and a continuous water source (garden hose) available whenever possible.
- Put used fireworks in a bucket of water overnight before draining and disposing in an outdoor trash container.
- Light only one item at a time and keep a safe distance.
- Remember, some fireworks, like sparklers, burn at several hundred degrees and can cause severe injury or property damage. Be careful!

Visit www.glendaleaz.com for more information on fireworks.

Spark Award Winners. Six Spark Awards were presented Saturday, June 25, at the annual Community Leadership Forum hosted by the Glendale Commission on Neighborhoods.

The annual awards honor individuals or groups who help ignite a "spark" of community involvement within Glendale. This is the eleventh year the Spark Awards have been presented. In 2007, a sixth category was added in order to recognize youth who are making a difference in the community. The six award categories and 2011 winners are:

- **Young Leaders on the Move – Melia Coury**
- **Neighborhood Revitalization – Christ's Church of the Valley**
- **Traditional Neighborhood Leadership – Marianne Kempton** (Marianne Kempton is a Yucca District resident and an active member of the La Fontana Hieghts Neighborhood. Congratulations Marianne!)
- **HOA Leadership – Kay Causer**
- **Business Support and Involvement with Neighborhoods – Texas Roadhouse Restaurant**
- **Community Partner Award – Faith Bible Church**

The Glendale mayor and city council members were all on hand to present the winners with their awards. In all, 33 individuals and groups were nominated for their efforts to enhance Glendale neighborhoods. To learn more about Glendale Neighborhood Partnerships and how to volunteer in the community, call 623-930-2868.

Simple Items Go a Long Way for Those in Need. Summer in the Valley is rough enough, but for some it can truly be unbearable and this is why Glendale's Community Development Group created a special "Heat Wave Hygiene" collection drive to help those in need.

Items needed include toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, dental floss and body soap.

Donated items will benefit New Leaf's Faith House, which is a domestic violence shelter. There will be collection barrels available at the Glendale Main Library, Glendale Visitor Center, Glendale City Hall first floor and Foothills Aquatic Center. The drive will take place throughout the entire month of July.

The Wigwam, known as one of Arizona's iconic landmarks, is going to kick start the campaign by donating a large portion of hygiene items from the resort such as soap bars and shampoos.

The Community Development Group is coordinating the drive. Click here for more information.

Northern Avenue Drainage Overlay Project. Work on Northern Avenue from 43rd to 65th avenues for Drainage Overlay will begin July 5. The overlay process consists of removal of existing asphalt, application of a first layer (base course) of asphalt, and the rubberized asphalt (surface course) onto the road surface. This process requires restrictions for brief periods while the activity crosses side streets and driveways, and officers will be on-site to assist in the movement or temporary stopping of traffic.

As the milling/paving process passes through intersections, to include 51st and 59th avenues, these intersections will NOT BE FULLY CLOSED. However, as equipment passes through the intersection, officers will manage and at times stop traffic to accommodate the paving activity. Delays should be minimal, lasting approximately 20 minutes, so please plan your travel accordingly. Business access will be maintained as much as possible during these activities.

The overlay process on Northern Avenue will be conducted in three segments as follows:

- 43rd Avenue to 51st Avenue – tentatively scheduled for July 5-25
- 51st Avenue to 59th Avenue – tentatively scheduled for July 25-Aug. 15
- 59th Avenue to 65th Avenue – tentatively scheduled for Aug. 15-Sept. 5

For more information, please call the Project Hotline at 1-877-203-0042.

Around Town

Voting Boundaries are being Re-drawn. Get involved in the process! Click here to see how.
Se Modificarán los Límites de los Distritos Electorales. Participe en el proceso de esta forma: haga clic aquí.

Reel Talk Film Series. *Back to the Future* (1985, "PG" rating) starring Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson will be shown at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 2 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. Click here for more information.

Glendale Summer Band Concert – July 7. Make plans to attend the 45th annual Glendale Summer Band concert series presented by Glendale's Office of Special Events. The concerts get underway at 8 p.m. every Thursday, from June 2 to July 21, at the Murphy Park Amphitheater in downtown Glendale. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a fun evening under the stars. Admission and parking are free. Click here for more information.

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