# Yucca Weekly Update

**Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona**

**Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.** **October 1, 2010**

**28th Annual Glendale Fire Parade - October 2.** Take in a favorite Glendale tradition as the 28th Annual Glendale Fire Parade hits Glendale Avenue on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 9 a.m. Parade goers will enjoy fire truck displays, food, classic cars and more. New to this year's event includes an Emergency Services 5K Fitness Challenge in Historic Downtown Glendale at 7 a.m. Read More.

## YUCCA DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE - Discuss Hot Topics at the Gateway Fire Station!

Councilmember Clark is hosting a casual, one-on-one Open House where residents of the Yucca District can discuss city concerns and ask questions. Join us any time between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3 at the Gateway Fire Station, 6261 N. 83rd Ave. The casual atmosphere will allow residents to stay for a few minutes or longer as time permits.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the City Council Office at 623-930-2878.

**City of Phoenix, Labor Negotiations Continue**

**Update Thursday, September 30**. All three unions, the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1433 (bus operators), International Union of Operating Engineers 428 (mechanics), and Teamsters Local 104 (maintenance staff) have agreed to extend talks to Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010 avoiding a transit strike today.

In the event that one or all unions fail to resolve their issues with Veolia's management by Oct. 3, there will be reduction in transit service beginning on Monday, Oct. 4. Veolia has indicated to Phoenix that they will be able to provide 60% of their regular weekday service during a strike, as is required by their contract. This reduced service level is equivalent to Sunday transit service, i.e. all Glendale routes will be served, but at reduced frequencies.

The city of Phoenix Public Transit Department has created a Web page to keep you informed on the progress of negotiations. Click here to visit the page.

**West Valley Company Relocates to Glendale**. One of the world's leading mobile firefighting equipment manufacturers, Waterous, has chosen a 51,000-square-foot industrial building in Glendale as the new headquarters for its Arizona-based operation. The local subsidiary, previously located in the West Valley, produces a variety of foam equipment used by firefighters around the globe to extinguish fires. Waterous Arizona's new industrial park is located at 7612 N. 74th Ave.

In addition to the new Glendale facility, Waterous Arizona has provided $60,000 worth of training equipment to the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC). The GRPSTC is used by hundreds of firefighters from throughout the West Valley.

**Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon Seeks Applicants and Volunteers.** The Seventh Annual Wells Fargo Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23. This program, which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes of applicants who are 60 years of age or older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources and are unable to do the work themselves.

Glendale residents who match the above criteria are encouraged to apply to have their homes painted. Volunteers willing to wield a paint brush are also encouraged to get involved.

Homeowners who qualify and volunteer groups can call 480-774-0237 or visit http://www.rebuildingtogetherphx.org/ for more information.

**Glendale Receives Prestigious International Festival Awards.** Glendale's not considered the home of Arizona's Best Festivals® without merit, as is evidenced by the announcement that the Office of Special Events received a total of six awards at the 2010 International Festival and Events Association (IFEA) annual conference last week. These awards come on the heels of the Office of Special Events receiving several state AzTEC awards just two weeks earlier.

Gold Pinnacle Awards

- "Best TV Promotion," for Glendale Glitters Spectacular
- "Best Full Length Local TV Program," for the Festival Showcase series featuring Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend

Silver Pinnacle Awards

- "Best Full Length TV Local Program," for Glendale's Glitter & Glow Block Party
- "Best Commemorative Poster," for the Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival

Bronze Pinnacle Awards

- "Best Community Outreach," for its Spirit of Giving Weekend within the December holiday weekend events
- "Best Event Within an Existing Event," for Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend 30-minute lighting program.

For more information on Glendale's award-winning festivals and events, click here.

**Inside Secrets for HOAs.** Glendale residents who serve on homeowner associations are encouraged to register now for a free seminar 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Glendale Adult Center, Room 108, located at 5970 W. Brown St. *"Inside Secrets for HOAs" How to Collect Delinquent Assessments and Survive these Tough Economic Times* is presented by the city's Neighborhood Partnership Office as part of the HOA Academy program.

Attendees will learn the legal remedies available for HOAs to collect delinquent assessments, including lien rights, foreclosure, justice court lawsuits, garnishment of wages, bank accounts and rent.

In addition, homeowners who owe money to an HOA, can attend to get ideas on the best way to work with the HOA to get caught up on the payments.

To register, call 623-930-2916 by Wednesday, Oct. 6. Class size is limited to the first 35 residents.

# Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

**2010 Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up.** The city of Glendale is providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste. Residents can make an appointment to have their waste items picked up from their home, by calling 623-930-2660 before Oct. 22. Click here for details.

**Shred It and Forget It.** Join the Glendale Police Department's Community Action Teams Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Target parking lot at 43rd and Peoria avenues for the next Shred It and Forget It event. Each household can bring up to three boxes of personal documents to be shredded on site. This free service will be offered from 8-11 a.m., or until the trucks are full. For more information, call (623) 930-2571.

**Family Building Block Challenge.** Join us for this popular event where families receive a tub of Legos and a challenge to create something awesome. Each family will be given 1½ hours to design and build their creation before it is judged by our panel. Entry is $30 per family and includes a Lego set valued at $30. Join us from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. To register, call 623-930-4600.

**Authors @ the Teague.** Author P.L. Gaus will discuss and sign his first two Amish-Country mysteries, "Blood of the Prodigal" and "Broken English," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 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.

**Glendale Coffeehouse.** Glendale Coffeehouse features two sets of area musicians and is held on the third Thursday evening of the month. On Oct. 21, Randy Brown and Gavan Wieser will perform. Join us for this free program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.


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