Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **October 23, 2009**

Yucca District Meeting

Please join Councilmember Joyce Clark and representatives from city departments at the upcoming Yucca District Meeting. Read more.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Coyote Ridge
Elementary School
7677 W. Bethany Home Road

Luke Forward. Arizona's congressional delegation supports the new F-35 mission landing at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale.

In a unified showing, the state's eight members of the House of Representatives and two members of the Senate said in a recent letter that Luke AFB, with its robust and modern infrastructure, provides the Air Force with a site that is extremely well-suited to support the fighter tactics and training required by the F-35 Lightning II. Click here for more details and to register your support for Luke Air Force Base and the new F-35 training mission.

LUKE FORWARD
READY FOR THE FUTURE

National Parks and Recreation Agency Accreditation. On Oct. 13, the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department became the 80th agency in the country and internationally to have earned the national agency accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

The process of accreditation was extensive and took approximately two years to accomplish. The agency accreditation process is a systematic evaluation of the agency's management and operational business practices in 10 major categories of 155 best practice standards.

The award was announced at the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. NRPA is the national professional organization that provides education, advocacy and networking opportunities for over 22,000 national and international park and recreation professionals and citizen volunteers.

After participating in a review hearing with the Commission on Oct.13, 2009, Glendale Parks and Recreation staff and the Community Services Deputy City Manager were notified that the department not only received accreditation, but it also met 100% of the 155 standards.

Citizens Academy. The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizens Police Academy that starts on January 6, 2010.

The Citizens Academy is a free program designed to give participants a chance to learn, hands on, about many police operations, such as the use of canines, crime scene investigations, and tactical operations. The curriculum also includes an overview of the police department's administration, police communications, and community oriented policing.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. All fingerprinting and applications must be completed and submitted no later than December 1, 2009. The academy is 11 weeks long and is held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Glendale Regional Public Safety and Training Center. (There are two Saturday classes, and one Monday and Tuesday evening class that is a part of this program as well.)

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Click here to apply online or call (623) 772-7118 for more information.

Shred It & Forget It Event. The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Target Corporation to provide residents with an opportunity to combat identity theft, the fastest growing crime in the United States. Shred It & Forget It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 24. Bring up to three boxes (per household) of personal paperwork to have shredded on site in the Target Parking lot at 10404 N. 43rd Avenue. Read more.

Teen Money Management Classes. Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., is the site for the final Teen Money Management session in 2009. The free series for young adults is from 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays, Nov. 2, 9 and 16.
Part of the Smart Investing @ your library grant, the Teen Money Management classes cover the following topics:

- Spending wisely
- Needs vs. wants
- Budgeting
- Saving for college
- Checking and savings accounts
- The power of savings
- Debit and credit cards
- Borrowing money
- Cost of owning a car
- Auto insurance
- Protecting against fraud
- Credit reports
- Starting to invest

Registration is required. Call Diane at (623) 930-3554 to sign up and for more information.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Shred it and Forget it Event – October 24. See story above. Read more.

Free Landscape Class: Pruning of Trees and Shrubs. Learn proper timing and techniques for pruning your trees and shrubs. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27 at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

GlendOberfest. Games, contests and candy await you at GlendOberfest! Held at Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area, from 5-10 p.m. on October 31, this annual event features carnival-style games, on-site trick-or-treating, a Hallowympics parade and more. Bring your pre-carved or decorated jack-o-lantern for the pumpkin contest. Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. This event is a great alternative to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating. Sahuaro Ranch is located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2042.

Free Landscape Class: Earth Friendly Backyard. Find out how plants can reduce your energy and water bill, get rid of unwanted grass, direct 7,000 gallons of rain water to your plants each year, and turn your kitchen waste into healthy soil. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

Live at the Library. Get ready for great contemporary folk and western songs with Kerri Grombacher at 7 p.m., Thursday, November 5 in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information call (623) 930-3573.

Glendale Celebrates Veterans – November 7. Honor our Veterans – Those who served and those serving from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, November 7 at Westgate City Center. Free admission, free parking, and lots of family fun! Enjoy military displays, patriotic music, entertainment, food and beverages, petting zoo and military benefits information. Event activities include a Patriotic Program at 11 a.m. Sponsored by the Veteran's Coalition. Westgate City Center is located at Loop 101 and Glendale Avenue.

Fall Book Sale at Foothills Branch Library. Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., is gearing up for its semi-annual book sale which will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, November 7. The Fall Book Sale, which will be held in the meeting rooms, has something for everyone. For more information, call 623-930-3849.

Free Landscape Class: Garden Walk and Talk. Take a casual stroll through the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden with Water Conservation staff and learn about the unique adaptations that allow water efficient plants to survive and thrive in the low desert. Close-toed shoes, hat, and water are recommended. Join us from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, November 7 at the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

Midwestern University Community Health Lecture – Medications for People with Diabetes. Join us for "Medications for People with Diabetes: Know the Basics to Help You Achieve Your Goals." Samantha Karr, Pharm.D., BCPS, will talk about medications for Diabetes and why the medications may not be working as well as you expected. The program will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue, in the Roadrunner Room. Reservations are not necessary. Call (623) 930-3846 for more information.

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