Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **December 17, 2010**

Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, in observance of the Christmas holiday, and Friday, Dec. 31 for the New Year's holiday.

All scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreations and Aquatics Center will be open on Christmas Eve from 7 a.m.-2 p.m., but closed on Christmas Day. The Center will remain open for the New Year's holidays, with hours from 5:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 9 a.m.- 5p.m. on Jan. 1. For more information, including transit information, click here.

Glendale Receives Transit Grants. The city of Glendale received federal grant funding for transit projects that otherwise may have been cut as fixed route bus service was impacted in all Valley cities recently.

City staff aggressively went after this grant funding, which is targeted to lower-income, unemployed, elderly or disabled residents. The funds total just over $1.5 million for a period of two years. Glendale's projects were awarded through a competitive process against other Valley cities.

The first project was funded through Job Access Reverse Commute, which is for programs providing transit service to below-average income individuals who are unemployed or under-employed. The city's existing services on Bethany Home Road (Route 60) and Gus Bus routes 1 and 2 qualified for this program; the grant was awarded in the amount of $1,170,753.

The second portion of grant the city received was awarded through the New Freedom program, which funds programs providing services to persons with disabilities, encouraging public transportation alternatives to address needs beyond the American with Disabilities Act. The existing Glendale programs that will continue to be funded now through this grant, which totaled $342,179, are the Taxi Subsidy Program, the Bus and Gus Individual Training (BAGIT), the Bus Buddies Program and Gus Bus, route 3, which primarily serves disabled and elderly riders.

The Taxi Subsidy Program provides a three-quarter subsidy for persons with special transportation needs, assisting those making repetitive trips for medical treatments and therapies, such as dialysis and chemotherapy. The BAGIT and Bus Buddies programs educate residents, particularly seniors and those with special needs on how to use the public fixed route bus system and the Gus Bus.

For more information on Glendale's transit services, click here or call 623-930-3501.

Holiday Gift Ideas from Glendale Parks & Recreation. Looking for a last minute gift idea? Have someone to buy for that seems to have everything? The Glendale Parks & Recreation Department has ideas for you!

With over 300 classes and programs available, you can find the perfect gift! A health nut or someone who wants to lose weight would love a gift certificate to the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center. The center features a fitness center, personal trainers, a climbing wall, lap swimming and more. Purchase a class for the child in your life for tumbling, Karate, ballet, cheerleading, cooking, cartooning, singing, guitar, soccer or baseball.

Teens would love a class in ice skating, cake decorating, Thriller dance, digital photography, glass fusion jewelry making, singing, guitar or a babysitting workshop to help them to make their own money.

For the person who has everything, get them a yoga, tennis, golf, zumba, hula dance, gourmet cooking, organic gardening, oil painting, French, Italian, email or guitar class.

Glendale Parks & Recreation truly has something for everyone. Click here or call 623-930-2820 to finish your holiday gift list!

January Job Searching Labs. Job searching online can be overwhelming. Job seekers may find they need help establishing an e-mail account, creating a resume or submitting an application online.

Steve Schrade, president of SupHRmarket Services, a human resource consulting firm, and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, is available to offer job coaching assistance and resume evaluation on the following dates in Jan.: Tuesday, Jan. 4, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 6, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. – noon; Thursday, Jan. 13, from 10 a.m. – noon; Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 1 – 3 p.m. The Job Searching Lab will be held at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street in the large meeting room.

The free walk-in computer lab, available for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities is made possible in part by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, along with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. No registration is necessary.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule. Click here for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. Click here to watch a City Council meeting online.

Glendale Glitters – Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights. Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in Murphy Park, which will be packed with music, lights, kids' crafts and entertainment. Enjoy performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances from 6-10 p.m., Dec. 17 & 18. Murphy Park is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, click here or call 623-930-2299.

Santa Chase 5K Family Fun Run/Walk. Enjoy a fun, healthy event with the whole family! Join us on Dec. 18 for a fun run/walk along the Skunk Creek trail. Santa will be at the race to cheer participants on. The event begins at 9 a.m., check-in and late registration begins at 8 a.m. Entry is $25 on race day. The race starts at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center parking lot, 5600 W. Union Hills Drive.

The Acoustic Jam Session. The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style. The next jam session will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, and an audience is welcome. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

33rd Annual Fiesta Bowl Band Championship. The Band Championship will be held on Thursday, Dec. 30 at University of Phoenix Stadium. Preliminaries begin at 1 p.m., and the finals will be held at 6:30 p.m. As a long-standing Fiesta Bowl tradition, the Fiesta Bowl Band Championship has distinguished itself as one of the most prestigious high school marching band competitions in the country. For more information, call 480-350-0911.

40th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl – Big East Champ Connecticut vs. Big 12 Champ Oklahoma. The 40th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played at 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011 at University of Phoenix Stadium and telecast on ESPN. For more information, click here or call 480-350-0911.

Public Safety Memorial Dedication Ceremony - Jan. 4, 2011. The public is invited to attend Glendale's dedication ceremony for the Public Safety Memorial on Jan. 4, 2011, at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Glendale Civic Center Plaza, 5750 W. Glenn Drive, and will showcase the new memorial tribute to Glendale's fallen firefighter and police officers.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party. Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 8, from 4-11 p.m. with fun for the whole family! Take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with dozens of hot air balloons glowing softly amidst the trees throughout 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. Read more.

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