Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

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

Have a safe and happy holiday!

"Treecycling" Sites. Glendale residents are encouraged to recycle their Christmas trees by dropping them off at one of the following sites. The "treecycling" sites will be open from Saturday, Dec. 26 to Sunday, Jan. 10.

- Acoma Park, 53rd Ave. and Acoma Rd.
- Fire Station #156, 67th Ave. and Deer Valley Rd.
- Foothills Park, 57th Ave. and Union Hills Dr.
- O'Neil Park, 64th Ave. and Missouri Ave.
- Rose Lane Park, 51st Ave. and Marlette Ave.
- Sahuaro Ranch Park, 63rd Ave. and Mountain View Rd.
- Western Area Regional Park, 83rd Ave. and Bethany Home Rd.

Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed.

Holiday Sanitation Pick-up Schedule and Tips. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Friday, December 25, in observance of Christmas and on Friday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. For those households whose scheduled garbage and recycling service falls on these days, city sanitation crews will provide service on Saturday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 2. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will also be closed.

Please remember that certain holiday items cannot be recycled. These items include ribbons, holiday lights, ornaments, garland, wrapping paper with silver or gold infused in with the paper, plastic bags, Styrofoam, toys, light bulbs and food. Please use the regular garbage service for these items.

During this season it's also important to remember that some items may not be best disposed of in the regular sanitation or recycling. Many will be lucky enough to receive that new computer, flat screen TV or cell phone they've been wanting. Remember that the old items should be disposed of properly.

Throwing electronics into the garbage (bulk trash preferred) is perfectly legal. However, there are several other responsible options to consider:

- If the electronic device still works, think about donating it instead of throwing it away.
- Consider contacting one of the large electronic retailers for recycling options. Most have some type of program.
- Visit http://earth911.com/. This interactive site offers useful information on E-waste. Click on "Electronics" and give your zip code to find recycling options near you.
- Hold on to your electronic device until valley E-waste events become available. The City of Glendale held a pilot E-Waste event in February 2009 and is looking into potential future E-waste event options.

For more information on the city's sanitation services, call (623) 930-2660. For more information on responsible recycling practices for the holidays, click here.

Fiesta Bowl Events

32nd Annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship presented by University of Phoenix. The Annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship will be held on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. The preliminaries will be held at 1 p.m., and the finals will commence at 6:30 p.m.

As a long-standing Fiesta Bowl tradition, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship presented by University of Phoenix has distinguished itself as one of the most prestigious high school marching band competitions in the country. Featuring the nation's most highly decorated bands, the National Band Championship welcomes participants to present their best 10-minute field presentations in front of a panel of judges who critique them on musical performance, visual performance, auxiliary techniques, percussion, drum majors and general overall effect.

Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic presented by NCAA. Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at the Glendale Youth Sports Complex. As one of the Valley's most exhilarating experiences in youth football, the Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic presented by NCAA promotes more than just the fundamentals of the game. Boys and girls, ages 9 - 14, are invited to participate in this free, non-contact clinic led by trained athletes and experienced coaches. Young competitors walk away with the perseverance, discipline and determination necessary to achieve their maximum potential both on and off the field. The Glendale Youth Sports Complex is located adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium.

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Brings You College Football's Biggest Party. Annually attracting tens of thousands of fans, College Football's Biggest Party is an action-packed celebration full of the ultimate tailgate experience. Crazed sports fanatics gear-up for the big game while enjoying pep rallies, performances by the university marching bands and cheerleaders, Jumbotrons, interactive games and food and beverage booths. Ticket price includes a plated meal. College Football's Biggest Party will take place at noon on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 at the Glendale Youth Sports Complex, adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium.

39th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. The Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale.

As a member of the Bowl Championship Series, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will host the Big 12 Conference Champion Boise State Broncos and the Mountain West Conference Champion TCU Horned Frogs. The 39th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played at University of Phoenix Stadium and telecast on Fox.

Click here for more information on Fiesta Bowl Events.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Live at the Library. Internationally-renowned classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala and pan-global percussionist Will Clipman will play a repertoire of original compositions mixed with standards from the classical and world music genres at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7 in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information about Live at the Library, call (623) 930-3573.

2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. The city of Glendale's Diversity Committee is proud to present the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon, featuring Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker, Associate Professor at Arizona State University and the recipient of the 2009 Promoting Inclusiveness Award. This year's theme, "Celebrating diversity in our communities—keeping the dream alive" pays tribute to Dr. King's legacy and the positive impact that it has had on our community.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 15, 2010 at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Doors open at 11 a.m.; program will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The public and community members are invited to attend the event by purchasing a reserved seat that includes a plated lunch. Seats for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon can be purchased in person at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140. Seats are $40 per person. For more information on reserving a seat, contact the Visitor Center at (623) 930-2955. Read more.

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