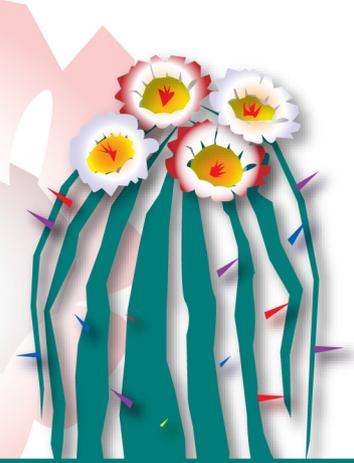




# Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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**THE CITRUS ZESTIVAL, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ON SATURDAY, JAN. 23 HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY, JAN. 30, FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. DUE TO THE WEATHER.**



A huge "Thank You" to the 200 volunteers that worked last Saturday at Sahuaro Ranch Park as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Project. Almost 35,000 pounds of grapefruit were picked from trees and placed in large cardboard bins that were donated to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. Great Job!

**Community Meetings on New F-35 Jets at Luke AFB.** Residents, businesses and government agencies will have the opportunity to provide input on the environmental study that will soon be conducted at Luke Air Force Base as part of the Air Force's site selection process for the new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

The Air Force recently announced that it will be holding five public meetings, referred to as public-scoping meetings, February 22-26 in five communities near Luke AFB and its operations.

#### **Public-scoping meetings are just the beginning.**

The upcoming meetings are part of the Environment Impact Statement process, which is required by federal law whenever a mission or aircraft change is proposed at a military base. The purpose of the public-scoping process is to actively involve citizens and government agencies in helping identify the "scope" of the issues to be addressed during the environmental analysis at Luke. These meetings will provide you with an introduction to the F-35, its capabilities and mission. Specific information on how the F-35 will be integrated at Luke as a training facility will also be covered.

#### **Meeting Dates:**

- Monday, February 22 in Gila Bend
- Tuesday, February 23 in El Mirage
- Wednesday, February 24 in Sun City West
- Thursday, February 25 in Wickenburg
- Friday, February 26 in Litchfield Park

Meeting times and locations will be published in the local news media at least two weeks prior to the meetings, according to the Air Force. All West Valley cities are encouraging their residents to attend one of the upcoming meetings. [Read more.](#)



Emcee Susan Casper (ABC 15 News) and 2010 Promoting Inclusiveness Award-winner, Chris Gossett at the event.

**2010 Promoting Inclusiveness Award.** The winner of Glendale's 2010 Promoting Inclusiveness Award was announced on Friday, January 15 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Chris Gossett, a teen coordinator at the Glendale Swift Kids Boys and Girls Club in Glendale received the annual award. For more than 10 years, Gossett has been a leader with local teens, working with them to reach their full potential in life. Gossett was nominated for exemplifying the values and vision of Dr. King through his work with young people. He is affectionately known as "Dad" to countless young adults and teens across Maricopa County.

Hundreds attended the luncheon, held at the Glendale Civic Center each year in celebration of the life and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Public Input Needed on Five-Year Plan.** Glendale will hold two public hearings on Thursday, Jan. 28 to gather input on writing a Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The first begins at 3:30 p.m. and is directed to non-profit agencies. The second is for residents and it begins at 6 p.m.

The Consolidated Plan will serve as a roadmap for spending decisions on federal funds used for public services, housing-related projects and facility improvements that benefit low-and-moderate income persons. Once completed, the plan will cover the time period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015.

Citizens and community groups are encouraged to attend these hearings at the City Municipal Office Complex, 5850 W. Glendale Ave, in Room B-3. If you are unable to attend, but wish to provide written input, please mail your comments to the City of Glendale, Community Revitalization Division, 6829 N. 58th Drive, Suite 104, Glendale, AZ 85301, by Thursday, Jan. 28 or by e-mail to: [Con-Plan@GlendaleAZ.com](mailto:Con-Plan@GlendaleAZ.com). For additional information regarding this process, please contact Gilbert Lopez, Community Revitalization Administrator for the City of Glendale at (623) 930-3670.

**Glendale Libraries, WrestleMania Team Up for Literacy.** World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), which is bringing WrestleMania XXVI to Glendale on March 28, is teaming up with the city's three libraries on Saturday, January 23 for Glendale's WrestleMania Reading Challenge Day.

The challenge is part of a WWE-sponsored national bookmark competition that encourages reading among elementary and high school students. The competition allows students to be creative and gives them the opportunity to harness their favorite WWE superstar or diva to design a bookmark that promotes reading.

Participants will receive WrestleMania Reading Challenge giveaways just for taking part in the contest. Entry forms, which must be signed by a parent or guardian, will be accepted through January 23.

One winner from each grade category (grades 5-6, grades 7-8 and grades 9-12) will go on to a regional competition. The ultimate champion in each category will win tickets to WrestleMania XXVI in Glendale.

Students have the opportunity to create their WrestleMania reading-themed bookmarks at events taking place at all three Glendale libraries on January 23:

- Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 623-930-3431
- Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 623-930-3537
- Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., 623-930-3840

Visit the [glendaleaz.com](http://glendaleaz.com) homepage for more information and details about the events at each library location.

## *Around Town*

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**Glendale Police Department Shred Event.** The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Target Corporation Saturday, January 23, 2010 for the city's "Shred It and Forget It" event. This free "drive-thru" event is designed to promote public awareness about identity theft and fraud prevention. Community members are invited to bring their unwanted personal documents to be shredded securely on site, free of charge. Law Enforcement staff will be on hand to assist residents with the shredding of up to three boxes (banker-size) of personal documents from 9 a.m. until noon (or the trucks get full) at the Target Store located at 10404 North 43rd Avenue. Event participation is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (623) 930-2571.

**Foothills Health Fair.** The annual Foothills Health Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. This is an opportunity to gain interesting and valuable health and wellness information for all ages from children to mature adults. A variety of local health-related companies and organizations will have informational booths and provide services such as free chair massages and blood pressure checks. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-4608.

**Glendale Chocolate Affaire, Feb. 5-7.** The weekend before Valentine's Day, Feb. 5-7, is a delicious delight for the senses as the Glendale Chocolate Affaire takes over downtown Glendale to create a chocolate-lover's dream!

Event hours are Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Cerreta's Candy Company, Kokopelli Winery, 3-TV KTVK, The Arizona Republic, YooHoo, KMLE, KOOL and JAMZ.

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