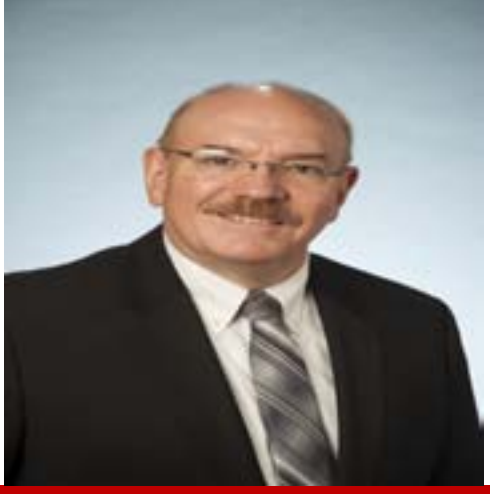

Barrel District Network News

Councilmember Bart Turner - Glendale, Arizona January 30, 2015

Councilmember Turner Hosting Barrel District Meeting. Councilmember Bart Turner will be hosting his first Barrel District meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 West Brown St. The meeting will be held in the Center's Meeting Room 108.

Councilmember Turner is encouraging residents living in the Barrel District to stop by his meeting to meet him and hear updates on neighborhood and city-wide issues, and discuss their ideas and suggestions for Glendale.

Special guests include Sam McAllen, Community Development Director, who will talk about the areas he oversees, including Planning, Building Safety, and Code Compliance; and Jack Friedline, Glendale's new Public Works Director, who will discuss the areas he oversees, including Sanitation and Transportation.

The Barrel District is located in the central part of Glendale and is bounded roughly from 51st to 67th avenues, Northern Avenue to Cactus Road.

For more information or to request special accommodations, call 623-930-2250.

Glendale City Council Reaffirms Support for Trust Land for Gaming and Resort. On Tuesday, January 20, the Glendale City Council voted in favor of approving a resolution that supports the Tohono O'odham Nation developing land within Glendale's planning area for a proposed casino and resort. The vote officially reaffirms the city's position to repeal the city's 2009 position which previously opposed the project and now states that the city officially supports the trust land being utilized for gaming. The vote included official support from Glendale's three newest councilmembers: Jamie Aldama, Lauren Tolmachoff and Bart Turner.

As with past practice, the Glendale City Clerk will send a copy of the approved resolution to all members of the Arizona Federal Delegation, reaffirming the city's position. In addition, city staff will continue to negotiate with the Tohono O'odham Nation as previously directed by Council.

Tree Planting Ceremony. Councilmember Turner attended the Tree Planting Ceremony. Volunteers planted nearly 50 fruit trees during the Super Bowl XLIX Tree Planting Event & Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Saturday, Jan. 24, in Glendale's historic Sahuaro Ranch Park at 9802 N. 59th Ave. The event was supported by roughly 250 volunteers who also picked 20 bins of citrus fruit for donation to St. Mary's Food Bank, while the "Deadheaders," a Partners N' Parks volunteer group, planted 150 new rose bushes, generously donated by Francis Nurseries, in the historic rose garden. This marked the fifth and final tree planting project leading up to Super Bowl XLIX. A total of 170 trees have been planted in five city parks in Tempe, Mesa, Phoenix and Glendale over the past nine months. Contributing to the "greening" of Super Bowl XLIX, this initiative marks the 10th anniversary of the NFL's Super Bowl Urban Forestry Program.

Glendale Hosts Sweetest Event in Town Super Bowl Weekend with 20th annual Chocolate Affaire. Glendale will host a super-sweet event of its own on Super Bowl weekend, Friday, January 30, and Saturday, January 31. The 20th Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire in Historic Downtown Glendale will be a chocolate lover's paradise, with special activities geared toward sports fans, as well.

Visitors will delight in the more than 30 chocolate purveyors, featuring unique confections like chocolate chipotle popcorn, chocolate crepes and chocolate caramel potato chips, plus old favorites that include chocolate-covered cheesecake, chocolate-dipped strawberries and goat milk fudge. And the best part? The event offers free admission! The Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Arizona's

famous candy makers, Cerreta Candy Company. The candy factory will offer tours all weekend, and visitors can expect to see some football-themed chocolate creations at the factory, as well as a chocolate-football decorating activity.

Families with children can enjoy inflatables, a caricature artist, face-painting, carnival rides and more. The exciting new attraction with a football twist will be a "Super Street" filled with live music, games and activities with decorations themed to each of the two NFL conference champion teams in the big game.

One of the festival traditions, in celebration of romance and the upcoming Valentine's holiday, is the symposium of romance novelists that will appear during the event, offering meet-and-greet opportunities with fans, book signings, and free writing workshops for budding novelists to learn more about the craft. This event marks the southwest's largest gathering of romance novelists. A complete list of the authors and appearances can be found on the city's website.

Another fun tradition during the festival is the "Sweet Tooth" Contest, which encourages chocolatiers to pit their best chocolate item against the other participants in the festival to determine who has the best creation. In keeping with the Super Bowl theme, this year's contest will be a Tailgate Edition, featuring chocolate entries geared towards favorite game time snacks. The contest will take place on Friday, January 30, in the Civic Center plaza. Attendees are encouraged to attend and to watch the judges taste all the entries, and find out the first, second and third place winners.

The Chocolate Affaire will also be a stop of the AZ SciTech Festival's lineup of events across the Valley, with a booth and demonstration of the correlation between science and chocolate. More information about the AZ SciTech Festival can be found here.

Event hours are, Friday from noon - 10 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues. There are plenty of free parking spots in the downtown area, but event attendees also have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, located at City Hall, at 59th and Glendale Avenues and the Bank of America Building, at 58th and Glenn drives. Both garages should be accessed from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is presented by Sears Vacations, and sponsored by Cerreta Candy Company, SRP, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, ABC-15 KNXV, KMLE, KOOL, Live 101.5, The Arizona Republic, Direct Buy, Monster, Camelback Ranch-Glendale and the Arizona Coyotes.

For more information on Glendale's festivals, click here or call our special events hotline at 623-930-2299.

2015 Transportation Open House. Please join us for the 13th Annual Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Open House on Wednesday, April 22nd from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions on such projects as Northern Parkway, Regional freeway/highway programs, the light rail, and multiple bicycle/pedestrian paths. Residents will also have the opportunity to speak with Glendale Transportation representatives and engineering consultants, learn more about current and upcoming transportation projects, and provide input on the program. INFO: 623-930-2940 or glendaleaz.com/transportation

The Popular Family Bike Ride Rolls through Glendale April 12. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 12 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. This ride is for all ages and levels from kids to adults. This year will feature three routes – short, long, and extended. The extended route show cases the 63rd Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge making the ride 6, 15 or 23 miles. Bicyclist will take a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways, and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. The first 400 riders that pre-register (online or via mail) and attend will receive an event t-shirt. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for $10. On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must be on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the routes. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need.

After the ride, children and families can enjoy inflatables at Sahuaro Ranch Park until 11 a.m. Bring the whole family to enjoy the great weather and free entertainment. To pre-register and complete a waiver form, or for more information visit glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.

Travel Green in Glendale – Bike to Work/School. Calling all residents of Glendale! Simply Travel Green and ride your bicycle to work/school any day during the week of April 19 - 25, post it on Facebook (facebook.com/GledaleAZ) with a photo of you riding your bicycle and tag the city of Glendale so we can see you in action! You will be entered into a random drawing for gift cards and freebies! INFO: 623-930-2032 or sadams@glendaleaz.com

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