Barrel District Network News

Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

March 6, 2009

Barrel District Town Talk

Tuesday, March 31
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Glendale Adult Center
Palo Verde Room
5970 W. Brown St.

Open House Format. For more information, call (623) 930-2250.

Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council recently appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions.

Congratulations and many thanks to the following Barrel District residents who have volunteered to serve: Fred Coury and Betsy Turner – Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee; Gary Charlson – Commission on Persons with Disabilities; and Al Lenox – Personnel Board.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group or for more information, call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249 or click here. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Camelback Ranch. Cactus League Baseball joined Glendale's all-star lineup of sports offerings this season with the opening of Camelback Ranch. The new Spring Training home for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox is located at 111th Avenue, west of the Loop 101 between Camelback Road and Glendale Avenue.

The state-of-the-art baseball facility includes more than 118,000 square feet of Major and Minor League clubhouse space, 13 full baseball fields and three half-fields. Opening game at the new facility was played on March 1st between the Dodgers and White Sox. Games run through April 2nd. Click here or call (623) 877-8585 for more information.

Firefighters Remind Baseball Fans to be "Heat Safe." As excited baseball fans come to Glendale for some much anticipated spring training action, the Glendale Fire Department is asking everyone to think heat safety. For those who are planning on coming out to enjoy spring training baseball, following these safety tips will add to your heat safety:

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids and limit beverages such as soda and those containing caffeine and alcohol. These types of beverages can cause dehydration.
- Use sunscreen.
- Cover your head. Wear a hat to provide shade.
- Never leave children or pets inside an unattended vehicle.

Glendale University Graduate Class at Luke Air Force Base. Registration is now available for a continuing education opportunity for Glendale residents who have previously graduated from the 101 series of Glendale University classes.

Students will have the opportunity to tour the Luke Air Force Base Flight Line and observe first-hand the taking-off and landing of military aircraft. A mission briefing will follow along with lunch at the Officer's Club.

This class is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28. Transportation to Luke AFB will be provided, leaving downtown Glendale at 9 a.m. and returning at approximately 2 p.m. Tour, transportation and lunch are sponsored by the University of Phoenix.

Registration for the LAFB class is mandatory, and limited to 30 individuals on a first come, first served basis. Register by Friday, April 17, by visiting www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships. Click on 'graduate classes' to print out an application. For more information, or to request an application by mail or fax, call (623) 930-2868.

Around Town

Think You Know It All About Arizona? Learn surprising facts about the 48th state by attending, 'Things You Didn't Learn in Arizona 101' at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The monthly series will run in the auditorium at 7 p.m. every second Monday, from March 9 to June 8. Funding for the series is courtesy of the Glendale Arts Council.

On March 9, Wyatt Earp, a descendant of the famous Tombstone lawman, will appear with his wife, Terry Earp, to portray a true story of love shared by Earp and Josephine Sarah Marcus Earp. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Consumer Credit Classes. Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a non-profit organization, will be presenting the following two programs. Patrons may attend one session or both. Registration is required; to register or for more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

Keeping Debt under Control:
March 9 at 10 a.m. at Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave.
March 31 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Surviving a Layoff:
April 20 at 7 p.m. at Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Live at the Library. Glendale Main Library's Live at the Library takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the library's auditorium at 5959 W. Brown St. On March 12, Whistle Stop Bluegrass Family Band will perform. This traditional bluegrass/gospel band has a very unique sound of three female vocalists.

The Glendale Coffeehouse Always Delivers Good Fun. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On Mar. 18, Returning musicians include Tom Whitlock, delivering great folk and contemporary music; Bill Turner, with traditional and original country-style guitar, and Tom Connor, a wonderful musician who is in town for a brief visit. Admission is free. For more information, call Anne at (623) 930-3573.

That Thursday Thing! "The Dish." On Thursday, March19, come hungry and enjoy a culinary event in downtown Glendale with extended evening shopping hours and an opportunity to sample "The Dish," the ninth edition of Historic Downtown's cookbook. Event hours are 5 to 8 p.m.

Live entertainment will be located throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Enjoy an evening filled with live entertainment, free horse drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and much more! Ollie the Trolley will provide free trolley rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Start your night at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up your event map, and more.

The charity component for March is a canned food drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. The Glendale Visitor Center will be accepting canned goods and non-perishable food items to benefit the St. Mary's Food Bank. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-4500 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Enjoy over 150 performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on March 21 & 22 at Sahuaro Ranch Park's Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. The public is welcome to participate in FREE workshops such as "Guitar Finger Style" and "Songwriter's Circle" lead by accomplished entertainers. This unique festival will include family entertainment, historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area and much more! Food/snacks will be available for purchase. Admission and most activities are free. Whether you come for the music, to see a live blacksmithing demonstration or to learn more about the history of Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, this festival has something for the entire family to enjoy. For more information, call (623) 930-4200.

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