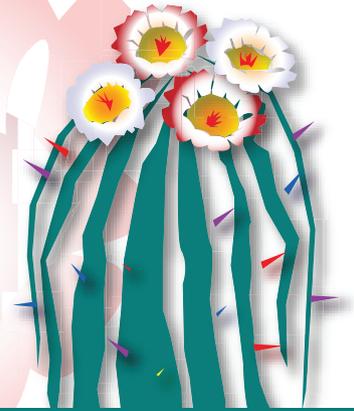




Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

March 14, 2008

Barrel District Town Talk.

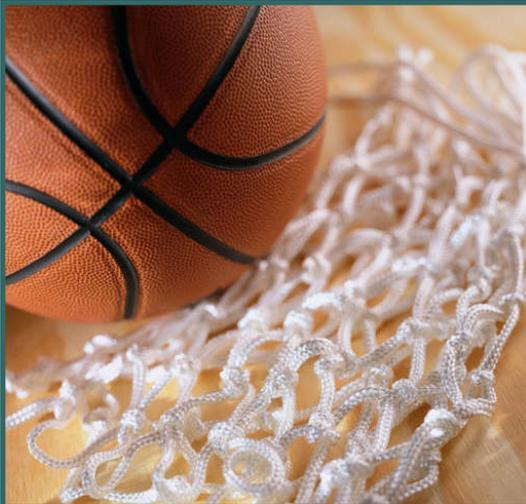
The next Barrel District Town talk is on April 10. City staff will make presentations and take time to answer all your questions. Refreshments will be served. Please join us:

Thursday, April 10, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Glendale Adult Center

5970 W. Brown St., Palo Verde Room



Glendale on Short List for New Home of USA Basketball. After successfully attracting major league baseball, football and hockey, the Super Bowl, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the BCS Championship game and the Arizona Interscholastic Association's state championships, Glendale may soon be adding one more sport to our expanding lineup.

City officials have been notified that Glendale is one of four cities being considered to become the new headquarters for USA Basketball, the national governing body for men's and women's basketball in the country. The other cities being considered are Indianapolis, Ind., Louisville, Ky. and Colorado Springs, Colo.

USA Basketball is looking to build a new training facility that will stage year-round signature basketball competitions and festivals, exhibition games, youth instructional programs, skills camps and coaching clinics and conferences throughout the year. Executive offices will also be built as part of the project.

Representatives of USA Basketball are expected to make a site visit to Glendale and the other selected cities over the next two months and plan to announce their new host city after the 2008 Summer Olympics are held. USA Basketball is currently located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Spark Award Nominations. Do you know an individual who has a special "spark" that you think deserves recognition? "Sparks" are those individuals, groups, and organizations that help create a vision of what their neighborhood should be.

We invite you to nominate that individual, neighborhood group, business or community organization for the 2008 Neighborhood Spark Award. Nominations are due May 1, 2008. For a copy of the nomination form, please [click here](#) or call the Neighborhood Partnerships Office at (623) 930-2868.

Established by the City of Glendale's Citizens' Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods in 2000, Spark Award categories include:



- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Traditional Neighborhood Leadership
- HOA Leadership
- Business Support & Involvement with Neighborhood
- Community Partner Award
- Young Leaders On the Move

The Spark Awards will be presented at the annual Neighborhood Leadership Forum on Saturday, June 28 at 8 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

Spring Extravaganza, Saturday, March 12. Hop on over with the kids to the Sahuaro Ranch Park softball complex, 63rd Ave. and Mountain View Rd., on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and be a part of Spring Extravaganza! The event features Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, Bubble Mania and "Eureka! Land." Have the kids bring a hard-boiled egg for the

Egg Decorating Contest and a basket to collect eggs during the Egg Scramble. Everyone can wear a WACKY hat and join the fun at the Wacky Hat Trot. Admission is free. For more information, call (623) 930-2042.

City Sponsors Community Information Event. Residents seeking more information about non-profits serving the area are encouraged to attend a free information event on Wednesday, March 26 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Glendale Woman's Club, 7032 N. 56th Ave.

Glendale's Community Revitalization Division is sponsoring the event to provide information to the public about the various non-profits supported by the city's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. In addition, foreclosure information will be available to assist those who need financial assistance on restructuring their mortgage loans.

For more information about the Community Revitalization Division, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-3670.

Around Town



Live at the Library. Join us for Glendale's Live at the Library, a free performing arts series, at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On March 20, Arizona harp and guitar artists, "D-Squared" will perform. [Read more.](#)

That Thursday Thing! Shine your favorite boots and pull out your favorite cowboy hat as Historic Downtown Glendale goes Western for Spurs and Spendin' on March 20 from 5-8 p.m. Visitors will begin their Western experience at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. [Read more.](#)

Cesar E. Chavez Breakfast. Please join the West Valley in paying tribute to civil rights and farm laborer Cesar Chavez. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$250 for a table of 10. Proceeds benefit the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation and the Glendale Chamber Foundation. The event is March 28, 2008, from 7:30-9:30 a.m., at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. [Read more.](#)

Spring Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up – Deadline to Schedule, March 28. The city of Glendale is providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste. Collections will be handled March 24 through April 11, but you must make an appointment by March 28. To make your appointment call the Sanitation Division at (623) 930-2660 beginning March 3. [Read more.](#)

Glendale Family Bike Ride 2008. Ready, set, ride! That's right, it's time for the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride, and 2008's event promises plenty of family fun and exercise. This year's ride is set for Sunday, April 13, 2008. Register early! [Read more.](#)

Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival. The city of Glendale's Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will celebrate its 25th year with a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 12-13. The event will run 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free. [Read more.](#)

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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