



Barrel District Network News



Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

March 21, 2014



Vice Mayor Knaack last Friday at the unveiling ceremony for the Luke AFB F-35A Lighting II.

2014 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award Nominations Now Being Accepted. The Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 19th Annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. The award recognizes individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions to Glendale's historic heritage.

The award is named after Ruth Byrne, a Glendale native, who made significant contributions to historic preservation in the city of Glendale.

Nomination forms are available by visiting www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation. The Glendale Historic Preservation Commission will review the submitted nominations, and the award will be presented in May by the City Council to coincide with National Historic Preservation Month.

Nominations must be received no later than Friday, March 28 and should be sent to Jon Froke, Planning Director, city of Glendale Planning Department, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Suite 212, Glendale, Arizona 85301; or by e-mail to jfroke@glendaleaz.com.

Glendale Celebrates Arbor Day Planting Trees and Educating Students. The city of Glendale will celebrate Arbor Day at 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 28 at Desert Mirage Park, 87th and Maryland avenues.

Glendale's Arbor Day features the theme, *Trees, Trees and More Trees*. To help celebrate, third graders from Desert Mirage Elementary School will bring posters and poems they created. All the posters will be on display, while a few select poems will be read during the ceremony by the children who wrote them.

Along with the children's participation, Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers will read the city's Arbor Day Proclamation and Alix Rogstad of the Arizona State Forestry Division will present the Tree City USA plaque to city officials. Glendale has been designated a Tree City USA for the past 18 years. The Tree City USA program provides direction, assistance, attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in America. Councilmember Sammy Chavira will also speak during the ceremony.

Following the dignitary remarks and student poems, five Chinese Elm trees will be planted with student participation. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on Arbor Day and Glendale's Parks and Recreation Division, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Two Glendale Parks Identified As Macy's "Heart Your Park" Fundraising Program Recipients. Thunderbird Conservation Park and Sahuaro Ranch Park have been selected for "Heart Your Park," a program introduced as part of Macy's "Secret Garden" campaign that aims to raise awareness and dollars for local parks across the country. Through March 31, customers at Macy's Glendale Store at Arrowhead Towne Center can donate \$1 or more at the register, with 100 percent of the donations benefiting both Glendale parks. To further spread the love, Macy's will match the total customer donation across all stores, dollar for dollar, up to \$250,000 in total.

Thunderbird Conservation and Sahuaro Ranch parks are two of more than 550 parks nationwide that will benefit from Macy's "Heart Your Park" this spring. In partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the national non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of community parks, recreation and conservation, Macy's stores across the country have each selected a local park or green space in their community to support through the program. Donations will go toward making improvements, such as maintaining trails, playgrounds, and ball fields and everything in between.

For more information, [click here](#).



City-Owned Glendale Civic Center Ranked #1 For The Third Year In A Row!

Glendale's crown jewel conference center located in the historic downtown has been ranked number one for the third year in a row. The Glendale Civic Center is the number one facility for meeting and convention venues of its size by *Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business*. The Glendale venue is the only government-managed venue to make the list and once again has outranked competition including nationally known corporate resorts.

The business opinion poll features thousands of Arizona companies voted on this past year. The top-ranked 20,000 businesses in over 200 business and leisure categories such as the Glendale Civic Center are featured in the annual publication.

The Glendale Civic Center offers 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space for corporate events, trade shows, weddings and private parties. The facility brings an average of 62,000 guests a year to the downtown. Arizona Catering, a 25-year local business, is the venue's official caterer.

For the past seven years, the Glendale Civic Center has ranked in the top five for meeting and convention facilities in the state. For more information about the facility, rental rates or catering menus, call (623) 930-4300 or visit www.glendaleciviccenter.com.

Glendale Hosts Free Presentations on Valley's Water History and Future. Are we in a drought? Do we have enough water for the future? Bring your water questions to a free program hosted by the Glendale Water Services Department in partnership with Salt River Project (SRP).

Learn about the Valley's unique water history, and how water is being managed for the future at "*Our Valley's Water Story: From Watershed to Showerhead*" at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The program features presentations by local water resource and conservation experts.

Attendees will receive a free low-water-use red yucca plant and free energy- and water-saving devices, including a high-efficiency showerhead, a four-pack of CFL's and a programmable thermostat funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling 623-930-3760 or e-mailing bpatrick@glendaleaz.com. For more information visit www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

The Sun Valley Animal Shelter will Host Adoptable dogs (and cats) at March 22 Hockey Game! Global Spectrum Charities will host Sun Valley Animal Shelter, a no-kill animal shelter, and their adoptable pets for an adoption event and donation drive prior to the Phoenix Coyotes game against the Boston Bruins on Saturday, March 22. The adoption event and donation drive will take place during the pre-game tailgate located in Lot G at Jobing.com Arena. Fans are invited to stop by the shelter's space at the tailgate starting at 3 p.m., until doors open for the game at 5 p.m. The shelter will also be on the arena concourse during the game, accepting donations and distributing information about the pets they have available for adoption, as well as the work the shelter does for the Glendale community. Adoption forms will be available on-site to begin the adoption process. The shelter will also be accepting donations, both monetary and in the form of wet dog and cat food, pet supplies (leashes, collars, pet beds, etc.) and pet toys. [Click here](#) for a wish list of needed items for the shelter. For information call Global Spectrum at 623-772-3838.

Glendale Relay for Life. Almost all of us have been touched by cancer in some way. Several city departments including the Glendale Police Department, Glendale Fire Department and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau have formed teams along with local residents, schools and business owners to make a difference by walking and raising money in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event to be held April 26-27, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Ironwood High School. At the event, these teams will camp out overnight and take turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society. For more information, visit www.VisitGlendale.com.

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