Barrel District Network News

Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona **March 22, 2013**

Chat with Vice Mayor Knaack. Please join Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack on Saturday, April 27th in the lobby of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. She will be available from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. to talk to residents, address concerns and answer questions. Representatives from Glendale's Code Compliance and Police Departments will also be available to answer questions. Stop by for a few minutes to chat with Vice Mayor Knaack and let her know your thoughts and concerns. Light refreshments will be available.

Citizens Invited to Attend Public Budget Meetings. Glendale residents are invited to attend upcoming public meetings to hear about the fiscal year 2014 proposed General Fund budget. City staff will give an overview of the proposed budget and then citizens can give comments which will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as they make final decisions for next year's budget. The public meetings are from 6 to 7 p.m. on:

- Monday, April 1 at Desert Mirage Elementary School (8605 W. Maryland Ave.)
- Thursday, April 4 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Dr.)

Citizens who cannot attend the public meetings but would like to provide comments can fill out a comment card online at www.glendaleaz.com/budget. Citizens requiring special accommodations or translation assistance are asked to call the City Manager's Office at (623) 930-2870.

In addition to the public meetings, the Mayor and Council will conduct their annual budget workshop sessions to review all departmental operating budgets and city services. As these meetings are work-study sessions, public comments will not be taken but are encouraged at the public meetings on April 1 and 4. The council workshops are on the following days in the City Council Chambers:

- Wednesday and Thursday, March 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9 from 1:30 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (if needed)

For more information, contact the Glendale City Clerk's Office at (623) 930-2252. Materials for the March 27 and 28 workshops will be available on www.glendaleaz.com.

Once Again…Glendale Civic Center Voted No. 1! For the second year in a row, the city of Glendale's downtown conference center, the Glendale Civic Center, has been named the number one facility for meeting and convention venues of its size by Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business. The Glendale Civic Center is the only government-managed venue to make the list and outranked competition including nationally known corporate resorts. The business opinion poll at www.aznow.biz/Ranking-Arizona features thousands of Arizona companies voted on this past year. The top-ranked 2000-plus businesses, such as the Glendale Civic Center, are featured in Ranking Arizona's annual publication. For more information about the facility, rental rates or catering menus, call (623) 930-4300 or visit www.glendaleciviccenter.com.

Party for the Planet – Earth Day Events

New River Trail Clean-up. Join millions around the globe to make your community and the world cleaner and more sustainable as part of the annual Earth Day celebration. Volunteers are needed to help clean-up the New River Trail. Please join us from 7-10 a.m., Saturday, April 20 at 83rd Avenue, just north of Union Hills. To volunteer for this event, please e-mail the Glendale Volunteer Program at awilkie@glendaleaz.com.

Glendale Family Bike Ride – April 14. One of Glendale's favorite family traditions is back! Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 14 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road.

This is a free ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

The first 500 people to pre-register (online or via mail) and participate receive a free 2013 Glendale Family Bike Ride t-shirt. Helmets are required for this ride, and can be purchased at the event for $10 (cash or check only.) On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. There is no registration fee. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need.

Activities, beginning at 7 a.m., will include music by DJ Ron Harkins, blood pressure checks offered by Barrows Neurological Institute, free bike tune ups provided by Southwest Bike and Valley Metro will also be on hand to instruct riders how to properly load a bike onto the bus. In addition, Glendale's Water Services Department will provide water for riders to fill their bottles. Transportation staff is also giving out free bicycle safety items. Finally, after the ride, children and families can enjoy inflatables at Sahuaro Ranch Park until 11 a.m.

Bring the whole family for great weather and free entertainment. To pre-register and complete waiver forms, or for more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.

The complete list of Earth Day activities and events are as follows:

- April 5: "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax"
- April 13: Hug A Tree: Desert Tree Care
- April 14: Family Bike Ride
- April 17: National Bike to Work Day
- April 17: Earth Day Craft
- April 18: Getting Crafty with Miss Janet - Earth Day Craft!
- April 20: Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden Volunteering
- April 20: Simple Savings Energy Class
- April 20: New River and Trail Clean Up
- April 22: Bottle Cap Magnets!
- April 24: Earth Day friendly movie
- April 25: Glendale's Arbor Day and Tree Plantings

Locations and details on all the activities can be found at www.glendaleaz.com/green. Just click on the "Earth Day Programs" link. Glendale's Volunteer Program, Parks, Recreation & Library Services, Transportation Department and Conservation and Sustainability Living Program coordinated the programs to help residents make their community and the world a better place.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please click here.

Upcoming Water and Home Energy Efficiency Classes. The city of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program offers a variety of free classes for Glendale residents. Click here for upcoming events.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival - THIS WEEKEND! Join us for the Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday March 23 & 24 at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Enjoy more than 150 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling or participate in a hands-on workshop. Bring your whole family to enjoy the rich music and entertainment, historic home tours and food vendors. Admission is free, call 623-930-4200 for more information.

Click here for the entertainment schedule.

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