Barrel District Network News

Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District **June 10, 2011**

New Public Artwork Adorns Glendale's Murphy Park. Visitors to historic downtown Glendale will enjoy the most recent public art enhancement to Murphy Park. The artwork, The Enlivened Pathway, adorns the seat wall along the pathway at the top of the park's amphitheatre.

Phoenix artist Kristine Kollasch was selected by the Glendale Arts Commission and the Glendale Library and Arts Department for the $13,000 Murphy Park public art project. Kollasch held a tile-making workshop for the community at the February 2011 Glendale Jazz and Blues Festival, working with festival goers to make ceramic tiles while enjoying the music. During the weekend event, jazz and blues enthusiasts, including many young people, made over 600 handmade ceramics tiles, which Kollasch incorporated into her artwork.

MLB Cacti Lands at Westgate in Glendale, Fans Can Win Tickets to All Star Game. Westgate City Center in Glendale is the new home to one of the 10 "Cacti on Parade," a promotion for the 2011 MLB All-Star Game and festivities taking place July 8-12 in the Valley. Find out how you can take a picture with the statue and enter to win a pair of tickets to the 2011 MLB All-Star Game. Click here for more information.

Low-Income Families May Be Eligible For Repairs On Cooling Units. While Valley temperatures have been below normal, there's no doubt that higher temperatures are ahead. And as temps go up so does wear and tear on evaporative coolers and home air conditioning units. For high-risk groups, including the elderly and small children, it is critical that these units are operating properly.

Thanks to federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the city of Glendale can provide emergency repair assistance to qualified, low-income families and the elderly who are Glendale residents. While the Emergency Home Repair Program covers a variety of needs, some of the most requested and critical calls come in the summer for repairs to existing home cooling units.

The city's Emergency Home Repair Program utilizes a non-profit partner, Community Services of Arizona (CSA) to provide emergency repair services. Examples of the types of repairs allowed include electrical, mechanical, plumbing and roofing.

To qualify, applicants must own and occupy the residence, and meet income requirements based on family size and program criteria. Funding is limited; repairs are approved on a case-by-case basis depending on the type and severity of the emergency. For more information, or to apply for assistance, please call CSA directly at (480) 963-6276, extension 215.

Glendale City Council Approves Performing Arts Partnerships for FY 2011-2012. Glendale residents will continue to enjoy cultural arts as a result of the Glendale Arts Commission awarding performing arts contracted services to non-profit organizations, schools and government agencies for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The Arts Commission recommended funding 11 performing arts projects totaling $35,500.

Partnership applications were reviewed by the Arts Commission in April. Applications were considered in accordance with the following criteria: 1) artistic quality, 2) ability to serve the needs of the community, 3) managerial and administrative ability of the applicant organization in producing or presenting the arts and, 4) appropriateness of the project budget. For more information, click here.

Around Town

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Prospering in Today's Job Market: Developing Your Personal Marketing Plan. Eric Walton, COO of Kryterion Inc., will share his insight in a special presentation on how employees at all levels develop their own personal marketing plan to find their next position. The two-hour program begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. Walton will offer tips on how to avoid common pitfalls and how to maintain enthusiasm in a changing or uncertain work environment. He will also review creating a marketing plan for your job search; the emotional journey of job transition; networking with decision makers; and how to find companies that are hiring. Register by calling 623-930-3556.

Reel Talk Film Series. *The Breakfast Club* (1985, "R" rating) starring Emilio Estevez, Judd Nelson and Molly Ringwald will be shown at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 11 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. Click here for more information.

Summer Band Concert, June 16. Enjoy renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes at 8 p.m., Thursday evenings through July 21. It's FREE and the entire family is welcome! The concerts take place in Historic Downtown Glendale at the Glendale Amphitheater, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Click here for more information.

Job Searching Labs. Free Job Searching Workshops are being offered by the Glendale Main Library in June: Tuesday, June 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., "Writing a Winning Resume." This two-hour workshop focuses on developing, writing and distributing a basic resume and cover letter. In addition to content, format and style, participants will learn how to write, attach and use a cover letter and how to link effective resume and cover letter distribution to job-hunting goals. The many resume myths will be discussed, along with a what-not-to-do checklist.

Summer Art Camp at Sahuaro Ranch. Glendale's Summer Art Camp is the perfect place for children to find fun, friends and creative expression. The City of Glendale Summer Art Camp 2011 will offer an assortment of workshops for youths, ages 6-13. Classes will run from June 27–July 21. Participants will have the opportunity to make art inspired by other cultures, discover screen printing, try playwriting and print making, sculpt and make plaster casts, and use objects they find to create recycled art. The workshops, sponsored by the City of Glendale Arts Commission, will take place in the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch, 9802 N. 59th Ave. For a brochure and application form, visit www.glendaleaz.com/arts and click on "Summer Art Camp 2011." There is a $20 non-refundable application fee per workshop and student. For more information contact call 623-930-3547.

More Job Searching Labs. Are you finding that job searching online can be overwhelming? Need help establishing an email account, creating a resume, or applying online? Glendale Public Library offers job coaching and assistance. Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on the following Thursdays: June 16 and June 23. Job Searching Labs at the Main Library are facilitated by Steve Schrade, an Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, and former director of human resources for Bashas'. Schrade will also be available by appointment for one-on-one job searching help on Tuesday, June 28 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. To schedule a 30 or 60 minute individual meeting, call 623-930-3531 or stop by the reference desk at the Main Library.

Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Avenue, 2 – 4 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: June 15, June 22 and June 29. Job Searching Labs at Velma Teague are facilitated by Michael Burton, Information Technology Specialist at Glendale Public Library. No registration is necessary.

Authors @ the Teague. *New York Times* bestselling author, Robert Dugoni, will discuss and sign his fourth David Sloane legal thriller, "Murder One," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

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