Barrel District Network News

Councilmember Bart Turner - Glendale, Arizona June 4, 2015

Greetings,

There are several city items coming up this month that I want you to be aware of.

Free Summer Band Concerts Bring Music To Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings. The West Valley's favorite summer tradition is back for its 49th season beginning June 4 in downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m., beginning June 4 through July 23, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn Dr. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its inspiring renditions of marches, polkas, movie medleys and other tunes from all over the world.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family; pack the car and bring your friends, neighbors, the whole gang! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts. For more information, including concert schedules and artist information, please call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Learn How To Download Digital Content! Want to learn how to get free downloadable books, audiobooks, and more from your library? Bring your smartphone, tablet or eReader with you and join Digital Librarian, Marlene Jacobson at the Digital Help Spot. The event is scheduled for June 10 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library.

Glendale To Host Public Meetings On Proposed Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. The City of Glendale will hold a series of public meetings to allow residents and businesses an opportunity to share their thoughts on whether the city should adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance. The Glendale City Council has expressed specific interest in hearing feedback from Glendale residents and business owners. An ordinance, if adopted, would protect the rights of Glendale citizens and visitors from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. The schedule for public meetings are:

Conversation for Businesses:

- Wednesday, June 10 Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. Glendale, AZ 85302
  6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m.

Conversations for the Public:

- Thursday, June 18 Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. Glendale, AZ 85302
  6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m.

- Saturday, July 25 Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85308
  10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sign in begins at 9:30 a.m.

- Thursday, July 30 Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd. Glendale, AZ 85305
  6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m.

If you cannot attend any of the meetings but would like to offer input, you can leave comments on a recorded phone line at **623-930-2255**. The city has also set up a special email address to receive written comments. That email address is GlendaleFeedback@glendaleaz.com. Please know that all written and spoken comments will become part of the official record of public input for this process. For more information, please contact the Glendale City Manager's Office at **623-930-2870**.

Glendale's Summer Scavenger Stroll June 5. What could be better than a stroll through Historic Downtown Glendale on a summer evening? We can think of one thing – the chance to win prizes while you do it! The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau has teamed up with the downtown business community to create a new event called the Summer Scavenger Stroll. While you shop, dine and stroll, you'll encounter clues that will give you points to enter and win prizes.

On Friday, June 5, between 4-7 p.m. head to the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a map and start hunting. A nice leisurely pace will provide a relaxing, fun evening with friends and family. While enjoying shopping and dinner, search for clues. The more clues you find, the more points you will earn for chances to win prizes, which include fabulous prizes from the Glendale merchants handmade, vintage or antiques and other goodies from all the participating shops). Visitors will stroll at their own pace and end the evening at the Vintage Green Old Town Treasures Shop, 7146 N. 57th Dr., to turn in clues, redeem points and enter to win.

The Glendale Visitor Center is located at 5700 W. Glenn Dr. Suite 140. For additional information on this event and the downtown businesses, click here or call **623-930-4500**. Admission and parking are free. Parking is available in the adjacent garage, just north of Glenn Drive, between 58th Avenue and 58th Drive.

Truth In Taxation Hearing – Notice Of Tax Increase. In compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes, the City of Glendale is notifying its property taxpayers of the City of Glendale's intention to raise its primary property taxes 96 cents for every $100,000 over last year's level. All interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing on the tax increase that is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6 p.m.** at the Glendale City Council Chambers located at 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

Public Meetings Held For West Phoenix/Central Glendale Light Rail Transit Corridor Study. Valley Metro will hold one more public meeting on the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Light Rail Transit Corridor Study. The study will determine what type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit) is best for the corridor and where to locate the route. Several routes are under consideration to connect downtown Glendale to the existing light rail system within a transit service area of 19th Ave. on the east, 67th Ave. on the west, Northern Ave. on the north and Camelback Rd. on the south.

Valley Metro will present the latest information on the study and provide an opportunity for questions and comments.

- 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 4
  Washington Activity Center Multipurpose Room 2240 W. Citrus Way, Phoenix

For more information, please contact Megan Casey, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 602.495.8274 or mcasey@valleymetro.org. For the latest project information, visit valleymetro.org/glendale.

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