Barrel District Network News

Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona **August 2, 2013**

National Magazine Ranks Glendale as "*Top Dog*" in Southwest for Canine-Friendly Communities. *Dog Fancy Magazine* named the city of Glendale regional runner-up in the Southwest in its 2013 DogTown USA ranking. With a dog population of 43,000, the city prides itself on offering dog-friendly businesses, attractions and amenities.

The article highlights Glendale's four-legged community features, such as three special dog parks that offer agility equipment; an annual *"Dog Days of Summer"* event sponsored by the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau and downtown merchants; dining experiences for pet owners at various restaurants with patio seating and city dogs who work for various programs in the community. For example, the Glendale Library has a reading dog program called *Read with Jessie*. The loveable Golden Retriever at Foothills Library allows children to practice reading to a dog, helping them become more comfortable reading. The next sessions are Sept. 11 and Sept. 25 for children 5 years and older. To reserve a spot, call 623-930-3837.

The Glendale Fire Department has two working dogs: Gizzi accompanies Fire's public education manager to schools to teach children fire safety measures, and Topaz serves as a crisis response dog, helping those impacted by traumatic situations. In addition, Glendale Fire carries special FIDO pet rescue bags, supported by community donations. The FIDO bags, created by a Glendale firefighter, are medical bags containing customized oxygen masks and other medical supplies specifically made to care for animals in emergency situations. The bags were placed on Glendale fire trucks in 2007 after the Sun Valley Animal Shelter made a generous donation of $4,000 to fund the FIDO bag program. Having saved numerous animals using the FIDO bag equipment, Glendale Firefighters believe the bags are a necessity since 70% of households have pets.

Projects and activities for dogs are not the only reason that Glendale was selected by the magazine, as part of the process included evaluating whether Glendale serves as an optimal pet destination. Approximately 58 percent of pet owners now travel with their pets, and dogs lead the pack as the most popular pet travel companion, according to Petsweekly.com.

The Glendale ranking is listed in the upcoming September issue of *Dog Fancy Magazine*. For more information, call 623.930.4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com.

Need to Communicate with the Glendale Police Department? We have an App for that! The public can now communicate with the Glendale Police Department through the use of a smartphone app! Nationally, studies are revealing that mobile subscribers are using apps to obtain information more than browsing the web. Recently, the department launched its first-ever smartphone app! The app helps the Glendale Police Department continue to enhance the level of service provided daily to our community by placing our services directly at the citizen's fingertips.

The Glendale Police Department partnered with WiredBlue LLC to develop the smartphone application, which is called the "**My Police Department**" or"**MyPD**" App. The MyPD App is spreading in popularity nationwide. Over 100 agencies across the nation and Canada are using the MyPD App for their departmental smartphone applications. The Glendale Police Department is one of only two agencies in the state of Arizona to utilize the app.

The MyPD App can be downloaded on most mobile devices to include iPhone and Android smartphones as well as tablet PCs such as the Galaxy and iPads. The MyPD App can be downloaded free of charge by searching for My Police Department or MyPD in the iPhone or Android marketplace. Once downloaded, you simply navigate to the Glendale Police Department.

Please be aware the app is not actively monitored at all times and is not intended for emergency situations. Please call 911 immediately for all emergencies.

Around Town

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

Backyard Stargazing for Everyone. Backyard stargazing, a free and fun activity for the entire family, will take place at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., on Monday Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. After dark, telescopes will be in place in front of the library for viewing of the night sky. For more information, call 623-979-1393.

Golf 101 for Youth. Sign up for *GOLF 101* classes starting on Wednesday August 7 or Saturday August 10 at Glen Lakes Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave. The classes are a fun, interactive approach to increasing junior participation in golf for ages 7-17, with PGA professionals at the forefront of the experience. The objective is to develop core golfers who will continue to play socially or competitively, based on individual desires. Clubs are provided if needed. The Wednesday class is held from 6 to 7 p.m., and the Saturday class is held from 12 to 1 p.m. The class is $50 (non-resident $60), and preregistration is required. For more information, click here.

Volunteer for "*Project Connect*." The City is partnering with the Valley of the Sun United Way, Basic Mission and the Glendale Nazarene Church on this year's *"Project Connect"* event, which will take place on Aug. 13, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glendale Nazarene Church, 5902 W. Cactus Rd. Project Connect is part of Valley of the Sun United Way's strategy to end homelessness in our community.

Volunteers will work one-on-one to escort guests through the array of service providers available on site. For more information and to register to become a volunteer, click here.

Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon Seeks Homeowner Applicants & Volunteers to Paint Homes. Do you own a single-family home but due to age or physical impairments are unable to keep it painted? If so, the Annual Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon on Saturday, Oct. 26 may be able to help.

This program, which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes of applicants who are ages 60 and older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources, are veterans, or unable to do the work themselves.

Glendale residents who match the above criteria are encouraged to apply to have their homes painted. Volunteers willing to wield a paint brush are also encouraged to get involved.

The deadline for both homeowners and volunteer teams to apply for the program is Sept. 4. Volunteers willing to paint homes at the event on Saturday, Oct. 26, should form a team of 15 to 25 people. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old and those under 18 must have a signed parent permission form.

For more information, or to apply, click here.

Tribute to Arizona's Fallen Comes to Glendale Public Library. Glendale hosts the *"Remembering Our Fallen"* Exhibit Aug. 12-25. Since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, many Arizona service men and women have given their lives in defense of our country. West Valley residents are invited to view an emotionally moving tribute to the Arizonans who made the supreme sacrifice in these wars.

The Honor Walk Foundation and the city of Glendale are proud to bring the *"Remembering Our Fallen"* exhibit to the Glendale Public Library from Aug. 12 through 25. Comprised of five 10-foot panels, the traveling exhibit features photos, biographical information and personal mementos of the Arizona residents who died serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The exhibit will be located inside the Main branch of the Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Visitors can view the exhibit during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, from 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays.

An opening ceremony for the exhibit will be held Monday, Aug. 12. A color guard and brief program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on The Honor Walk Foundation, click here.

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