Barrel District Network News

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Glendoberfest Tonight! Read more.

Catlin Court Home Tour, Nov. 8

Holiday Open House & Catlin Court Historic Home Tour – Nov. 8. Mark your calendar to attend Downtown Glendale's Annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Participating shops in Old Towne and Catlin Court will be decorated and filled with gifts, decorations, furniture, home decor and all your needs for the holidays! Historic Downtown Glendale is filled with more than 90 one-of-a-kind boutiques and specialty shops where you're sure to find that perfect gift for everyone on your list, as well as great eateries when you need to take a break from shopping! In addition, many shops will offer refreshments, special promotions, gifts and prizes.

While you're in downtown Glendale, you'll also want to check out Catlin Court's Historic Home Tour. Haven't you driven through the Historic District and wondered what the beautiful bungalow homes looked like inside? This is your chance to find out! Eleven homeowners will open their doors for the Home Tour that day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the event will feature free horse-drawn carriage rides and a vintage car show. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 the day of the event. Tickets are available for purchase at Glendale's Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140, or on the Web at www.catlincourthometour.com.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH

The West Valley Advocacy Center. The West Valley Advocacy Center is the comprehensive, multi-disciplinary team of professionals who work together, under one roof, to provide coordinated services to victims of family violence.

The core concept is to provide **one place** where victims can go to talk to an advocate or receive a variety of crisis services. Victims are often required to travel from location to location to seek services that are scattered through a city or county. They have to tell their story over and over again to officials. Needless to say, the criminal justice system unintentionally makes it easy for victims to become frustrated and ultimately give up. Read more.

One Place to:

- plan for safety
- talk to a police officer
- meet with a prosecutor
- obtain a 911 emergency cell phone
- receive medical assessment
- get assistance with obtaining an Order of Protection
- receive information on shelter and community resources
- obtain short-term counseling services
- receive domestic violence education
- get an explanation of their rights as a victim of crime
- discuss legal aid options
- get help with transportation

America Recycles Day Cell Phone Collection. Time to toss those old cell phones for a good cause! The city of Glendale is celebrating America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, with a special cell phone recycling program for the month of November that will provide phones to victims of domestic violence.

The public is encouraged to drop old cell phones off at Jobing.com Arena at Gate 3 on the Northwest corner of the building, any of Glendale's three public libraries, Glendale Visitor Center or Qwest at Westgate City Center in Glendale.

After the cell phones are collected, the West Valley Advocacy Center will arrange for the phones to be recycled. Once the cell phones are refurbished, the phones will become available for victims of stalking and domestic violence.

Around Town

Landscape Workshops. Join us on Saturday, November 1 in the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, located at the south entrance of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

- **8-9:15 a.m. – Walk and Talk in the Garden.** Ask garden author, Mary Irish, garden related questions during a guided garden walk.
- **9:15-10:30 a.m. – Cactus Care 101.** Learn about proper cacti and succulent care from the Cactus Doctor.
- **10:30-11:45 a.m. – Pruning of Trees and Shrubs.** Learn proper timing and techniques for pruning your trees and shrubs from Jo Miller, Water Conservation Program Manager.

Read more. Call (623) 930-3760 to register.

Glendale Diversity Committee Presents Arab American Festival. Mark your calendars for an exciting celebration of food, art, entertainment and culture as Historic Downtown Glendale hosts the Arab American Festival. Presented in part by the Glendale Diversity Committee, this free fun-filled event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 1-2, 2008, from noon until 9 p.m. each day. Read more.

Home Preservation Forum. If you or someone you know is facing a foreclosure and would like to learn more about the financial options available, then make plans to attend a "Home Preservation Forum" from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3 in Glendale's City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will provide information for homeowners in Glendale to help them preserve their homes and neighborhoods. During the forum's panel discussion, attendees will have their questions answered by experts in the industry from HUD/FHA, Credit Counseling Services and Real Estate Task Force. Click here to visit Glendale's Foreclosure Information Web page.

Mayor's Community Conversations. Mayor Elaine Scruggs is inviting residents to attend community meetings she will be hosting this fall to discuss important policy issues that will shape Glendale's present and future. The meetings are being held as part of the mayor's Community Conversations initiative she created several years ago to help her reach out to residents on important issues.

Join Mayor Scruggs at 9 a.m., Saturday, November 8 at First Southern Baptist Church, 10250 N. 59th Avenue.

The meeting is open to all residents, but registration is required since seating will be limited. Click here or call (623) 930-2260 for more information or to register.

"Joining the Glendale Team" Workshop. The city of Glendale will host a "Joining the Glendale Team" Workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. in Room B-3 of City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. The Human Resources Department has created a series of workshops offered throughout the year, which are designed to orient potential employees with Glendale's hiring process. The workshop is free of charge for anyone, Glendale resident or otherwise. For additional information, call Glendale's Human Resources Department at (623) 930-2270. Read more.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Some of the lessons include how to read a bus book, plan a trip, find the closest bus stop, signal your stop and more. Classes will be held on Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2035.

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