Barrel District Network News

Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona **November 1, 2013**

November Holiday Notices. City of Glendale offices will be closed for the following holidays: Monday, Nov. 11 for the Veterans Day holiday, and Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day later due to the holidays. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed on Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day, but open on Friday, Nov. 29. For more information about the city's sanitation services, click here.

Valley Metro buses will run on a Sunday schedule on all of these holidays. The Gus Bus will also operate on a Sunday schedule Nov. 11 and 28-29, running from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service for Veterans Day, reservations must be made in advance -- by noon on Friday, Nov. 8. Dial-a-Ride service for Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 28 – Dec. 1) must also be made ahead of time -- by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Reservations can be made by calling Glendale's Transit Division at 623-930-3500.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during these holidays, the airport's administrative offices will be closed. In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed. The Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau will be closed, but will open for the Glendale Glitters event.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will be open on Veterans Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The center will be closed, however, for Thanksgiving Day and through Sunday, Dec. 1 for annual maintenance. The Glendale Adult Center will be closed Nov. 11 and Nov. 28-29 for the holidays. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600. For additional information on all Parks & Recreation services and programs click here.

Glendale Highlights City Services, Programs by the Numbers for National Cities & Towns Week. As communities across the country celebrate National Cities & Towns Week, the city of Glendale is highlighting the outstanding programs and services that are provided to residents every month, every week, day in and day out.

Twelve months of services and activities are captured in a variety of numbers, both large and small. Each tells a story of what it takes to serve a city of 227,000 residents — from treating 13 billion gallons of water to trimming more than 15,000 trees in the city's rights-of-way in a year.

A statistical overview of the most recent year includes these telling numbers:

- A 3% increase to 2.6 million rides on Glendale's transit system
- 6,756 cases handled by Code Compliance with 75% resolved within 30 days
- Almost 900,000 linear feet of yellow and white striping applied to roadways, and 12.5 miles of arterial crosswalks striped by Transportation Services staff
- 2,878 incidents covered by the Glendale Fire Department's Crisis Response Team
- 11,594 hours of service donated by Glendale Police Department volunteers
- 127,303 calls for service by Glendale Police Department
- 156,000 visitors from 46 countries helped by the Glendale Visitor Center; in addition, staff fulfilled 87,000 information requests and fielded 8,000 phone calls
- 8,355 fire hydrants inspected and maintained by water distribution staff
- 694,680 visitors walked through the Glendale libraries' doors
- 2,188 acres of parks and facilities maintained
- 4,401 students engaged in recreational special interest classes
- 34,128 people attended Glendale's two aquatics centers for recreational swimming
- 1,957 swim lessons were provided during the summer months
- The City Court processed and completed 41,040 cases

- The Conservation & Sustainable Living program distributed 10,000 CFL bulbs and 2,500 programmable thermostats at their educational classes
- The Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) recycled 30 million pounds of materials, generating $1.5 million in revenue from recycled products
- The Office of Special Events produced 12 festival days, drawing more than 300,000 people to the city and the downtown area
- Managed 20,000 pages of content on the city's websites, which were visited nearly six million times by web users
- Communicated city news and information to residents and the media via approximately 400 press releases

For additional information on Glendale's programs and services, click here. For additional information on National Cities and Towns Week in Arizona, visit www.azcitieswork.com.

Around Town

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

***"THE ART OF IT ALL"* Exhibit at Gallery Glendale in November.** Local artists will showcase their finest two and three-dimensional artworks during the month of November at Gallery Glendale at Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd.

The West Valley Arts Council (WVAC) will take over the gallery with the all-media, juried exhibit "The Art of It All" every Friday and Saturday evening, 6 to 9 p.m., from Nov. 1 through Dec. 1. Additional gallery hours will be announced. More than 50 artists are represented with nearly 100 pieces of artwork, many of which are available for purchase and make great holiday gifts.

A number of the artists will be on-hand during the opening reception, which will be held on Friday, Nov. 1, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is a free public art gallery made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. For more information on Gallery Glendale, visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

STEM @ Your Library: Light Bulbs, Batteries and Motors. Tweens, ages 7-12, are invited to explore the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through this hands-on workshop that will teach about the principles of electricity. Participants will explore electricity with static electricity-powered lights and make their own simple motor.

- **6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.**
- **4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**
- **4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.**

Registration is required; to register, stop by the youth reference desk or go to www.glendaleaz.com/library and click the Library Events link. You can also register by calling the Velma Teague Library at 623-930-3437, the Glendale Main Library at 623-930-3537 or the Foothills Branch Library at 623-930-3837. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act.

Downtown Glendale Kicks Off Shopping Season With Holiday Open House Nov. 9. Forget about decking the halls, we're decking the streets and storefronts of historic Downtown Glendale with holiday spirit and shopping deals for the 17th Annual Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Shops in Glendale's Old Towne and Catlin Court districts will be glistening with holiday trimmings and enticing shoppers with specials to jump start the holiday shopping season. The shops will feature festive decorations, guest artist demonstrations, great gift selections, drawings, refreshments and more.

New this year, participants will have the opportunity to make an ornament that will be hung on the community holiday tree in Catlin Court. Also, this event marks the conclusion of the Stockings for Soldiers Drive. Visitors are encouraged to donate items for holiday-themed stockings boxes that will be shipped to service men and women in mid-November just in time for the holiday season. A list of needed items is available at www.visitglendale.com. Holiday wishes may also be shared with military personnel through free greeting cards that will be set up in the Glendale Visitor Center.

Shoppers are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up an event map. The first 100 visitors at the center will receive a free gift bag, can take a spin on the prize wheel and enter to win a holiday-themed gift basket.

For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com.

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