



Barrel District Network News



Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

November 14, 2014

Save the Date!

Farewell Reception for Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack and Councilmember Manny Martinez:

Tuesday, December 2, 2014
5:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Council Chambers Lobby
5850 West Glendale Avenue

Please join us for cake and coffee.

Citizen Attitudes and Opinion Survey

The Glendale Police Department is conducting an electronic survey to gather information to gauge levels of satisfaction within the community with the services the Department provides. This survey is intended to give our residents a forum - a voice - to express their opinions and rate the Department's performance in key service areas. The survey is also a standard for the Police Department's Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) process that has been in place since 2000.

We would like to invite you to take the anonymous survey, which should take less than 15 minutes to complete, by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GlendaleCitizenSurvey>. The survey will close on Friday, December 12th.

Super Bowl XLIX Building a "Green" Legacy in Arizona. Hundreds of trees will be planted throughout the Phoenix area this fall and winter as part of the greening of Super Bowl XLIX. Four local cities applied for and were awarded matching grants by the NFL and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee in partnership with Super Bowl sponsor Verizon and local nonprofit Valley Permaculture Alliance.

Trees will be planted in public spaces in Mesa, Tempe, Glendale and Phoenix beginning November 15, 2014 in Tempe and finishing in Glendale in January 2015-just one week before Super Bowl XLIX. Each city has received a grant that can be used to match the cost of trees for local urban forestry projects—in some cases allowing the city to double the size of an existing tree planting project.

"Urban forestry has been part of Super Bowl for ten years—ever since our first tree planting project in Jacksonville back in 2005," said Jack Groh, NFL Environmental Director. "It is one of the many ways that the NFL works to leave behind a positive legacy in each Super Bowl host community." Each recipient city was allowed to select its own tree planting project to apply the grant funding to as long as it met the project criteria. The most important criteria was that the trees be planted in a public space where they would provide environmental benefit and also provide shade, water retention and aesthetic benefit.

The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee is a key partner in this and all other environmental projects connected to Super Bowl. This includes solid waste recycling at major events and facilities, collection of prepared food for donation, repurposing of construction and décor materials, collection of books and sports equipment for donation to local children in need, and use of renewable "green" power at all the major Super Bowl venues including University of Phoenix Stadium.

The other key participant is Super Bowl sponsor Verizon. Two years ago Verizon became the first major NFL sponsor to support and participate in the "greening" of Super Bowl. Verizon has not only helped to fund the urban forestry projects but is a part of the Super Kids-Super Sharing project that collects books and sports equipment for local kids and the annual "E-Waste" recycling event at Super Bowl.

Our primary nonprofit partner is Valley Permaculture Alliance, which has handled the administration of grant funding for all tree planting projects and also helped create the initial planting event last spring that saw the previous host communities of New York and New Jersey hand over the symbolic “golden shovel” from their region to Arizona. The golden shovel event is a Super Bowl tradition where a host community transfers the environmental mantle to the next host community.

Tree plantings scheduled for Super Bowl XLIX: Tempe: November 15, 2014/Phoenix: November 22, 2014 and January 10, 2015/Mesa: January 17, 2015/Glendale: January 24, 2015

Northern Parkway Wins Accolades for Impact on West Valley. The City of Glendale walked away with top honors at The Western Maricopa Coalition’s (WESTMARC) 22nd Annual Best of the West Awards on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Mayor Jerry Weiers accepted the Economic Engine Award on behalf of the City of Glendale for the innovative expansion and economic impact from phase one of the Northern Parkway, from Sarival Avenue to Dysart Road.

The Best of the West award follows the recent recognition of the Maricopa Association of Governments’ Desert Peaks Award. Both awards recognize phase one of the Northern Parkway for outstanding contributions to the quality of life and economy in the West Valley. Upon completion, the five-phase Northern Parkway project will become a 12.5-mile, high-capacity parkway connecting Loop 303 to US 60 (Grand Avenue). The parkway will be an enhanced arterial street with overpass intersections at major cross streets thus eliminating major traffic signals on Northern.

Phase one of the Northern Parkway provides access and economic development opportunities along its corridor while linking Loop 303 to Loop 101. It was designed to connect vacant, developable land to high-volume freeways. Conceived by Glendale’s Citizens Advisory Committee for Transportation Issues (CACTI) during the preparation of the Glendale Transportation Plan, the project made its way to a Glendale ballot in 2001. More [information and updates](#) are available on the Northern Parkway.

[WESTMARC’s](#) Best of the West Awards celebrate and recognize outstanding contributions to the quality of life, economic development, and innovation in the West Valley.

Glendale Police Receive National Victim Services Award. In a ceremony held on October 27th in Orlando, Florida, the Glendale Police Department received National recognition by accepting a 2014 Excellence in Victim Services Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

In a statement released by the IACP, the Glendale Police Department Victim Assistance Unit was recognized for their unique victim-centered service:

“In April 2014, the Glendale Victim Assistance Unit (VAU) partnered with the Glendale Fire Department Crisis Response Team (CR) with a vision of expanding immediate, specialized crisis intervention services to crime victims in our city. By the sharing of specialized training resources; best practices in victim services; and joint personnel, all crime victim needs can be addressed immediately, holistically, and in an ongoing coordinated effort.”

The Glendale Police Department works to provide comprehensive services to victims and their families who are affected by crime, to help them regain stability in their lives, and help them exert their rights as a crime victim by providing programs and services through the Glendale Family Advocacy Center.

College Art Faculty Exhibit Presented at Gallery Glendale. The city of Glendale Public Art Program presents a month-long exhibit featuring the fine art of the Glendale Community College (GCC) Art Department Faculty opening at Gallery Glendale at Westgate tonight.

On display through Nov. 29, 2014, the exhibition features artwork from several members of the talented GCC Art Department. This display will showcase and echo the teachings of GCC’s art faculty through a varied collection of art promoting focus on visual literacy. The exhibit will feature an array of mediums such as pastels, drawings, oils and acrylics.

Glendale Community College has state-of-the-art facilities where students can explore the areas of two-and three-dimensional studies. The dedicated instructors challenge students in their development of critical thinking in both the production and study of various fine art disciplines.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is a free public art gallery made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. View a list of [upcoming events](#) and classes at Gallery Glendale.

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