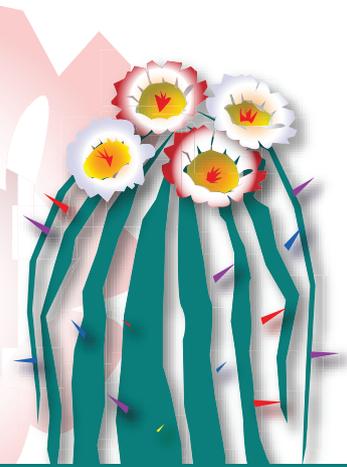




Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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Neighborhood Grants. The Glendale City Council approved grant requests worth \$168,316 that will benefit residents in four neighborhoods.

The grants begin with residents identifying a need in their neighborhood and making an application to the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods. As part of its commitment to revitalizing and preserving older neighborhoods, the City Council established the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods to make funding recommendations on neighborhood improvement grant requests.

Residents living in neighborhoods that are 15 years or older may apply for the grants. The Commission voted unanimously to fund each of the four Fall 2007 grant requests.

Congratulations to the Barrel District's **Mercer Lane Neighborhood Association** for receiving the following: \$52,117 to install new sidewalk panels; ADA accessible ramps; and corner aprons. As a contributing partner, Field Operations will provide labor for the installation of the ADA ramps and corner aprons. This partnership resulted in a \$16,000 reduction in the original grant request - \$66,116.95.

For more information on the city's Neighborhood Improvement Grants Program, call the Neighborhood Partnerships Office at (623) 930-2868 or [click here](#).

Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature. If you would like to learn more about the state legislative process and how it affects neighborhoods, attend the ninth annual Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Thursday, January 17 at the Capitol Mall, 1700 W. Washington St. Transportation will be provided from the Glendale Civic Center to the Capitol and back, along with a free box lunch.

Neighborhood leaders will have the opportunity to meet their state legislators, tour the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate and learn about the 2008 neighborhood legislative agenda. Neighborhood involvement in the legislative process is important to the future of communities around the state. The cities of Glendale, Gilbert, Chandler, Surprise, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe and Tucson will host the event in conjunction with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns.

Due to limited space, attendees must register in advance. Call the Intergovernmental Programs Office at (623) 930-2813 by January 11, to register or request disability accommodations, materials in alternate format, sign language interpretation or assistive hearing devices.



Glendale Glitters: Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights. Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in downtown Glendale on Dec. 14-15 and enjoy Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights for music, fun and excitement amid 1.5 million lights!

Think you got what it takes to 'cut a rug'? Instructors will be on hand to give lessons to those brave enough to give it a whirl! Practice your moves on Saturday evening to the tunes of the Road Runners.

The event, with free admission and free parking, will also feature holiday arts and crafts, delicious food and beverage, entertainment, horse-drawn carriages rides, inflatable rides and visits with Santa Claus. Bring your camera, or have Santa's helper snap one for a small fee. Many of the downtown merchants will offer extended hours to help visitors get their holiday shopping done! [Read more.](#)

Free Classes for the Public on “New CPR”. Glendale Fire Department and their partners are very excited to bring you **FREE** life saving classes. They are teaching a new form of CPR called CCC (Continuous Chest Compressions), which has documented improvement on survival of cardiac arrest victims. The class time is only two hours long. The next class will be held on Thursday, Dec 20th from 7pm-9pm at the new Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center located at 11550 W. Glendale Avenue. For a schedule of classes or to sign up for training, click on one of the following links: www.glendaleshare.org or www.azshare.gov.

Glendale Firefighter’s Toy & Clothing Drive. This Saturday marks the sixth year in a row that Glendale Firefighters will be putting on their Santa hats as they host a clothing and toy drive for kids in need. The request is that the toys and clothes be new. The items in need include: socks, underwear and jackets (for all ages), plus blankets, pillows and toys. The age group in most need is kids between the ages of six and 14.

Firefighters will collect donations on two Saturday’s: December 8th and 15th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at K-Mart, located 67th Avenue and Bell Road. In addition, drop off sites have been set-up at all nine Glendale fire stations and the Glendale Fire Marshal’s Office.

Last year, Glendale Firefighters collected more than \$38,000 worth of new clothing and toys for families in need.

Around Town

That Thursday Thing! “Just in the St. Nick of Time” is the theme for the December That Thursday Thing! Downtown shops and restaurants will be open for business and there will be lots of entertainment and activities. The event runs from 5-8 p.m., on Dec. 20, in Downtown Glendale. Start your evening at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive #140) to pick up the event map, goodie bag and take a spin on our prize wheel. [Read more.](#)

Christmas Tree Exhibit. The Christmas spirit is alive and well at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., with the return of the annual Christmas tree exhibit. See trees decorated in the tradition of foreign lands, including Finland, Japan, Mexico, Norway and the Philippines. The exhibit runs through Dec. 28.

Flutasia - A Flute Quartet. Traditional holiday favorites, along with some classical selections, will be sure to delight the whole family from 3-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Foothill Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Harp Duo. Not one, but two harps in concert with a special holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 20, as part of the Live at the Library series at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., begins at 7 p.m.

Glendale Glitter & Glow. Dozens of hot air balloons will cast a warm glow over Historic Downtown Glendale as the city says farewell to its annual holiday light display with its equally spectacular closing ceremony, Glendale Glitter & Glow on Jan. 19, from 3-10 p.m. For more information, [click here](#) or call the special event hotline at (623) 930-2299.

Citizen’s Police Academy. This is a chance for residents or business owners to get an insider’s look at law enforcement, and specifically, how the Police Department operates. The academy gives participants a unique opportunity to learn, hands-on, about police operations. Students will learn about crime scene investigation, tactical operations, use of canines and much more. To participate in the academy you must be 18 years of age or older, and be able to commit to attend an 11-week program.

Classes begin **February 6**, and **applications are due by January 10**, so get yours in today! Class size is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here](#), then click on “Citizen Police Academy” for more information or to download an application.

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