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"Glendale – Proud to be the home of Luke Air Force Base"

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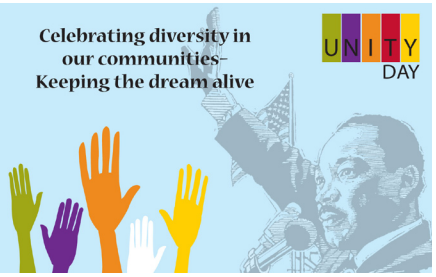

2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Seats are still available for the city of Glendale's 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon, featuring Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker, Associate Professor at Arizona State University and the recipient of the 2009 Promoting Inclusiveness Award.

Each year, on the third Monday of January, the life and the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are celebrated. Glendale's Diversity Committee honors this great man with a luncheon that acknowledges the value of diversity, the progress made toward freedom and equality for all people and continued efforts to strengthen communities across the nation. This year's theme, "Celebrating diversity in our communities—keeping the dream alive" pays tribute to Dr. King's legacy and the positive impact that it has had on our community.

Guests will hear from the keynote speaker, Dr. Whitaker, during the luncheon and the winner of Glendale's "2010 Promoting Inclusiveness Award" will be announced. In addition, a special video tribute featuring community members and city employees highlighting diversity in their lives will be played for attendees.

The luncheon is Friday Jan. 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Reserved seats are $40/person and $400/table. For more information on purchasing a ticket, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-2955.

Glitter & Glow Block Party, January 16. Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 16, from 4-10 p.m. with fun for the whole family including free admission and free parking!

Take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with dozens of hot air balloons glowing softly amidst the trees throughout 12 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale.

More than 75,000 people will stroll the sidewalks and watch tethered balloons gently expand as pilots fire them up, enjoying more than a dozen bands performing all genres of music, as well as vibrant street performers for a climactic finale to a festive season.

Free shuttles will be available for attendees from 3:30 until 11:30 p.m., from Glendale Community College, located at 59th and Olive avenues. Shuttle parking is located in the north campus parking lots, with entrance off of 59th Avenue.

Glendale's Glitter and Glow Block Party is sponsored by Kokopelli Winery, 3-TV KTVK, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, and The Arizona Republic. For more information, call our Special Events Hotline at (623) 930-2299. Read more.

2010 Census. Beginning in March 2010, the Census Bureau will mail questionnaires to all U.S. households, including those in Glendale. The Census form you will receive will be easy and will take less than 10 minutes to complete. Most important, federal law protects all of the information that you provide.

Why is important that you participate in the 2010 Census?

The U.S. Census is conducted once every ten years and helps establish each state's Congressional representation, determine funding for our city, and collects important information on how our community is changing. Returning your Census form will also ensure that Glendale gets its fair share of funds for services such as police and fire protection, hospitals, schools, parks, libraries, senior centers, roads, neighborhood improvements and local bus service. Read more.

Last Weekend for "Treecycling" Sites. Glendale residents are encouraged to recycle their Christmas trees by dropping them off at one of the following sites. The "treecycling" sites will be open through Sunday, Jan. 10.

- Acoma Park, 53rd Ave. and Acoma Rd.
- Fire Station #156, 67th Ave. and Deer Valley Rd.
- Foothills Park, 57th Ave. and Union Hills Dr.
- O'Neil Park, 64th Ave. and Missouri Ave.
- Rose Lane Park, 51st Ave. and Marlette Ave.
- Sahuaro Ranch Park, 63rd Ave. and Mountain View Rd.
- Western Area Regional Park, 83rd Ave. and Bethany Home Rd.

Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed.

Have to Fight for Every Dollar? During these hard economic times, the library is presenting workshops to assist you. Learn about Money Management & Investing to help secure your future. Acquire skills for your Job Search, Debt Management or Foreclosure. We're here to help!

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

How to Get Healthy the Natural Way. Naturopathic physician Dr. Kerri Clark will speak at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 North 58th Ave., at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11. Clark, a Glendale resident and practitioner since 2002, will present "Start the New Year the Natural Way This Year!" She will focus on naturopathic methods to optimize and fulfill our New Year's resolutions. For more information about the program, call (623) 930-3431 and press "5."

Authors @ the Teague. Arizona author Dr. Frederick Ramsay will discuss and sign his new mystery novel, "Predators," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. For more information, please call (623) 930-3439.

Citrus Zestival at Sahuaro Ranch Park. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's Citrus Zestival presented by Watermill Express celebrates Sahuaro Ranch Park's citrus heritage with citrus-related activities.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave., and features citrus-themed entertainment, cooking demonstrations, a bake off, exhibits, historic home tours, activities and an opportunity to pick your own citrus from the park's grapefruit and orange trees. Admission is free.

The Glendale Ambassadors will also be providing a community breakfast from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the venue. The breakfast is $5 for adults and $3 for children. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-4200.

Glendale Police Department Shred Event. The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Target Corporation Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 for the city's "Shred It and Forget It" event. A free "drive-thru" event designed to promote public awareness about identity theft and fraud prevention. Community members are invited to bring their unwanted personal documents to be shredded securely on site, free of charge. Law Enforcement staff will be on hand to assist residents with the shredding of up to three boxes (banker-size) of personal documents at no charge from 9 a.m. until noon (or the trucks get full) at the Target Store located at 10404 North 43rd Avenue. Event participation is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (623) 930-2571.

Foothills Health Fair. The annual Foothills Health Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

This is an opportunity to gain interesting and valuable health and wellness information for all ages from children to mature adults. A variety of local health-related companies and organizations will have informational booths and provide services such as free chair massages and blood pressure checks. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-4608.

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