Cactus Chronicle

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

Councilmember Phil Lieberman, Glendale Arizona **January 30, 2009**

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Dear Cactus District Residents,

Please save the date for one or both of the upcoming Cactus District meetings. Representatives from city of Glendale Departments and I will update residents on citywide and district projects. If you have questions on neighborhood topics or would just like to stay informed, please plan to attend. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you!

– Councilmember Phil Lieberman

Cactus District Meetings
Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.
*Locations to be announced

Glendale Chocolate Affaire. Historic Downtown Glendale will be a chocolate lover's paradise Feb. 6-8, as the 14th annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire celebrates with music, romance and an abundance of that sinfully delicious confection, as well as free admission and free parking!

Chocoholics will delight in the three dozen chocolate purveyors, discovering everything from chocolate crepes and chocolate chile pecans to goat milk fudge and chocolate-dipped key lime pie.

The Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Arizona's famous candy maker, Cerreta's. The candy factory will offer tours during event hours until 9:30 p.m. each evening, so visitors can get a behind-the-scenes look at how the chocolatiers create everyone's favorite candy.

So, what goes better with chocolate than romance? The festival has become the largest gathering of national romance novelists in the Southwest. This symposium of literary romantics offers fans the opportunity to get up close and personal with authors, as well as the chance to attend free writing workshops given by the experts.

The Glendale Rose Society will be on hand selling beautiful roses and instructing attendees on growing tips. In addition, Kokopelli Winery will be giving out samples of their wine, plus Cerreta's has created chocolates for wine pairings.

Families with children will enjoy myriad activities, including hands-on arts and crafts, a miniature train ride and a rock-climbing wall. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be available throughout the weekend to take couples or families on a scenic, charming ride through the historic Catlin Court district.

Event hours are Friday 5 - 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

For more information including the workshops and the list of authors making appearances, and the entertainment lineup, click here or call our special events hotline at 623-930-2299.

Free Civic Education Opportunities. Applications for the Spring 2009 semester of **Glendale University (GU)** "101" are now being accepted. This free educational program is open to Glendale residents who are 16 or older and want to learn more about the operations of municipal government. GU classes will be on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The 10-session course begins on March 2 and ends May 4, 2009. In order to graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the ten classes. Each class highlights key functions of the city including, but not limited to finance, library, police and fire services.

Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. Registrations for Glendale University 101 are due by Feb. 20, 2009.

The eight session **Glendale Homeowner Association Training Academy** is open to all Glendale Homeowners Association (HOA) board members and residents who want to learn more about the operations of HOAs. Graduates of the class will gain the tools needed to more effectively manage and lead their HOA. Each class highlights a different topic.

HOA classes will be on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. March 5, 12, 19 and 26; and, on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Registrations for the HOA Academy are due on Feb. 15.

To register for either training, visit www.glendaleaz.com/education and click on "Glendale University" or "HOA Training" to print out an application or call (623) 930-2868 to receive an application by mail or fax.

Around Town

VIN Etching. The Glendale Police department, in partnership with the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority, will be hosting free VIN etching throughout 2009. VIN etching is the process of permanently etching the vehicle's 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number on each window on the vehicle which serves as a visual deterrent against auto theft.

Bring your vehicle to one of these upcoming events: **Saturday January 31,** Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown St.) 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or **Sunday, February 8,** Assembly of God Church (5402 W. Union Hills Rd.) 12 to 3 p.m. As owner of the vehicle, you must show proof of ownership, current registration and complete a consent form. Call the Glendale Police Department at (623) 930-3328 for more information on these events. Click here for more information on auto theft prevention.

Live at the Library. Glendale Main Library's Live at the Library takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the library's auditorium at 5959 W. Brown St. On February 5, Nazim Rashid with his jazz trio, New Renaissance, performs straight-ahead jazz.

Glendale Arts Council Juried Art Show. Make plans to visit the 46th Annual Juried Fine Art Show presented by the Glendale Arts Council. The show runs through February 14 at Historic Sahuaro Ranch Park's Fruit Packing Shed. The Park is located at 9802 N. 57th Avenue. Admission is free. Proceeds from art sales will benefit arts enrichment programs and scholarships for students in Glendale.

Antique Tractor & Engine Show. Come and enjoy this event at Sahuaro Ranch Park's Historic Area featuring tractor pulls, parades, hay rides, antique engines, house tours and more. Join the fun from 9 a.m. to 4p.m. on February 14 and 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

That Thursday Thing! Celebrate International Friendship Month with your best friend Thursday, February 19 in downtown Glendale for That Thursday Thing from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy late night shopping and dining, and make a friendship bead bracelet from The Bead Museum. Start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up the beginning pieces of the bracelet along with a map listing all the locations to pick up the free beads.

The charity component for February is a Book Drive to benefit the Glendale libraries. New and gently used books will be accepted at the Glendale Visitor Center. Click here or call (623) 930-4500 for additional activities at the event.

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 February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28 and June 25 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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