Cactus Chronicle

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

Councilmember Phil Lieberman, Glendale Arizona **August 22, 2008**

Maggie the Reading Therapy Dog will return to the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30.

She will spend three hours in the Youth Room, patiently listening to youngsters read to her. She will return on the last Saturday of each month. Sign up for the free 15-minute sessions by calling (623) 930-3537. A family of two or more children can sign up for a 30-minute session.

Back-to-School Safety Tips. The big yellow busses have hit the streets again, and another school year is underway. Make this year a safe one by keeping a few simple things in mind. Click here for a list of Back-to-school tips from Glendale safety officials.

Live Online Tutoring for Students. Glendale Public Library is offering live online tutor assistance in various subjects, including math, science, language arts, social studies and test preparation. The only requirement is a valid Glendale library card.

Subject-specialist tutors will be available seven days a week, in both English and Spanish, from 1 p.m.-10 p.m., at the library's website, www.glendaleaz.com/library. Just click on "Research Tools by subject" then "Education, Testing and Homework Help." "HelpNow" is the first link on the screen. Sessions can last 5 minutes, 10 minutes or even an hour. There are no session limits. Students can access the site from school, home or inside the library.

HelpNow is a product from Brainfuse. The company offers one-on-one tutoring via the Internet for students in grades 3-college.

How does HelpNow work? A student just logs-on to HelpNow from his/her computer, entering through the library's website. Select a subject and grade level. Enter HelpNow's online classroom to receive live help from an expert tutor. Participants will chat with an online tutor, using the program's own Instant Messenger.

Students can tackle the toughest assignments with HelpNow's easy-to-use whiteboard. Sessions can be saved and printed, to refer to later.

For more information about HelpNow, call (623) 930-3537.

Autumn Parks and Recreation Offerings. Check out the new Glendale Parks and Recreation quarterly magazine and find out the latest information on youth and adult sports, fitness fun, events, hikes, special interest classes and more! Read more.

Around Town

Remembering Glendale's own Marty Robbins. As part of the Authors @ the Teague series at Velma Teague Branch Library, writer Andrew Means will share his book "Some Memories: Growing Up with Marty Robbins—as remembered by his twin sister, Mamie." Means will appear at 2 p.m. on Aug. 23 in the adult lobby. Call (623) 930-3431 for more information.

Jammin' at the Library. The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. In fact, knowing how to play an instrument is not essential to having a good time at this monthly gathering.

Everyone is welcome to this free program. Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

Vacant Homes and Rental Property Forum. *What you need to know to protect your neighborhood!*

Vacant properties and rental homes have become a huge challenge for our community. In most cases, problems could have been minimized or prevented entirely if property owners and citizens were aware of what was happening, what to look for and what to do.

In an effort to help inform, educate and empower its residents on these issues, the Glendale Police Department is hosting a free vacant homes and rental property forum. The forum will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, September 8 at the Glendale Police Department Classroom, 6835 N. 57th Drive.

Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. To register, call (623) 930-4037.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A new class is being offered to Glendale residents and employees 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 Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 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.

The Bead Museum. Admission is free at The Bead Museum on Sundays through Labor Day weekend. The museum is located at 5754 W. Glenn Drive in downtown Glendale. Read more.

Labor Day. City of Glendale offices and all three Glendale libraries will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. Click here for information on holiday schedule changes in Sanitation services.

The Glendale Coffeehouse. It never changes. There is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Performing in the large meeting room on September 3 will be Cottonwood Stone, a lovely lady who writes and sings positive and uplifting songs and Randy Brown, who brings songs from a Nashville songwriter.

To schedule a playing time or for more information, call (623) 930-3573. Admission is free.

Teddy Bear Day. Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day in Historic Downtown Glendale! Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry bears on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500 or on the Web at www.visitglendale.com The Glendale Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.

Ballet Under the Stars. Ballet Arizona kicks off its season of Ballet Under the Stars in Glendale on Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m., at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area. Glendale residents and visitors will have the first opportunity to enjoy the popular free performance, which is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy an amazing cultural experience in a beautiful outdoor setting. Bring blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy this magical, free performance. For more information, visit www.balletaz.org or call (602) 381-0184.

Family Fitness Fair. A Family Fitness Fair will be held on the front lawn of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on September 20. The whole Family is invited to attend this free event to learn about fun activities that they can add to their fitness routine. You'll take home ideas of free or inexpensive ways to keep the family in shape. Learn how to play Frisbee tag and other aerobic games, plus fun water activities. No registration is required. This program is part of the library's *Be Fit: New Skills for a New Future* series. For more information, call (623) 930-3537.

$100,000 Hole-In-One Shoot-Out. Get a hole-in-one and win $100,000! It all happens at Glen Lakes Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave. Qualify between November 15-22, the Finals will be held on Sunday, November 23. Proceeds benefit the *Hook A Kid on Golf* program. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2042.

Click here for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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