Cactus Weekly Update

Councilmember Ian Hugh, Glendale Arizona **December 7, 2012**

Winter Wonderland Weekend – Dec 7 & 8. The holiday magic continues in downtown Glendale Friday and Saturday evenings through Dec.15, from 6-10 p.m. with 1.5 million dazzling lights, free admission and fun for the whole family. This weekend, the focus is on snow! A snowfield will delight children of all ages, and the event will also feature several activities for the whole family including a zip line, a petting zoo, pony rides, visits with Santa, face painting, a rock wall, a bungee ride, kids inflatable rides and horse and carriage rides. Winter Wonderland Weekend will also feature a favorite movie classic movie, The Lorax, playing on a big screen at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. both nights.

Farewell Reception. Glendale residents are invited to a farewell reception for Mayor Elaine Scruggs and Vice Mayor Steve Frate. A gathering will be held in the Council Chambers Lobby from 5:00 – 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. This will provide an opportunity to thank Mayor Scruggs and Vice Mayor Frate for their years of service to the community, and to wish them well in retirement. Cake and coffee will be served and no reservations are necessary. Click here for more information.

Space Heater Safety. Home heating equipment is the leading cause of home fire fatalities, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and with half of all home heating fires occurring during the months of December, January, and February, the Glendale Fire Department is reminding residents to be safe when using space heaters. Residents are encouraged to take these life-saving steps to ensure their home is safe:

- Always turn your space heater off before going to sleep
- Keep space heater at least 3 feet away from anything combustible such as furniture, bedding, clothing, etc.
- Always place heater on flat, sturdy, non-combustible surfaces like ceramic tile
- Keep heater away from children and pets
- Never place gasoline in a kerosene heater, even small amounts greatly increase the risk of fire
- Propane space heaters should never be used indoors or where natural ventilation is not available
- If you leave the room, turn your space heater off
- Make sure your space heater is designed for indoor use and has been certified by a recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL) using the latest safety standards
- If purchasing, consider a space heater with a built-in “tip-over-switch” which will shut off the heater if it is knocked over

If you would like a fire safety presentation at your school, please contact the Community Services Division of the Glendale Fire Department at 623-930-4483.

Economic Development News. A new luxury Cadillac car dealership will be built in north Glendale by America’s largest privately held automotive company, the Van Tuyl Group. The $16 million investment of Arrowhead Cadillac will be located on nearly eight acres at 83rd Avenue and Bell Road. Ground is expected to be broken on the 55,000-square-foot facility in February 2013. This new development will bring hundreds of temporary construction jobs to the city and numerous full-time positions when the doors to the showroom open next year.

Traffic Alert – Grand Avenue. US 60 (Grand Avenue) will be narrowed to one lane in both directions near 75th Avenue from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8 for bridge painting. 75th Avenue northbound will also be narrowed to one lane near Olive Ave. For more information, visit www.valleyfreeways.com

Glendale's YouTube Channel. The city of Glendale has posted a milestone 500th video on YouTube generating a buzz of interest in city news and events and reaching an audience of hundreds of thousands through online and social media outlets. Staff from Glendale 11, the city's TV station, and the city's Web Content Office, began posting videos in 2009, and to date, there have been more than 292,000 views of the videos.

The 5 most viewed Glendale YouTube videos are:

- Lauren Froderman dance champion at Glendale Glitters 2010 29,158 views
- Fiesta Bowl 2010: Boise State versus Texas Christian University 26,574 views
- Making of the University of Phoenix Stadium & the rolling field 13,387 views
- 24/7 – Glendale's Weekly Online News & Calendar 7,767 views
- Tribute to Glendale Officer Bradley Jones 5,705 views

Glendale's YouTube channel has the highest number of views among all the Valley cities. According to YouTube statistics, 72 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute, and every month more than four billion hours of video are watched by people from across the globe.

Click here to visit Glendale's YouTube Channel.

If you would like a fire safety presentation at your school, please contact the Community Services Division of the Glendale Fire Department at 623-930-4483.Glendale Fire's Community Services Division Manager and her Welsh Cardigan Corgi, "Gizzi", will teach students about smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, 9-1-1 and how to stop, drop, cover your face, and roll if your clothes catch on fire.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of the Dec. 4 Council Workshop, please click here.

Santa's Workshop. Let your children choose the perfect present for mom, dad, siblings, grandparents, friends, teachers or even pets while providing them an opportunity to learn about the value of money at the annual Santa's Workshop held 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 8 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Santa's Workshop is set up as a store just for children up to age 12 with a variety of items for sale all priced at $3 or less. Children can purchase holiday presents at nominal prices and parents can use this opportunity to teach how money works and how to "budget" for their purchases.

Along with the store, Santa will be available for photos, and purchases can be wrapped in holiday paper by Santa's helpers.

For more information, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/foothillscenter.

Authors @ the Teague. Local mystery authors from the Arizona Desert Sleuths chapter of *Sisters in Crime* will discuss and sign their latest themed anthology, "SoWest: Desert Justice," at the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

In the 20 stories in this collection, "Evil abounds...Frustrations mount...Victims fight back, police pursue bad guys, scores are evened... but when all else fails, get a taste for how the desert claims its own!" The program is free, and books will be available for purchase and signing. Books will cost $14. For more information, please call 623-930-3439.

Free Energy-Saving Devices at Winter Classes. Learn easy tips on how to save energy in your home by attending a Simple Savings Energy Class. Glendale residents that attend a class will be given a free high efficiency showerhead, a programmable thermostat and a four-pack of CFL bulbs. Hundreds of Glendale residents have already taken the class, learning how to put energy dollars back in their pockets. The class will be offered at the Glendale Main Library at 5959 W. Brown St. from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec 13. To register, call 623-930-3760.

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