Cholla District Network News

Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale **November 21, 2008**

USA Basketball Is Coming to Glendale. The national governing body for men's and women's basketball will be the latest sporting gem to join Glendale's all-star sports and entertainment line up thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Glendale City Council Nov. 18, 2008. City officials formally announced plans to bring USA Basketball to the city's Sports and Entertainment District during a press conference held at the Glendale Media Center, which is located in the heart of the city's sporting excitement next to the University of Phoenix Stadium.

Joining Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs and Glendale's City Councilmembers for the announcement were Gov. Janet Napolitano, Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, USA Basketball officials, Arizona legislators, Rick Burton of Rightpath Development, Dr. Kathleen Goeppinger of Midwestern University, Tommy Lasorda of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Jerry Colangelo. The event host was Al McCoy, the voice of the Phoenix Suns. Read more.

Hole-in-One Shootout. Golfers have the opportunity to win $100,000 at the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's annual Hole-in-One Shootout.

Golfers can qualify for the finals from noon to 7 p.m., Nov. 15-22. Finals for the shot at $100,000 will be held at 8 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 23.

For just $1 per ball, $5 for 6 balls, $10 for 13 balls or $20 for 30 balls, golfers try to get a hole in one. Those golfers hitting a hole in one or five shots closest to the pin each day will qualify for the finals. Happy hour will be held from 3-6 p.m. daily, where golfers can buy a bucket of balls and get ½ bucket for free. Juniors Day will be Tuesday, Nov. 18 and Ladies Day will be Thursday, Nov. 20.

The shootout will be held at Glen Lakes Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave. The nine-hole executive course features a lighted driving range, proshop and grill. The proceeds from this event benefit the Glendale Hook A Kid on Golf program, which enables economically disadvantaged children to learn the game and receive clubs and discounts to play. For more information, call (623) 930-2042.

Neighborhood Legislative Link Kickoff Meetings.

- Thursday, December 4, 2008 or Thursday, December 11, 2008 (class will repeat)
- 6 - 8 p.m.
- Glendale Adult Center, Room 104
- 5790 W. Brown Street

We are excited to once again kickoff another neighborhood legislative link program. This program provides neighborhood groups with the opportunity to stay informed and connected throughout the entire legislative session. Check your calendars to pick the day that works best for you and join the Mayor and the city's professional legislative staff for an informative evening about our State Legislature.

You'll Learn how the Arizona state legislature works; who represents Glendale at the state legislature; how to analyze a bill in a fun interactive exercise; effective ways to communicate with state legislators and how YOU can make a difference. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 2 for the December 4 class or by Tuesday, December 9 for the December 11 class by calling (623) 930-2813 or via e-mail to dburt@glendaleaz.com. Don't wait!

Around Town

Thanksgiving Holiday. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Holiday Sanitation Collection Schedule.

Glendale Glitters Spectacular Nov. 28-29. The city's favorite holiday tradition, Glendale Glitters, was awarded azcentral.com's Critic's Pick for Best Festival for 2008! Don't miss this year's opening weekend on Nov. 28-29, from 5-10 p.m. each evening. Free admission and free parking mean you can bring the whole family and not break the bank!

The exciting stage show counts down to the lighting ceremony on Friday evening, beginning at 6 p.m. You won't believe your eyes as you take in the stunning display of 1.5 million lights illuminating twelve blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale.

Visitors of all ages will delight in multiple stages of entertainment, food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. The charming shops and one-of-a-kind boutiques in Historic Downtown will also offer extended hours for the opening weekend. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2299.

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 December 4, join us for Santa Cruz River Band. This professional Tucson touring concert group tells the unique and powerful story of the American Southwest. Read more.

Gingerbread Nights. Join us for Gingerbread Nights from 6-10 p.m., December 5 & 6 at Murphy Park in Downtown Glendale. Enjoy family fun all about gingerbread, including a gingerbread house, a gingerbread building competition, both amateur and professional, as well as fairy tale performances and all sorts of treats to satisfy your sweet tooth. All this and 1.5 million sparkling lights! For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2299.

Jingle Bell Hike to Santa. Visit with Jolly Ol' St. Nick at the midpoint in this moderate two-third-mile, round-trip hike on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9-11 a.m. at Thunderbird Conservation Park, 67th Ave., north of Deer Valley Rd. Wear hiking or tennis shoes and be sure to bring water and your camera, but please leave pets at home. This event is free. For more information, call (623) 930-2038.

Free Holiday Concert at Midwestern University. Enjoy the "Sounds of the Season" at this free holiday concert featuring the Arizona Winds and the Arizona Arts Chorale. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7 at Midwestern University, 19555 N. 59th Ave. This annual program will include a variety of band and vocal holiday favorites, plus a holiday sing-along. For more information, call (623) 572-3353 or visit azwinds.com or arizonaartschorale.org.

Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights. Join us for Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights from 6-10 p.m., December 12 & 13. Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in Murphy Park, which will be packed with music, lights and excitement. Entertainment will include performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2299.

Holiday at the Ranch. Experience a hometown holiday and a seasonal atmosphere in the historic setting of this 17-acre ranch! The event takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec 13 at Sahuaro Ranch Park's Historic Area, 59th Ave. & Mountain View Rd. Enjoy family activities, entertainment, special tours, exhibits, as well as tours of two historic houses decorated for the holidays, a gingerbread house exhibit presented by the Arizona Culinary Institute, a gingerbread craft-making activity, roving entertainers, and a "Let it Snow" play area. Bring an unwrapped toy for a community toy drive. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Dress warm for winter fun! For more information, call (623) 930-4200.

The Spirit of Giving. Join us for the Spirit of Giving Holiday Lighting Weekend from 6-10 p.m., December 19 & 20 at Murphy Park in Downtown Glendale. The holidays are a time of generosity, so what could be better than a whole weekend recognizing those who give back to our community? It'll do your heart good to get into the spirit of giving by paying tribute to those selfless organizations who make our community a better place to live. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2299.

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