

Barrel Broadcast

March, 2010



Dear Barrel Residents,
I will be hosting a Barrel Town Talk on Wednesday, March 24th from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center. I have heard from many residents that they like the open house format which gives them an opportunity to speak individually to staff and also gives me a chance to speak one-on-one with residents about their concerns. Please stop by, even if it's just for a few minutes. Light refreshments will be served.

Also, consider signing up for the Barrel District electronic newsletter through "Glendale Bulletins." Visit www.glendaleaz.com and click on the "Online Services" link at the top of the home page, then click on Glendale Bulletins. Once you've registered, you will be able to select the Barrel District Network News and other bulletins you want to receive.

Capital Improvement Projects

The following projects are being funded with Barrel District funds:

- New pedestrian countdown signals have been installed at 59th and Northern avenues. This intersection was chosen due to the high volume of pedestrian traffic.
- Two hand held radar units will be purchased for the police department. This will allow the department to deploy additional officers into the field to conduct traffic enforcement.
- Wood fiber material for play areas and granite will be installed at several Barrel District Parks. This will ensure the safety of our children and contribute to the physical and aesthetic quality of our parks and neighborhoods.



Historic Neighborhoods

Thunderbird Estates/McDonald Addition – The Barrel District's first nomination for historic status is moving forward. The nomination for Thunderbird Estates/McDonald Addition was considered by the State Historic Site Selection Committee in late January. At that time the committee recommended to the State Historic Preservation Officer that the nomination be sent to the Keeper of the National Register. The Keeper reviews and lists or rejects the nomination on the National Register. Thunderbird Estates/McDonald Addition has 48 properties that were identified as typifying the Ranch House of Post World War II. It is bounded by Northern and Royal Palm avenues from 59th Avenue to 57th Drive.

Parks Update

Butler Park – Renovations on Butler Park (57th and Butler avenues) are progressing. The basketball court, concrete work and installation of the playground equipment are nearly complete. Trees have been planted and the planting of shrubs will be done over the next several weeks. The pedestrian pathway has been graded and should be finished by the end of March. Most work should be complete by late spring.

Income Tax Assistance

Income Tax Assistance – AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax preparation and assistance service offered to taxpayers with low- and moderate-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. This service will be available at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., throughout the tax season. Hours are Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to noon. Tax preparations are done on a first-come-first serve basis and no reservations are accepted.

What's New

- **59th and Northern avenues** – Chipotle Mexican Grill has plans to open a restaurant in Northern Crossings. It will occupy tenant space in the existing building on the SEC of this intersection.
- **59th Avenue and Laurie Lane** – A senior housing project consisting of 60 one and two bedroom units is proposed to be built at this location. This great in-fill project utilizes existing city infrastructure.
- **51st and Olive avenues** – Ground has been broken for Olive Marketplace which will include a new CVS Pharmacy at the SWC of this intersection. Infrastructure including new right turn lanes, sidewalks, undergrounding of utilities and landscaping is included in this project. Additionally, a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market is planned for this center and will be located at the southern portion of the property near Barbara Avenue.

Census 2010



IT'S IN OUR HANDS
census.gov/2010census

Census questionnaires will be mailed to every U.S. household in March. The U.S. Census is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years, and Federal law prohibits any information on the forms to be shared with anyone.

It is vital to our city to obtain an accurate count of every person living in Glendale. Information gathered from the Census will establish each state's Congressional representation. It will also help plan for the needs of communities, and determine the distribution of federal funds to local, county and state governments. These funds help pay for streets, parks, youth and senior programs, libraries and bus service. About half of Glendale's annual operating budget depends on census data. In Maricopa County, it is estimated that each person accounts for

about \$1500 in federal funds each year. Just think – if 1000 people fail to return their forms, it can mean up to \$1.5 million in lost federal funding each year! When you receive your form, complete it and mail it back immediately. If you or someone you know has questions or has difficulty completing the questionnaire, please call 623-930-2868 for assistance. Remember, It's in OUR HANDS.

Citywide News

Tohono O'odham Reservation Application – The Tohono O'odham Nation has made an application to the U.S. Department of Interior to take land that they purchased near 91st and Northern avenues into trust and turn it into an Indian reservation for the purpose of developing a casino on the site. The city has committed to its residents to take all reasonable, necessary and prudent action to oppose the Tribe's application. Several Arizona Tribes, Gov. Jan Brewer, Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl, Congressman Trent Franks and John Shadegg have come out in opposition to this application. Most recently, Representative Weirs has proposed legislation to assist our city.

Some major concerns and reasons for the city's opposition are:

- The state, county and city will lose any control over activity at the proposed site. Resident concerns can be ignored or left to federal authorities thousands of miles away.
- No tax revenue will come directly to the city from the operation of the proposed casino or any other development on the site, but the city may have to provide services to and around the area with no way to assure that we recover these significant costs.
- Federal and Arizona law allows Indian gaming on existing reservations only. Additionally, federal law prohibits gaming on newly created reservation lands unless the detriment to the local community is considered. The Tribe, however, demands that there be no consideration to the local community.

At this time, the application is still under review with the Department of the Interior. More information on the Tohono O'odham Reservation Application can be found at www.glendaleaz.com/indianreservation

Help Shape Your City – Board and Commission members assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact our community and help shape our city. These citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific issues and forward their recommendations to the City Council. Please consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's 18 boards and commissions. A three hour basic training session is required to serve. Find more information on the city's website www.glendaleaz.com or call 623-930-2249.

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Upcoming Events:

- Wrestlemania XXVI - Sunday, March 28 at University of Phoenix Stadium
- Cactus League Spring Training - Through March 31 at Camelback Ranch-Glendale
- Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival - April 17 & 18 in Downtown Glendale

For more information on city-wide news and upcoming events visit www.glendaleaz.com



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Keep Our Neighborhoods Beautiful Tip

The Weeds are Coming – With the recent rains and now the warm weather approaching, grass and weeds are bound to grow.

It's important to keep ahead of these to maintain our property and be a good neighbor. The city has ordinances regarding the maintenance of landscaping. CC 25-21 (g) states that: Overgrown weeds and grass must be maintained at a height of six inches or less. If you have questions about this or any code ordinance or to report potential violations, please call 623-930-3610.



Barrel District Town Talk

Councilmember Knaack and staff from several departments will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on city services at the Barrel District Town Talk on March 24. Please stop by between 5 and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
5 – 7 p.m. (Open House Format)
Glendale Adult Center
5970 W. Brown St. – Palo Verde Room

New Online Video Library – Glendale residents can now watch their favorite shows from award-winning Glendale 11 television station, as well as current and past city council meetings, online and on-demand. Keep informed, with the convenience of watching what you want, when you want it. The library can be found at www.glendaleaz.com/video. Content includes city council and planning and zoning meetings, regular Glendale 11 programming and Glendale Today Shows.

Digital Billboards – Digital billboards are becoming a common site throughout the valley. American Outdoor Advertising owns two signs that went up in July at the city's park-and-ride lot near Glendale Avenue and Loop 101. The billboards advertise messages for hotels, restaurants, golf courses and sports teams. For this, the city has been paid about \$3 million in one-time cash and will continue to earn about \$60,000 every month. This is an innovative way to add much needed funds for city services. The company tentatively has plans to add four more signs nearby.