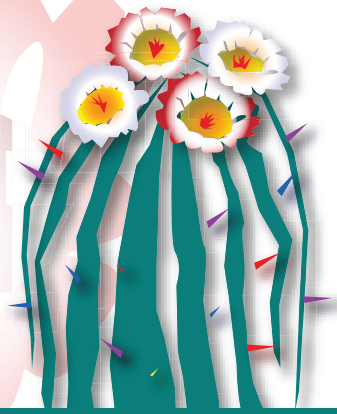




# Barrel District Network News



December 28, 2007



## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's been an honor to serve Barrel residents for this past year. The time has gone by quickly - and I'm still having fun. The City of Glendale is one of the most progressive cities in the Valley and we have accomplished much this past year. The city's first red light photo radar camera was installed in the Barrel District and many improvements have been made to Sahuaro Ranch Park including Evos, the newest concept in playground equipment. With your help, we're keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe by working with Code Compliance and the Graffiti Busters. I appreciate your input and hope that you'll continue so we can keep our Barrel neighborhoods pristine. The downtown has seen a lot of improvements which shows our commitment to a vibrant city center. Westgate has really taken off in the past few months and there is much more to come in the western area prompted by the Spring Training Baseball Facility and the

Loop 303. Soon all eyes will be on our city for the Super Bowl on February 3rd. As we look back on our accomplishments, we also want to look forward to what is to come. I assure you that Glendale will meet all upcoming challenges with enthusiasm and fervor.

I wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

— Yvonne Knaack

*Below are just a few of the many Glendale news stories from 2007:*

### January 2007

On January 1, Glendale and the [Tostitos Fiesta Bowl](#) welcomed Boise State and Oklahoma who gave us one of the best bowl games ever! One week later, on January 8, Florida and Ohio State took the field at University of Phoenix Stadium for the [BCS Championship Game](#).

On January 9, the City Council installation ceremony was held for Councilmembers Manny Martinez, Cholla District, David Goulet, Ocotillo District and Yvonne Knaack, Barrel District. Later in the month, Manny Martinez was chosen Vice Mayor. [City Council](#).

### February

On February 16, [Officer Anthony Holly](#), a two-year GPD veteran, was shot and killed while responding to a back up call for a vehicle stop. We continue to mourn his tragic loss. ■ More than 2,500 Volunteers from Glendale and the West Valley participated in Serve Day on February 24.

### March

Glendale [Assistant City Manager, Pam Kavanaugh](#) was presented with the Catherine F. Connolly Award by the Arizona City/County Management Association. The award recognized her incredible reputation for professionalism and high degree of ethics.

### April

Glendale was selected as one of ten cities nationwide to host a [10-week walking program](#), sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Recreation and Parks Association.

### May

On May 7, The American Society for Public Administrators awarded Glendale [City Manager Ed Beasley](#) with the ASPA Superior Service Award for Individual Contributions. He was recognized for his significant contributions toward excellence in public service.

Glendale also received the award for Best Fair/Festival by the Arizona Chapter of the International Special Events Society for the [Glendale Chocolate Affaire](#). ■ On May 21, the new [Midwestern University](#) Clinic opened to the public at the southeast corner of 59th Avenue and Utopia.

## June

On June 5, Glendale's [From the Heart](#) program donated \$223,000 to social agencies supporting Glendale residents, thanks to the generosity of Glendale utility customers. [Read more.](#)

## July

Helicopter Air-Medical and Logistics Operations (HALO) was approved to provide helicopter emergency medical services to Glendale Citizens. HALO also supports other west valley communities through the automatic aid system.

## August

Glendale's first [photo red light system](#) began operating on August 6 at the intersection of 59th and Peoria avenues. ■ The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing awarded the city of Glendale its esteemed Outstanding Agency Accreditation Award for 2007.

## September

On September 11, 2007, the city of Glendale held a [special election](#) in which the voters passed Proposition 401, the Public Safety Enhancement Fund.

## October

On October 3 the city of Glendale and regional partners celebrated with a ribbon-cutting for the [Regional Public Safety Training Center](#), the first fully functioning public safety training center in the West Valley. The grand opening of the [X-Court](#), Glendale's first skateboarding and BMX facility was held on Saturday, October 6.

## November

On November 19, the cities of Glendale and Phoenix broke ground on the [Cactus League's newest spring training facility](#). ■ Glendale's own [Jordin Sparks appeared at Glendale Glitters Spectacular](#) on November 23, to help flip the switch to illuminate downtown Glendale with more than 1.5 million lights!

## December

Glendale finalizing preparations for the [2008 Fiesta Bowl](#) and [Super Bowl XLII](#). [GlendalesGotGame.com](#).

# Around Town

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**Glendale Glitters - Winter Wonderland Weekend.** Head to downtown Glendale for Winter Wonderland Weekend, Dec. 28-29, from 6-10 p.m. each evening.



Winter Wonderland weekend will feature a children's snow field, so bring the mittens and sip hot cocoa, as you enjoy delightful winter fun not usually found in Arizona. One exciting highlight of the event will be ice sculptures carved right before your eyes, created by Ice Sculptures by Armitage. Between 8-9 p.m. on Friday, this dazzling artwork will be made from 300 pounds of water. Admission and parking are free. [Click here](#) for more information and the entertainment line-up.



**New Year's Day.** City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008 for the New Year's Holiday. [Holiday Sanitation Collection Schedule.](#)

**Fiesta Bowl Information.** Glendale and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl welcome the University of Oklahoma and West Virginia University to the 2008 Fiesta Bowl on January 2. Find out what you need to know before the game by visiting your online source for Glendale's major sporting events, [www.glendalesgotgame.com](#).

**Bulk Trash.** The city provides bulk trash pickup service for large, bulky items that will not fit into your residential garbage container. This is the time to dispose of tree limbs and brush, as well as furniture and appliances generated from your property. For more information about Bulk Trash pickup and the new 2008 schedule [click here](#).

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