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GLENDALE RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR WITH UPCOMING PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – As the New Year kicks off, the city of Glendale is highlighting successful accomplishments of 2013 and focusing on significant upcoming projects for 2014.

A glance back at notable projects completed in 2013:

Increase in Company Ventures – In 2013, Empereon-Constar, Arrowhead Cadillac, Sprouts, Terminix, Oreganos, Performance Steel and Hensley Beverage moved or expanded its business into Glendale, creating the need to fill hundreds of jobs. As a result, the city of Glendale kicked off its first-ever, multi-employer job fair in December, drawing more than 700 attendees interested in applying for more than 1,500 new jobs coming available in the city of Glendale. The event featured 10 Glendale employers including Dignity Health, Terminix, Empereon-Constar, CSAA/AAA Insurance and the Glendale Police Department.

Transportation – The first phase of Northern Parkway, between Sarival Avenue and Dysart Road, was completed and a dedication ceremony was held in December. This phase of the project includes a four-lane roadway consisting of eastbound and westbound auxiliary lanes and two outside travel lanes, which will be part of the final six-lane Northern Parkway. In addition, bridge structures at the 143rd and Sarival avenues railroad crossings; new curb, gutter and street lighting at the on/off ramps and intersecting cross streets; and new traffic signals at Sarival Avenue, Reems Road and Litchfield Road were completed.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate Launches – Gallery Glendale at Westgate saw more than 12,000 visitors since opening in May 2013. Westgate Entertainment District and the city of Glendale entered into a yearlong partnership to bring a free community art gallery, along with events and art, fitness and recreational classes and programs, to Glendale residents and Westgate patrons. iStar Financial, owners of Westgate, provided the city a 3,050-square-foot retail space next to Cold Stone Creamery, at no cost, that is valued at more than \$100,000 annually.

Glendale 2013 By the Numbers:

- Glendale's Passport to Science from February to March drew 10,000 people in its inaugural year as part of the statewide Arizona SciTech Festival
- New locations by companies assisted by Economic Development added 1,491 new jobs to the community
- A 3% increase to 2.6 million rides on Glendale's transit system
- 6,756 cases handled by Code Compliance with 75% resolved within 30 days
- Almost 900,000 linear feet of striping applied to roadways, and 12.5 miles of arterial crosswalks striped
- 2,878 incidents covered by the Glendale Fire Department's Crisis Response Team
- 11,594 hours of service donated by Glendale Police Department volunteers
- 127,303 calls for service by Glendale Police Department
- Hotel occupancy in Glendale increased by 8.8 percent
- Glendale Visitor Center assisted 9,726 walk-in visitors from 46 countries, along with 16,761 information requests and 5,913 visitor phone calls
- 694,680 visitors walked through the Glendale libraries' doors
- 4,401 students engaged in recreational special interest classes
- 34,128 people attended the two aquatics centers for recreational swimming
- Provided 1,957 swim lessons during the summer months
- The City Court processed and completed 41,040 cases
- 6,383 new permits issued by the Community and Economic Development Department.
- The Conservation & Sustainable Living program distributed 10,000 CFL bulbs and 2,500 programmable thermostats at their educational classes
- The Materials Recovery Facility recycled 30 million pounds of materials, generating \$1.5 million in revenue
- The Office of Special Events produced 12 festival days, drawing more than 300,000 people to the city and the downtown area

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The Community Gives Back – The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau organized multiple charity events in 2013, which helped make an impact in the community. The Teddy Bear Day event resulted in the collection of 796 bears for the Glendale Fire Teddy Bear Trauma Program. More than 300 books were collected for Glendale libraries at the annual Downtown Glendale Mother's Day Event. The Glendale CVB also teamed up with the Coyotes and collected 3,000 pairs of shoes for Soles for Souls. The Stockings for Soldiers Drive, in partnership with the Military Family Support Group, resulted in 350 boxes of needed personal supplies sent to deployed military. And it wasn't just about people; dogs gained special support at the Dog Days of Summer event where several dogs were adopted, people donated boxes of supplies and approximately 100 dogs were immunized or micro-chipped.

What's ahead in 2014? A look at significant projects:

Preparing for Super Bowl – The city is already making preparations to host the Super Bowl in 2015. Being recognized as one of the biggest games in the world, this event put the city on the map in 2008 and was recognized as one of the most successful Super Bowls in history. The collaborated effort among multiple departments in the city is underway with a priority to host a safe, enjoyable event for the thousands of visitors and residents who partake in the Super Bowl and related activities. In addition, staff is creating new initiatives and programs that will engage the community and local businesses.

Doing Business with Glendale – Several new businesses are joining the city in 2014, bringing in new jobs and filling valuable space. St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center broke ground on its new 35-acre Glendale medical campus in January 2013, and will be opening Glendale's third hospital and investing more than \$44 million for the new 24-bed location in 2014. In addition, Midwestern University will debut its new veterinary school at their 143-acre campus.

Arrival of the F-35A at Luke Air Force Base – Luke AFB will have more F-35A's assigned to its base in Glendale than any other installation in the Air Force with six squadrons totaling 144 jets when the base fully transitions to an F-35A training center over the next several years. The Air Force plans to phase out and eventually replace its aging fleet of F-16s with the new, more technology advanced F-35A. The first three F-35A squadrons are scheduled to begin arriving at Luke AFB in 2014. Air Force executives have projected a \$265 million, seven-year construction program at the base specifically to accommodate the F-35 pilot-training program, which will serve as the permanent training base for the single-engine stealth jets.

Increases in Sustainability and Conservation Efforts – A new sustainable project will come online for Glendale in 2014 at the city’s landfill. In 2012, the city made an agreement with Vieste SPE, LLC for the company to build a recycling facility that, in the first phase, will process up to 180,000 tons of solid waste each year going into the landfill and divert it to be recycled. This project will extend the life of the landfill and bring in additional revenue, at no cost to the city. The facility, which broke ground in July 2013, will create about 50 jobs and is expected to be complete in March of 2014. The second phase of the project will take the solid waste and convert it to energy.

Along with this new venture, the Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Office provides programs to inform and educate residents, businesses and neighborhood communities about good environmental practices. Youth and adult programs will continue to be offered on a variety of topics including energy efficiency, indoor and outdoor water conservation, recycling and storm water pollution prevention.

The General Plan Update – Glendale will be updating its General Plan in 2014. The plan provides guidance to citizens regarding the development of the community, while giving property owners and developers a clear roadmap for planning in the future. The Plan is a guide to city management, city departments, the Planning Commission and City Council with specific regard to the City’s Capital Improvement Program and the annual city budget. It provides a look at citizen preferences, a statement of city policy, a guide to public and private decision-making, a blueprint to improve residents’ quality of life and a long-term perspective. The first phase will include developing a citizen steering committee.

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