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GLENDALE'S CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH INCLUDES THREE DAYS OF FESTIVITIES

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- Glendale will celebrate 100 years as an incorporated city on June 18, with three days of festivities June 17-19, 2010.

The celebration begins Thursday the 17th, from 8-9:30 p.m. for the Centennial Summer Band Concert at Murphy Park Amphitheater. Dance the night away under the stars while taking a musical journey through the decades to the tunes of the 100-member band. Glendale's Summer Band has been in existence for 44 years, making it the longest-running-community band in Arizona!

The next day the excitement builds for Centennial Nite Lights, from 5-9 p.m. in Murphy Park. Glendale's 100th birthday will be a party with activities for the whole family, including a vintage fashion show, a live performance by One More Time, an ice cream social, Historic Walking Tours, a classic car show, carnival games, a historic film festival and much more!

A highlight of the event will be the debut of the Glendale Centennial postmark from the US Postal Service. Attendees will be able to purchase collectible envelopes and get a commemorative, one-of-a-kind postmark on site. The envelopes are also available for pre-purchase at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Dr. Suite 140. The special postmark will be available at the Glendale Downtown Post Office for 30 days following the event, upon request.

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Centennial Celebration

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The third and final day of the Centennial Celebration, Saturday, June 19, is an opportunity for residents to give back to their city. One Hundred Hours of Volunteering will involve several community volunteer projects around Glendale, totaling 100 hours collectively. The projects include:

- Sahuaro Ranch Park: Volunteers will work with Historical Sahuaro Ranch staff to assist in organizing and archiving historic properties and artifacts and work on additional clean up tasks
- Glendale Parks: Volunteers will work with Parks and Recreation staff to refurbish park facilities by painting and repairing miscellaneous items
- Heart of Glendale Neighborhood: Volunteers will work with local residents on a neighborhood cleanup project
- Glendale Main and Foothills Libraries: Various volunteer projects at both locations

To volunteer for one of these community projects, contact Community Volunteer Coordinator Angie Wilkie at 623-930-2915 or via e-mail at awilkie@glendaleaz.com.

Glendale has been celebrating its centennial for the past year, leading up to the actual incorporation anniversary of June 18, 2010. The city's 100th birthday is a journey that has culminated in a tremendous opportunity for residents and city officials to celebrate in such a manner to "Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present and Imagine the Future" of our great city!

For more information on the city's Centennial Celebration events, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/centennial.

Glendale's Centennial Celebration events are made possible by sponsors that include The Glendale Star, Shamrock Foods, Deja Blue, Snapple, Safeway, Ralph's Ice Wagon and the band One More Time.

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