



Glendale Community Band Brings Music to Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings



Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 50th season beginning June 2 in downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. through July 21 in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn Drives.

The Glendale Summer Band is the longest-running community band in Arizona. The ages of the volunteer band members span several generations. Formed in 1966, the band originally played at O'Neil Park, before moving to Murphy Park when the amphitheater was built. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by approximately 100 musicians with their inspiring renditions of marches, polkas, movie medleys and other tunes.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert is scheduled for Thursday, June 23. The community will be invited for a special performance and a ceremony that will include dignitaries, former band members and special guests, as well as the debut of an original piece of music composed for the Glendale Community Band.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. The series will feature a special Patriotic performance on Thursday, June 30 in celebration of Independence Day, as well as other themes each week. The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors. INFO: 623-930-2299 or glendaleaz.com/events

Three Reasons to Get Rid of Your Grass Lawn this Summer

1) Get a Rebate – residential customers can receive a rebate from \$150 to \$700 depending on the amount of grass converted to a desert-friendly yard. **2) Save Water** – Grass uses 2/3 more water than a desert-adapted yard. **3) Save Money** – Native plants require less water and maintenance than a grass lawn. INFO: visit glendaleaz.com/waterconservation or call 623-930-3760

Christmas in July Shopping Event July 9



The weather may be frightful this summer, but shopping in Downtown Glendale during Christmas in July will be delightful! Celebrate the joy of the season early on Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Shoppers will start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up their map and information packet. Participants will find great gift ideas throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. INFO: 623-930-4500 or visitglendale.com

Important Information for August 30 Primary Election

Maricopa County will hold a Primary Election on August 30, and Glendale residents will have several things on which to vote in this election, including citizens citywide voting for a Mayoral candidate. Residents of the Cactus, Sahuaro and Yucca districts will also vote for a council district candidate. In addition, be sure to look for Proposition 497, which may not be located next to your city council candidates on the ballot. This proposition is the update to the Glendale General Plan, Envision Glendale 2040, which has been submitted by the Planning Commission for voter approval after a 24-month process including citizen input.

Residents can request early ballots between May 30 and August 19, which must be returned to the county no later than August 30. For additional information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/clerk



A Message from Councilmember Bart Turner

The Glendale City Council has heard your demands to stabilize city finances and improve city services. This last year and a half has been marked with many decisions which have led to improvements in our finances — and

improved finances enable increases in services. By working together, the Council and our management team:

- Refinanced city bonds saving taxpayers \$48 million over the next several years.
- Set aside \$40 million in our budget stabilization reserve fund.
- Earned bond rating upgrades from both Moody's Investors Services and Standard & Poor's, reversing a five-year downward trend.
- Contracted with AEG Facilities — the world's largest arena management company — to manage the city-owned Gila River Arena, realizing an annual savings of over \$4 million.

Currently the Council is in the process of adopting a FY2016-17 budget which:

- Provides additional full-time employees for Glendale's Police and Fire Departments to be deployed in ways specifically targeted to decrease response times for medical emergencies, fires, and crimes in progress.
- Begins an accelerated Pavement Management Program to repair and maintain over 700 miles of neighborhood streets and arterials.
- Adds additional employees in Code Compliance, Developmental Services, and Community Services to help protect our neighborhoods, promote businesses development and better connect our community through volunteerism.
- Helps expand library hours and get our parks back in tip-top shape.

Thank you for your trust and continued patience as your City Council continues to address both immediate and long-term needs throughout the city.

Enjoy Twice the Fun with Two Summer Reading Programs for All Ages at the Glendale Public Library!

There is still time to visit any of the three Glendale libraries for a reading adventure this summer. The popular programs runs through August 1. INFO: 623-930-3537 or glendaleaz.com/library

- **Tell Your Story Reading Program** – Stop by any Glendale Public Library branch to ask for a reading record. Keep track of your reading by time, by pages or by the book, then bring your reading record back to the library for fun prizes. Be sure to get a program calendar to discover our amazing events, too. Arts and crafts, live music, book discussions, storytimes and more await you at the library!
- **Exercise Your Mind: Maricopa County Reads Online Program** – Register at maricopacountyreads.org, log your reading time online, read an exciting story, complete challenges and earn digital badges. Attend events at your local library and earn secret codes for even more badges (*Psst — your first secret code is "glendalocks"*). Kids and teens can earn a free meal at Chipotle and adults can earn a tote bag. Reach 1,000 points to earn a free book. Exercise your mind by reading 20 minutes a day this summer! #read20AZ

Backyard Stargazing for Everyone - July 11

*Glendale Main Library,
5959 W. Brown St., Auditorium*

Free and fun for the entire family! Join Tony La Conte for a short lecture and discussion on Monday, July 11 from 7 – 9 p.m. After dark, weather permitting, telescopes will be in place in front of the library for viewing the night sky. INFO: 623-979-1393

Superfoods for a Super Hero's Life - July 16

*Velma Teague Library,
7010 N. 58th Ave., Meeting Room*

Chef Larry P. Canepa discusses several foods that are considered super, including what health benefits they offer and how to fit them into your diet. Join us for recipes and superfood tastings on Saturday, July 16 from 1 – 3 p.m. Registration required. This program is made possible through the Reciprocal Borrowing agreement and is funded by the Maricopa County Library District. INFO: 623-930-3440

Tell Your Story: Arizona Rick, the Balloon-Making Cowboy - July 25

*Foothills Branch Library,
19055 N. 57th Ave., Roadrunner Room*

When is a balloon more than a sculpture, a story, a spectacular hat? In the hands of Arizona Rick, it's all this fun and more! All ages are invited to join us on Monday, July 25 from 2 – 3 p.m. At least one adult must accompany every five children. Required tickets will be distributed from the Youth Department on a first-come, first-served basis at 1:45 p.m. on program day. Space is limited. This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. INFO: 623-930-3837

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