



The Boys Are Back in Town! Spring Training Kicks off at Camelback Ranch-Glendale March 3



Glendale's hometown teams, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox, kick off the 2016 Spring Training season at Camelback Ranch-Glendale on Thursday, March 3. With exciting promotions and opportunities to save on tickets, Glendale residents will love visiting the city's hometown ballpark in 2016.

At all Sunday games, children ages 12 and under can receive a lawn ticket for just \$3. Following the game, kids can run the bases like their favorite Major League star, courtesy of Uptown Alley!

The clubs will play 29 games in Glendale this season, including dates against the D-backs, plus rivalry games pitting the clubs against the Angels, Cubs and Giants.

At all Monday-Thursday games, senior citizens ages 65 and over and active and retired military members can receive an Infield Box or Baseline Field Box ticket for just \$12, a savings of \$9 off regular pricing. Seniors can relieve the glory years with a stroll around the bases following all Wednesday home games, presented by Victory at Verrado!

Parking at Camelback Ranch-Glendale is FREE and tickets start at just \$9 per game. Fans purchasing tickets in advance of the game date save \$3 per ticket off day-of-game pricing for all Monday through Thursday games. Discounted ticket offers are available on the day of the game, at the box office only.

For more info or to purchase tickets visit CamelbackRanchBaseball.com

Spring 2016 Glendale Green-Living Series (March)

Welcome Spring by making simple changes to improve your home's water and energy efficiency! The Glendale Water Services Department offers a Green-Living series of free classes in the spring and fall. Classes are located at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.). Register at 623-930-3760 or greenliving@glendaleaz.com. Find additional class information at www.glendaleaz.com/green. Please find the March classes listed below. Additional classes will be listed in the April Connection.

Glendale Garden Gathering
Sat., Mar. 19 from 8 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Join us for a free event with garden and wildlife exhibitors, kids' activities, and amazing gardening classes! Get a free, Arizona-friendly plant after attending a gardening class. This event is funded by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund.

Paris in the Spring Event March 5

You won't need to set foot on an airplane to experience Parisian style! Visit Glendale's Paris in the Spring event on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for a worldly experience at an affordable price: free! This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the fine food, culture and

shopping of Paris. Bring along your beret and enjoy entertainment, an art show, French Market, shopping and dining all with a Parisian theme! Start at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive, Ste. 140) to pick up a walking map. INFO: visitglendale.com or 623-930-4500

Shred It & Forget It Event March 26

Police Community Action Teams want you to know that shredding old and unwanted documents has become a vital part of protecting yourself from data and identity theft. Join us Saturday, March 26, at the Target parking lot at 43rd and Peoria avenues (10404 N. 43rd Avenue).

Each household can bring up to four banker-size boxes of personal documents to be shredded on site. This free service will be offered from 8 - 11 a.m., or until the disposal trucks are full. INFO: 623-695-0440 or glendaleaz.com/police

8 – 9 a.m. Bird Walk – Led by the Sonoran Audubon Society, take a guided bird walk through the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden that surrounds the Glendale Main Library.

9:30 - 11 a.m. Invite Wildlife to Your Yard - Welcome birds, butterflies, and bees to your yard by providing them with food, shelter, water, and nesting sites.

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Stunning Yards are Going Native! Learn about the beauty and diversity of Sonoran desert plants.



A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

With 2016 officially here, I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize that over the last year, we have

dramatically changed direction for the better and I think it is important to give credit to the major achievements of 2015 that laid the foundation for even more success to come. Some of those notable accomplishments include the Arena Management Agreement renegotiation, capital lease payoff, and bond refinancing. Collectively, these decisions saved the City \$7 million, and we took our bond outlook from a negative to a positive, placing us in prime position for a future bond rating upgrade. Glendale welcomed several impressive new businesses to the City in 2015, resulting in nearly 1,000 new jobs, and we broke ground on the new EPCOR Luke 303 Regional Water Reclamation Facility. This will fuel new development near Loop 303, making Glendale the epicenter for new growth for years

to come. On Feb. 1, our new City Manager Kevin Phelps takes the helm and I am confident his leadership will bring permanent stability to the City. With these achievements paving the way, 2016 brings a new dawn to the City of Glendale. Our hard-fought victories from last year are just the beginning as we embark on this New Year, and I am eager to remain on a path of fiscal health while providing the highest quality of life for our residents.

I wish you all a safe and prosperous 2016! As always, you can reach me at 623-930-2260 or mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com. You can also follow me on Facebook ([facebook.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.facebook.com/MayorWeiers)), Twitter (@MayorWeiers), and YouTube ([youtube.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.youtube.com/MayorWeiers)).

In your service,
Jerry P. Weiers
Mayor

Lego Mania March 2

Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Main Storytime Room

Come and build Lego masterpieces with us! Kids ages 3 to 12 are invited to explore the world of possibilities with Legos. This casual building environment allows participants to be creative and make new friends! First come, first served. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 2 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library. INFO: 623-930-3530

Bluegrass Jam March 4 & 18

Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., Roadrunner Room
Join us on Friday, March 4 and/or March 18 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Foothills Branch Library for our Bluegrass Jam. Bring your acoustic instrument and play bluegrass, country, folk, gospel, and more round-robin style! All levels of players welcome. Audience and singers also are encouraged to attend. This event takes place on the first and third Friday of each month. INFO: 623-930-3844

Mystery Shopping Class March 16

Looking for extra income? Imagine eating at a restaurant or going to the movies and getting paid to do it. Learn what mystery shopping is, how to get started, get assignments and evaluate places such as restaurants, movie theaters, etc. Class is based on instructor's 15 years of experience in the

field. This class is for ages 18+ and will be held on Wednesday, March 16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown Street). Preregistration is required. Class price is \$35 (non-resident \$42). INFO: 623-930-4613

Digital Help Spot March 23

Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Creative Space
Want to learn how to get free downloadable books, audiobooks and more from your library? Bring your smartphone, tablet or eReader with you and join Digital Librarian, Marlene Jacobson at the Digital Help Spot on Wed., March 23 from 2 – 3 p.m. INFO: 623-930-3531



Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival March 19 & 20

Join us for the Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival on March 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Held at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, the event features more than 150 performers presenting everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Other highlights include historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, a children's stage and activity area, along with workshops led by accomplished entertainers. Admission and most activities are free and refreshments will be available for purchase. INFO: 623-930-4201

Writers Group Workshop March 30

Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., Hummingbird Room
Join us on Wednesday, March 30 from 6 – 8 p.m. (the final Wednesday of each month) to meet fellow writers and hear thoughtful feedback on your work. All genres and writing styles welcome. New attendees must call to register. INFO: 623-930-3853

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