

Sahuaros

Weekly Update

*The Sahuaros District:
Celebrating Recreation, Education and Cooperation*

Councilmember Gary Sherwood - Glendale, Arizona

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Councilmember Sherwood, Jungle Jack Hanna and Mrs. Sherwood celebrate the grand opening of the new 15 acre Safari Park expansion at Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Attracts Tens Of Thousands at Festival and Online. Many people rang in the New Year just a little bit late on Jan. 11 at the Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party in historic downtown Glendale. The block party, in its 19th year, attracted 90,000 people with 20 hot air balloons, 10 bands, 1.5 million lights and fabulous weather. Glendale's Glitter & Glow Block Party was the conclusion to the city's seven-week holiday lighting program, and is the most highly attended event in a single evening. Glendale's Office of Special Events created a special social media contest to promote Glendale Glitters' entire season, running from opening weekend on Nov. 29 through the block party on Jan. 11, and received a record-breaking entry total of 5,200. Valley resident Susana Molina was the winner receiving a hot air balloon ride from Hot Air Expeditions, as well as dinner for two from a favorite downtown Glendale restaurant, The Spicery. For more information on Glendale's festivals, [click here](#), or call the Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299. For more information on shopping and dining in Historic Downtown Glendale, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Glendale Kicks Off 2nd Annual Passport To Science Series, New Partnerships. Science is back and better than ever in Glendale! The city of Glendale is once again a proud partner of the Arizona SciTech Festival, a statewide series of fun, family-friendly expos, workshops, tours and demonstrations of science, technology, engineering and

math. The Glendale-based 2014 series, The Glendale Passport to Science, will take place between February and April. In addition to several events, new West Valley partnerships have been added to Glendale's series, including collaboration with local Glendale-based startup HEROES for Students (www.heroesforstudents.com) and a brand-new joint initiative called the "West Valley STEAMPunk GeoTour," which is led by WESTMARC, the West Valley's leading advocacy group, and Credit Union West.

Glendale has partnered with HEROES for Students on behalf of the Arizona SciTech Festival to help better reach West Valley classrooms with talented and inspirational guest speakers. As a part of the community science education collaboration, HEROES for Students will be giving select teachers access to their program at reduced rates throughout the months of February and March. HEROES for Students is a social venture that aims to connect community role models with K-12 teachers in order to expose students to a variety of careers, engage students in their course material by making it relevant to real-world application and empowering students to achieve future success. Science-focused professionals interested in giving back to the community and empowering K-12 students are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible at www.heroesforstudents.com. It takes less than five minutes to sign up and the impact you can make by spending just one hour in a classroom interacting with students is enormous. We also encourage you to forward this information to individuals in your professional networks.

For those in search of a more interactive, exploratory voyage of the sciences, Glendale is partnering up with WESTMARC and Credit Union West for the first annual West Valley STEAMPunk GeoTour. This "Geocache" quest will take place starting March 1st and be a continuing outdoor activity. The "STEAM" in the STEAM-Punk Adventure is a play on the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, and the adventure will take students of all ages on a treasure hunt to find the answers to science clues hidden in geocaches throughout the West Valley. The Geocache initiative will also represent the first-ever, Arizona-based GeoTour and will help develop a broader tourism strategy in the West Valley.

This year's free and family-friendly events in the 2014 Glendale Passport to Science include:

- *"The Science of Chocolate Extravaganza"* at the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, Murphy Park / Downtown Glendale, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 7-9 (Friday 5-10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m.)
- *"Glendale Community College SciTech Festival,"* Main Campus, 6000 W. Olive Ave., Friday, Feb. 21, 4-7 p.m.
- *"Stargazing!"* GCC North Campus, 5727 W. Happy Valley Rd., Friday March 7, 7:30 PM
- *"Medical Mystery Tour,"* Midwestern University, 19555 N. 59th Ave, Thursday, March 13, 4-7 p.m.
- *"The Science of Aviation at West-MEC,"* West-MEC Aviation Facility, Glendale Municipal Airport, N. Glen Harbor Blvd., Saturday, March 22, , 9 a.m. – Noon
- *"The Open Door at ASU West,"* ASU West Campus, 4701 W. Thunderbird Rd., Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Free Glendale Green Living Series Events at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.):

- *"Practical Landscape Design and Renovation,"* Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. - Noon
- *"Strategies to Harvest & Use Rainwater in the Landscape,"* Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6 – 8 p.m.
- *"Hug-a-Tree: Desert Tree Care,"* Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. - Noon
- *"Our Valley's Water Story, From Watershed to Showerhead,"* Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m. - Noon
- *"Reduce Your Outdoor Water Use,"* Thursday, April 17, 6 - 7:45 p.m.

Make sure to learn about the additional Glendale and West Valley events at www.glendaleaz.com/science or visit the Arizona SciTech Festival website for more information at www.azscitechfest.org.

For more information about HEROES for Students, visit www.heroesforstudents.com. For more information about the West Valley STEAMPunk GeoTour, find WESTMARC on Facebook or Twitter, or email events@westmarc.org.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

2014 Glendale Plein Air Painting Event. Presented by the Glendale Public Art Program the 2014 Glendale Plein Air Painting Event will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, with registration from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30am, at the Promenade on Paltaire Ave. This event occurs during the Annual Chocolate Affaire weekend. A fun day for artist and festival-goers! The competition is open to any artist (18 years of age & older) who paints using the Plein Air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic, or pastel. Plein Air (open air) paintings are executed outdoors.

All artists must bring their own materials and easels and register prior to any work being done.

Judging will occur at 4:00 p.m. Between 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., painters will line up along the Promenade on Paltaire for judging. Award categories are purchase awards and the winning paintings will be accessioned into the city's permanent art collection.

Brelby Theatre Presents "Love Stories" At the Teague. In honor of Valentine's Day, downtown Glendale's Brelby Theatre Company will perform *"Love Stories"* at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

A night of scenes and songs celebrating family, friendship and love, *"Love Stories"* is appropriate for both adults and teens. The program is free and no registration or tickets are required.

Shelby Maticic, Brelby's artistic director, notes that "Brelby is thrilled to be partnering with the Velma Teague Library." Recognized in a 2012 "Best of the Valley" feature by *"Phoenix Magazine,"* Brelby Theatre Company is the brainchild of Brian and Shelby Maticic. Founded in 2009, Brelby found a home in 2012 in theatre space across the street from the Velma Teague Library.

For more information, including upcoming plays, visit the Brelby website at brelby.com. For more information about the library, call 623-930-3431 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

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