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## A Message from Councilmember Malnar

### Greetings Sahuaro District Residents!

This week in council workshop, staff presented the results of the city financial audit. There were no exception found.

Council also received information on the proposed diversity commission. After a brief discussion on the role of the a diversity commission, the council directed HR to move forward and draft the necessary ordinance for council review at a future workshop.

This week the city also released the notice of intent to hire AEG as the new manager of the Westgate arena. Details of the deal will be released once the final negotiations are completed. ([see news release](#))

This weekend is the annual Chocolate affaire in down town Glendale. Enjoy the event. (see information below)

- Ray Malnar





## Award Winning Chocolate Festival Sweetens Downtown February 5-7

Glendale will soon host the sweetest event in town. The 21st Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire will be a chocoholic's dream, with chocolate and so much more in Historic Downtown Glendale for three days, Feb. 5 - 7,

2016.

Visitors will delight in the nearly 40 chocolate purveyors, featuring confections such as chocolate-covered strawberries, chocolate-drizzled kettle corn, chocolatecovered nuts, berry chocolate kabobs, fudge popsicles, chocolate-covered cheesecake and bananas, fried Twinkies and fried Snickers dipped in chocolate and much more, all along with free admission.

The Chocolate Affaire is presented by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta Candy Company. The candy factory will offer tours all weekend and visitors can expect to see some special, giant-sized chocolate creations at the factory. Families with children will enjoy a variety of activities, including face-painting, carnival rides, a rock-climbing wall and more. The festival also features something for those hopeless romantics; the event is the largest gathering of romance novelists in the Southwest. Authors will make appearances, sign autographs and offer free writing workshops.

Event hours are Friday 5 - 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday noon - 5 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is presented by Cerreta Candy Company and sponsored by Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, SRP, ABC-15 KNXV, KMLE, KOOL, Live 101.5, The Arizona Republic and Camelback Ranch-Glendale. INFO: [glendaleaz.com/events](http://glendaleaz.com/events) or 623-930-2299.

For more detailed information about the event visit our [Chocolate Affaire Page!](#)

## Visit Glendale Holds Photo Challenge Conjunction With Arizona PBS Station. Contest Highlights 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' -

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. - The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, newly rebranded as Visit Glendale, has recently launched a photo challenge in conjunction with KAET, Arizona's PBS station. The photo challenge is themed 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'.

The contest, called 'Capture My Arizona,' is an ongoing campaign designed to showcase Arizona through the eyes of Arizona photographers. Through the contest, individual challenges focus on particular areas, events, or other items of interest. "This time of year is all about the sweet life - whether it's the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, an upcoming spring training game, or even just a sweet walk with your dog in the park," said Lorraine Zomok, President & CEO Visit Glendale. "We are looking for what the sweet life means to both residents and visitors."

The 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' challenge, which runs Feb. 1 through March 31, will offer two prizes, both Cerreta Candy Company chocolate baskets, one for editor's choice and one for people's choice.

To enter, visit <http://www.capturemyarizona.com/challenges/living-the-sweet-life-in-glendale-az>. The contest ends on March 31. Find additional information on Glendale online at [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

### **Short, Important Survey for Glendale Transportation Plan -**

The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, and wants YOUR input! The Plan will define how the City's transportation system will improve and change over the next 25 years, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made-to ensure that Glendale continues to provide and plan for its residents, businesses, and visitors' transportation needs.

*Please visit [www.glendaleaztmp.com](http://www.glendaleaztmp.com) and click on "Survey" along the Navigation Bar at the top of the home page to complete a short survey about Goals, Objectives, and Priorities related to transportation in Glendale.*

The transportation system is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, entertainment and recreational opportunities, and more! The Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040 will address all modes-vehicular, non motorized, transit, and aviation. The more that residents, businesses, community and professional organizations, and other entities that use the transportation system in Glendale are involved in the development of the Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040, the better the Plan will be.

Please feel free to share the link-and Thank You for your input!!

## **Glendale Events**

### **Glendale Gears up for 10th Annual Glendale Serve Day Feb. 20 Volunteers Wanted!**

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. - Remember all those New Year's resolutions you made? Here's an opportunity to make good on some of them and get 2016 off to a great start! Glendale Neighborhood Services is recruiting volunteers to participate in the city's 10th Annual Serve Day, slated for Saturday, Feb. 20.

Groups, organizations and individuals can participate by choosing among multiple community service volunteer projects scheduled at locations throughout the city. Community service projects include picking fruit in the park, a nature trail clean up, neighborhood beautification activities or refurbishing library chairs and outdoor benches in and around historic downtown Glendale.

"One of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you can have is working together with your neighbors and friends," said Mayor Jerry Weiers. "Participating in Serve Day is an opportunity to give back to the community and help those in need. For the city, Serve Day is an opportunity to address projects that may not be possible without volunteer support. Everyone's a winner when you team up to help your community."

2016 Serve Day Volunteer Projects - Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016:

**Fruit picking at Sahuaro Ranch Park** Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. All fruit will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.

**Refurbishing Downtown Teakwood Benches** Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in front of the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

**Nature Trail Litter Patrol at Skunk Creek Linear Park** Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

**Nature Trail Litter Patrol at Thunderbird Paseo Park** Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on 59th Avenue just south of Thunderbird Road.

**Xeriscape Garden Workday at Glendale Main Library** Volunteers will help with weeding, raking and garden maintenance, meeting at 8 a.m. in front of the library at 5959 W. Brown St.

**Refinishing Wooden Benches and Youth Chairs at Velma Teague Library** Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in front of the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Registration is required. For more information about other service projects or to volunteer for Glendale's 10th Annual Serve Day, contact Michelle Yates with Glendale Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2663 or at [myates@glendaleaz.com](mailto:myates@glendaleaz.com).

January - March, Mondays - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: (City-Wide) - **Citizenship Classes:** Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this free, ten-week class will teach the fundamentals of United States Politics, Government, and History included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. The classes will be held on January 11 & 18; February 1, 8, 22 and 29; and March 7, 14, 21, 28 at the Velma Teague Library. They are free and open to the general public. Registration is required. For more information, please contact Mike Beck at 930-3546.

**Glendale Plein Air Painting Competition Council Choice Award Judging**  
4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 6, 2016  
5835 W. Paltaire Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301

The day-long event will take place on the Promenade in downtown Glendale and is open to artists (18 years of age & older) who paint using the Plein Air technique. Onsite registration will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on event day. This event is presented by the City of Glendale Public Art Program in conjunction with Special Events and the Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire. Staff contact: Mojgan Vahabzadeh at 623-930-3557.

**Oh So Lovely "Galentine's" Day Event Planned In Downtown Glendale February 13 A Different Spin on the Holiday Spells Fun with Friends -** GLENDALE, Ariz. - Of course you've heard of Valentine's Day, but have you heard of "Galentine's" Day? Made popular by a television show, the concept is to focus not on the love between partners, but the love between friends. On Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Historic Downtown Glendale will be the place to bring your gals for a fun day of activities to celebrate friendship.

Participating merchants wanted to create an event to celebrate this strong love between women, and in partnership with the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, they are planning a perfect day for you and your best friends to celebrate Valentine's

Day. This party is all about celebrating love, your love for your friends, and your love for yourself with a little splurging.

"The connections that women make with each other, the support they give and take, and the loyalty through thick and thin, all those deserve to be celebrated," stated Valerie Burner, owner of Bears & More and event chair. "There is no better day to host this party than the day that is about celebrating love."

As you travel around from shop to shop, you and your "galentines" will enjoy collecting Valentines that you can add to a garland which you can hang at home. This special day is different from many of the other events in the Historic Downtown area, as it has been planned with an adult audience in mind. There will be fun things to do along the way too, including these activities (some including additional charge):

- Delfina's Salon & Day Spa is offering specials all month long for Chocolate mani/pedis and chocolate body scrub (both regularly priced at \$70, now \$50 each); Appointments necessary
- At Blue House Boutique, demonstrations on how to transform a lamp with Annie Sloan Chalk Paint offered throughout the afternoon
- The Open Door will have a visit from The Mud Dabber, offering guests a hands on craft: visitors can make a heart or a star (hearts for Valentine's Day and stars for Arizona's birthday); also enjoy cake to celebrate Arizona's birthday
- Bears & More will offer a special surprise activity
- Papa Ed's Ice Cream will be offering a special: three scoops of their popular chocolate flavors for the price of two!
- Create your Galentine's garland, which is 20+ pieces long and features vintage pinup girl art
- Dress as Rosie the Riveter or a 1940's pinup girl for fun - some of the merchants will be dressed up, too

Make your plans now to attend the Oh So Lovely "Galentine's" Day party in Catlin Court and Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 am until 3:30 pm. Start your day at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up an activity list and the beginning pieces to your Vintage Valentine garland (for the 1st 100 visitors). For more information, visit the Glendale CVB website or call 623-930-4500.\

### **THE FIVE15 GALLERY ARTIST COLLECTIVE EXHIBIT COMES TO GALLERY GLENDALE WESTGATE -**

GLENDALE, Ariz. -Members of the Five15 Arts Gallery, one of Roosevelt Row District's long established artist collectives, will hold a special satellite exhibit at Gallery Glendale at Westgate during February, located inside Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102.

Artists include Samuel Dahl, Anne Howey-Falvey, Hallie Mueller, Michelle Terry-Helmick and Joan C. Thompson. The exhibit will showcase new and existing works, featuring both traditional and experimental techniques in painting, drawing, printmaking, and mixed media. Artwork will be available for sale.

The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy wine and light refreshments at the opening reception on Friday, Feb. 5, 6 - 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on view every Friday and Saturday in February during regular gallery hours, Feb. 5-27, 6 - 9 p.m. About the artists:

\* Sam Dahl, MFA, was born in Germany, but has lived in America since 1985. He has been painting, drawing and building since age eight. In 2010, after receiving a degree in painting, he embarked on a new life in Phoenix, where he could be affected by a new terrain, teach young people how to realize their own talent with image-making, and make ever new bodies of work. His work is on shaped, non-rectangular wood panel, and his media include oil paint, ink, graphite, and charcoal.

\* Anne Howey-Falvey is a realist who employs painterly brush strokes and unconventional mark making. Her current work blends images, text, and abstract marks with imagery as a means to explore emotional connections with both childhood memories and her current relationships.

\* Hallie Mueller originally comes from New England where she received her education in Connecticut and Maine. Since moving west, Hallie has been fascinated with imagery accumulated from travels across different landscapes. Her work deals with layering and the way visual ambiguity, specifically overlap and transparency, captures emotional memory.

\* Michelle Terry-Helmick is a native of the Southwest and comes from a family of artists and makers. She is self-taught. Using a variety of media including drawing, mixed media painting and sculpture, her styles range from photorealism to abstract. Experimentation with texture, form, color, capturing personality and an empathy for her subjects, whether human or still life, is the focus of her works.

\* Joan C. Thompson MA MFA, has made prints, paintings and mixed media artwork her lifelong. A past high school/college art instructor, her focus has been on process, meaning and message. Color, design and form and an abiding love of midcentury modern are recent appearances in her work.

Participating artists will be available during gallery hours to discuss their work. To learn more about the artists and their techniques, visit <http://www.five15arts.com>. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The gallery is located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria.

The gallery is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Glendale Public Art Program Manager, at 623-930-3557 or at [Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com](mailto:Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com) or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale>.

### **Annual Winter Antique Tractor Show -**

Enjoy tractor pulls, displays and more! 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2016 and Sunday, February 14, 2016 at Sahuaro Ranch Park - Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Admission is \$5, but ages 12 and under are free. Presented by Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association and operated in conjunction with the Glendale Historical Society, a separate, non-profit organization. Call 623-930-4201 for more information.

### **Coffee with a Cop Events-**

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime

trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

- February 10 6 - 7:30 p.m. Dillon's BBQ 20585 N 59 Av.
- February 17 6-7:30 p.m. Submarino's 7910 N 43rd Ave #6 \*The Chief of Police will be at these meetings\*

## Service Spotlight

Some quick links to help our users:

[Water Services](#)

[Glendale Police Department](#)

[Glendale Fire Department](#)

[Join Nextdoor](#)- The Glendale Police Department is using Nextdoor to connect with residents to promote stronger and safer neighborhoods. This page is not monitored 24/7. For emergencies call 9-1-1.



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list=PLh2qy1UEBrT9hsluOgpa3l7xt9Gs-r5V](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh2qy1UEBrT9hsluOgpa3l7xt9Gs-r5V)

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