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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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 or 623-930-2299.

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

Free Classes At Velma Teague Library -

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. Palmaire 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.

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

GLENDAL, 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 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 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 Gears up for 10th Annual Glendale Serve Day Feb. 20 Volunteers Wanted!

GLENDAL, 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Gateway West Community Action Team: Officer Jeff Horsley , 623-930-4029, Crime Prevention Specialist Tony Minjarez, 623-930-4052.

- **Wednesday, February 17, 2016 6:00pm**
Ranch Market
6730 W. Camelback Rd.

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