

## ■ At your parks...

### Juried Art Show

Jan. 19 through Feb. 17

The Juried Art Show is held at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Jan. 19-Feb. 17. Enjoy original art works, ranging from paintings to sculpture, created by Arizona artists. For information about participating in this art show, please contact Judy Atkins with the Glendale Arts Council at 623-939-8424. This free show will be held Wednesdays – Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 12-4 p.m.

### Antique Tractor & Engine Show

Feb. 9-10

Come and enjoy antique engine displays and demonstrations, tractor pulls and a tractor parade at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Feb. 9-10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The event will also feature food and beverages, as well as kids' rides for nominal fee. For more information, visit [www.aedgeta.org](http://www.aedgeta.org) or call Debbie at 623-435-3955. Admission is \$5 for adults, and kids age 12 and under are free.

### Volunteers Needed at Sahuaro Ranch

Looking for a way to volunteer your time? Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area is looking for volunteers. Opportunities include leading guided tours, helping with animal care, being part of an event and much more. Come be a part of our team. To learn more, call 623-930-4206.

### Literally, tons of fun at Touch-a-Truck

Feb. 23

The entire family will enjoy the 8th Annual Touch-a-Truck event! Trucks and large vehicles take center stage Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave.

It's a great opportunity to see, touch, interact with and learn about big trucks and the functions they serve. Bring your camera to get some fun snapshots of your child sitting in the driver's seat of an 18-wheeler! For more information, call 623-930-2044.

## ■ At your Libraries...

### Let Your Spirit Soar: Kites, Music and Dance

Feb. 9 - April 23

This series of free programs for youth and teens at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., celebrates the culture of Greece, Ireland and Pakistan. Special storytellers will spin tales from those countries, in addition to crafts and artistry workshops, cultural music and dance, kite-building and outdoor kite flying opportunities and much more. For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library) and click "What's Happening," or call 623-930-3837.

### Become a king or queen for Royalty Week,

Feb 19 - Feb 22

Celebrate royally as we celebrate royalty at the Velma Teague! Story times will include kings, queens, princes and princesses. We will have a royal quick craft on Thursday, Feb 21 at 3:30 p.m.. Also join us for a family favorite movie in which a princess is rescued by an ogre on Friday, Feb 22, at 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Coreen Wagner at 623-930-3442

### Renaissance Redux: Celebrating Renaissance and Medieval Arts and Culture

The Renaissance was a time of rebirth of classical ideas. The original Renaissance began in Italy in the 1300s, but Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., is bringing it to modern-day Glendale in style Feb. 5 through March 29.

Come be a part of the Renaissance Redux experience, which will include musical and theatrical performances; artistry workshops of period jewelry and accessories; costume demonstrations of Renaissance clothing; recreating Medieval illuminated scrolls; learning the steps of the popular circle and line Renaissance dances; and reading and discussing novels set in the time period. A Renaissance Faire, presented by members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, completes this time travel experience on March 29.

For more information on events, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).



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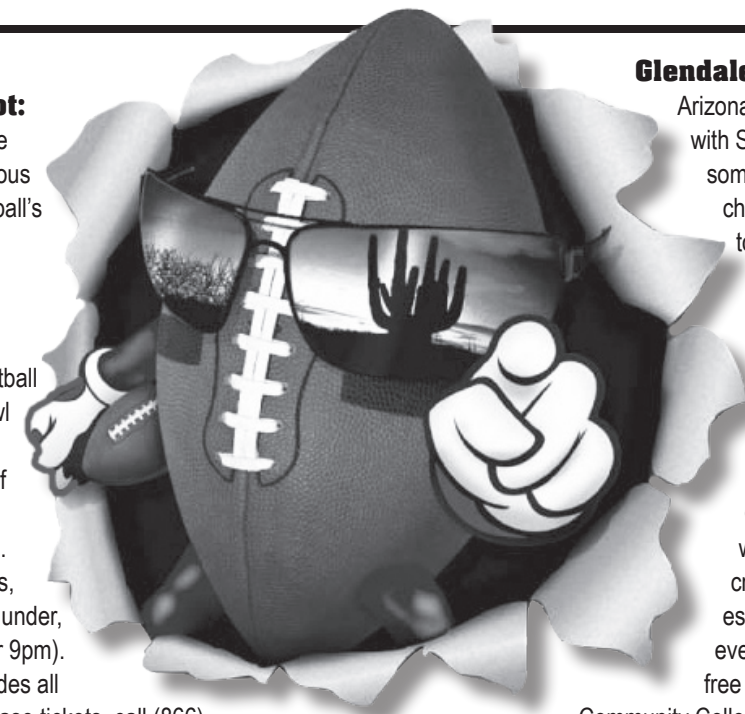
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## Countdown finally over NFL rolls into Glendale for Super Bowl XLII

So you've got Super Bowl fever, but no ticket to the game? Even if you aren't able to make it to the game, you can enjoy a multitude of festivities going on around the Valley. For more information on any of these events and others, visit [www.azsuperbowl.com](http://www.azsuperbowl.com), or [www.glendalestgotgame.com](http://www.glendalestgotgame.com).

### The NFL Experience Built by the Home Depot:

The 17th annual NFL Experience will be the most exciting continuous Super Bowl XLII event. Pro football's interactive theme park offers participatory games, displays, entertainment attractions, youth football clinics, free autograph sessions, the world's largest football card show and more. Super Bowl XLII's NFL Experience, located immediately west of University of Phoenix Stadium, will be open Jan. 26-27 and 31, and Feb. 1-2. Tickets will cost \$17.50 for adults, \$12.50 for children ages 12 and under, and \$10 for NFLX @ Night (after 9pm). The NFL Experience ticket includes all games and attractions. To purchase tickets, call (866) TIX-4NFL (849-4635), visit [www.superbowl.com](http://www.superbowl.com).



### Glendale Chocolate Affaire:

Arizona's sweetest festival just happens to coincide with Super Bowl weekend, and this year will offer something for everyone, from football fans and chocoholics alike. On Friday, Feb. 1 from noon to 10 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Historic Downtown Glendale will offer many activities, including horse-drawn carriage rides, romance novelist signings and workshops, upscale craft artisans, wine tasting and of course, chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate!

Glendale's own Cerreta's Candy Company will offer free tours both days. They have created a 300 pound chocolate football especially for the Super Bowl! Best of all, the event offers free admission and free parking. A free parking shuttle will be running from Glendale

Community College, at 59th and Olives avenues both days.

For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events) or call the Special Event hotline at 623-930-2299.

### Pepsi Smash Super Bowl Concert Series:

Jobing.com Arena will host two concerts for the NFL Pepsi Smash Super Bowl Concert Series coming to Glendale on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Mary J. Blige and Maroon 5 will take the stage on Thursday, Jan. 31. The following night, Friday, Feb. 1, Latin recording artist RBD will perform. Both nights of the series will feature celebrity hosts, guest appearances by some of the NFL's biggest names and finest musical talents. Tickets are only available online at [www.JobingArena.com](http://www.JobingArena.com) or [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com).



### Arizona-Sonora Bowl II:

This family-oriented event will feature an international youth football clinic and family fair, with NFL players signing autographs, leading up to pre-game entertainment. At 3 p.m., a youth football game will take place between the best players of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. This free event will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Copper Canyon High School, located at 9126 W. Camelback Rd. For more information, visit [www.topete-stonefield.com](http://www.topete-stonefield.com).

### Westgate City Center events:

Westgate City Center, the Valley's newest entertainment destination adjacent to both Jobing.com Arena and the University of Phoenix Stadium, will offer several events during Super Bowl week. Westgate City Center offers myriad shopping and dining venues, including the newly-opened Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville, one of only eight locations in the world. For details about events, as well as shopping and dining options, visit [www.westgateaz.com](http://www.westgateaz.com).

## Happenings

### February

- 1-2..... *Glendale Chocolate Affaire*
- 3..... Super Bowl XLII, University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale
- 5..... *City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.*
- 9-10 .. Antique Tractor Show, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area
- 12..... *City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.*
- 15-16 Union Hills Classic Foothills Sk8 Court
- 18..... President's Day (city offices closed)
- 19..... *City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.*
- 21..... *That Thursday Thing*
- 26..... *City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.*

### March

- 4..... *City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.*
- 11..... City Council Meeting vacated (NLC Conference)
- 18..... *City Council Workshop, 1:30 p.m.*
- 20..... *That Thursday Thing*
- 25..... *City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.*

For more information on events, call our Visitor Center at 623-930-4500, or check out [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com)

All events in italics will be held in Historic Downtown Glendale

## Glendale High School Cardinal Alumni and Community Homecoming Feb. 16

The Cardinal Booster Club invites alumni and the community to join them for a fun community event on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Glendale High School, located at 6216 W. Glendale Ave. The day will be filled with fun for all ages. Highlights include a classic car show with motorcycles and trucks, prizes, raffles, food, activities for the kids and more. All proceeds benefit the students of Glendale High School.

For more information about registering for the car show, call Stella Vasquez at 623-221-1290; or download a flyer and/or registration form at [www.guhsdaz.org](http://www.guhsdaz.org)



## Celebrate Friendship at That Thursday Thing!

Celebrate International Friendship Month with your best friend Feb. 21 in downtown Glendale for That Thursday Thing! from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy late night shopping and dining, and make a friendship bead bracelet from The Bead Museum. Start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up the beginning pieces of the bracelet along with a map listing all the locations to pick up the free beads. For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com).

## Are you smarter than a fifth grader? Take a lesson on water conservation.

"Water: we're saving it!" is the water conservation slogan created by Mr. Warren Jones' fifth grade students at Horizon Elementary School (see photo at right). Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students at Horizon School recently participated in Water Watchers, a water education program developed by the city of Glendale Water Conservation Office.

The program is available to all fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade teachers in the Glendale water service area and is funded by a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation and the city of Glendale.

Water Watchers provides students with the unique opportunity to develop an awareness of local water issues. Water Conservation staff and interns provide interactive discovery stations, where students gain hands-on experience with 3-D models of groundwater and watershed systems. The experience helps students understand the local water resources and gives them ideas for their service-learning community projects.

The fifth-grade students put their knowledge into practice by creating a water conservation awareness campaign, "Water: we're saving it!" They worked on a variety of projects to promote water conservation within their school, such as school-wide announcements, PowerPoint

## Preventing Crime is easy with environmental design

There are many different methods of crime prevention. One in particular is Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). CPTED is an urban planning tool that emphasizes the use of physical design features and land use characteristics to reduce or remove opportunities for criminal activity, thereby deterring criminal behavior.



A few of the inexpensive and easy CPTED fixes for your home and/or business are:

- Keep landscaping features trimmed and maintained. Consider raising the bottom at least two feet and keeping the top trimmed to a decent height especially in front of doors and windows. Trees should have canopies that you can walk under, not hide behind.
- Use lights that show true color and permit recognition of vehicles and/or pedestrians for at least 100 feet. Keep lights on from dusk to dawn.
- Eye viewers or "peep holes" should have at least a 180 degree scope of view.
- Immediately repair any physical damage to your home or business structure, such as broken windows, gates, latches or doors.

If you would like a home or business security survey with a trained professional, contact your Community Action Team to schedule an appointment at 623-930-3380.

presentations, story books, posters and a skit for the younger kids.

For information about the Water Watchers program, contact Joanne Toms at 623-930-3535.



## A Message from Mayor Elaine Scruggs: Looking back at 2007...



2007 has been a historical year for our city. The nation visited us in person and through the media to watch The Fiesta Bowl and the first-ever College BCS Championship Game played right here in Glendale. An extra 50,000 people showed up to enjoy our fantastic Glendale Glitters events. Another 50,000 showed up at spectacular Westgate City Center to watch the college bowl games on big screen TV's, and a few months later to cheer on Jordin Sparks as she sang her way to become an "American Idol."

This "fame" is new for Glendale and you have been telling me that you like it. As you see me in stores, at special events, and in the neighborhoods, so many of you stop to say how proud you are of Glendale, how much you like living here, and how excited you are about our future. The time you take to say "thanks" means more to me than words can convey. But today I want to thank you, because your confidence, support and help make it possible for us to achieve so much in Glendale.

What makes me happiest and most proud is that we have been able to maintain all our services at their high quality level as well as open new critical facilities and initiate programs to further serve you, our residents. You have told me that is what matters most to you also.

Public safety always comes first and 2007 was a hallmark year as we opened our Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Facility and our Emergency Operations Center; contracted with Air Evac to provide helicopter services for emergency medical situations; and purchased the state-of-the-art heart monitors for cardiac emergency treatment.

Delta Dental, Arizona School Furnishings, Coca-Cola and AAA are some of the companies that moved into Glendale in 2007 bringing hundreds of new, high quality jobs and further boosting our economy.

Recognizing the value you place on recreation and leisure services, we funded new parks as well as renovation of existing parks, and we provided our libraries with the resources to meet your needs as counted in the millions of items you checked out in 2007.

Everything accomplished this year by outstanding city employees and volunteers won't fit into 400 words allowed for this column. Yet, it all has contributed to making Glendale such a great city. With your help, we will grow even greater in 2008.

## Is your property in a designated flood hazard area?

Being prepared to handle an emergency is imperative to keeping you and your family safe. One step you must take is to find out if your property is located in a flood-prone area.

Some parts of Glendale are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as being in a special flood hazard area. Properties in these areas are required to purchase flood insurance as part of their home mortgage. However, other sections of the city are subject to flooding that are not shown of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

Glendale's Engineering Department has copies of the FIRMs for the entire city and can let you know if your property is in a special flood hazard area. They may also be able to let you know if flooding has been reported in your area in the past.

All properties within the city of Glendale can obtain flood insurance whether you are in a designated flood area or not. Remember, most standard homeowners' policies do not cover flood loss.

For more information, contact Glendale's Engineering Department at 623-930-3630.

## NEW! Register for free civic education classes conveniently online

Residents can now register on-line for any of the civic education classes Glendale offers through the city's new community education application system. This new system allows residents the convenience of registering for classes from home via our Web site, at [www.glendaleaz.com/CommunityPartnerships](http://www.glendaleaz.com/CommunityPartnerships).

The new application system can also be accessed from the city's home page by selecting the "Online Services" tab and then selecting "Class Registration." Users may create their own profile and select the classes they are interested in attending from the buttons at the bottom of the page. It's that simple. The new system also keeps track of all the classes previously attended via the password created.

Once you have selected your classes, a report is sent to the coordinator in the Neighborhood Partnership Office that registers you for the class! Applications submitted by mail or fax are still accepted.

