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## Chocolate Festival Sweetens Downtown February 9 & 10

Downtown Glendale will be filled with nearly 40 chocolate purveyors, featuring delicious confections and so much more during the Glendale Chocolate Affaire on February 9 and 10. You are sure to find all your sweet tooth cravings!

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 find some Willy Wonka-type magic happening and maybe a free sample of their treats.

Families with children will enjoy a variety of activities, face-painting, entertainment and more. And of course, Cerreta's chocolate-pizza-making booth is a hit with

all ages. The Chocolate Affaire is also the southwest region's largest gathering of romance novelists. Visitors can meet authors, get autographs and attend free writing workshops.

Admission is free. Event hours are Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday noon - 5 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues. The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is produced by Glendale's Special Events Division and sponsored by SRP, KTVK TV 3 and KPHO TV 5, Cerreta Candy Company, Arizona Republic, Bud Light, Swire Coca Cola and Diamond Resorts.

INFO: visitglendale.com or 623-930-2299

# Camelback Ranch Kicks Off 10th Spring Training Season on February 23



The back-to-back National League Champion
Los Angeles Dodgers and the Chicago White Sox open
their 11th season of Cactus League play at Camelback
Ranch-Glendale on Saturday, February 23. With great
new fan amenities, amazing ballpark food and a
schedule packed with awesome match-ups,
there's something for everyone at "The Ranch."

The clubs will play a combined 30 games this season at Glendale's own ballpark, including five evening contests.

At all Sunday games, children ages 12 and under can receive a lawn ticket for just \$5. Following the game, kids can run the bases like their favorite Major League star! At all Sunday-Wednesday games, senior citizens ages 65 and over and active and retired military members can receive 50 percent off day-of-game pricing for Infield Box tickets! On Thursdays, seniors can stroll around the bases postgame.

Parking at Camelback Ranch-Glendale is FREE and tickets start at just \$10 per game. Fans purchasing tickets in advance of the game date save \$3 per ticket off day-of-game pricing.

SCHEDULE/TICKETS:

CamelbackRanchBaseball.com or 623-302-5000

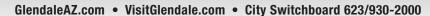
## Spring 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

Dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste products by scheduling an at-home pickup between February 25 and March 22. An itemized list is needed, so please have that ready when you call to schedule your appointment. The actual collections will be handled March 18 through April 5. Call the Solid Waste Division at 623-930-2660 to make your appointment.

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and wood stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, motor oil and filters, car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

There is a 20-gallon limit per item on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5-gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents. For complete details, visit glendaleaz.com/sanitation and click on "hazardous materials."

Make Your Appointment: February 25 – March 22 Collections: March 18 – April 5











## A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

Building relationships with businesses and organizations throughout the community to benefit Glendale is a part of my job that I enjoy. Recently I was approached by Tyler Francis of Francis Roses and Glendale Rose Society members Candy & Bill Sheperd about a Sahuaro Ranch Historical Rose Garden's beautification project. They asked for my help in spearheading the project to allow the project to become a reality.

Francis Roses' amazing donation of over 1,500 rose bushes, new soil, irrigation parts combined with the Mayor's offices' donation of \$2,000 to help the city's Public Facilities, Recreation & Special Events department fine-tune the existing irrigation system allowed over 50 trained volunteers to transform the existing garden in one day, late December. By hand, the existing 350+ garden bushes and soil were removed, replaced with prime quality soil and then leveled to ensure prime conditions for the Rose Garden to thrive. Irrigation system parts were updated and then 1500 rose bushes were planted.

Many of you may not realize that Arizona is the rosebush capital of the country and Francis Roses, located next to Luke Air Force base, has been operating their 2,000 + acre rose farm for over 25 years. They are a family operated company that prides itself in supplying over 1000 excellent quality varieties of rosebushes to wholesale distributors.

I encourage residents to visit the new rose garden located in Glendale's Sahuaro Ranch Park (9802 N. 59th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85302) in mid-February when the garden will begin blooming.

## Sign Up For The "Neighborhood Legislative Link" Program

Monday, January 14, 2019, marks the 1st Regular Session of the 54th Legislature. Each year hundreds of bills that impact our neighborhoods and individual residents are introduced, debated and signed into law. City of Glendale Public Affairs staff have created the "Neighborhood Legislative Link" program to inform our communities of the most up-to-date information on proposed legislation and committee hearing schedules which provide residents an opportunity to share their input and feedback to their legislators. Residents are invited to sign up for the city's "Neighborhood Legislative Link" program - through which they can receive updates throughout the legislative session – by contacting Deanne Torres at 623-930-2813 or DTorres@GLENDALEAZ.com.

## Free Green-Living Class Desert Plant Survival: A Beginner's Guide February 9

Join us Saturday, February 9 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Glendale Main Library, Auditorium (5959 W. Brown St.). Getting plants to thrive in the low desert takes more than luck; it takes proper plant selection, installation, watering, and maintenance. Jo Miller, Landscape Designer, will cover the basics on how to create a hardy, healthy and harmonious landscape. Register at 623-930-3760 or greenliving@ glendaleaz.com. To see a schedule of green-living classes, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green.

## Artist Talks – **Celebrating Black History: Richard Booker & Bob Martin** February 7 and 21

Glendale Main Library, Auditorium (5959 W. Brown St.)

On February 7 from 6 – 7:30 p.m., artist Richard Booker will share how his art allowed him to survive and "live his dream" during the Jim Crow Era in the South. Mr. Booker creates fine art that communicates mood, insight, viewpoint and visual impressions. On February 21 from 6 -7:30 p.m., artist Bob Martin will discuss his "life in color" – expanding on how his work reflects his family, culture and the way he grew up in New York City. He creates intense and colorful portraits with oil and acrylic. These programs are funded by the City of Glendale Public Art Program and are a part of West Valley Arts' fourth annual Vison & Sound: An African American Experience, a series of art exhibits, artist presentations and events.

INFO: 623-930-3573 or www.facebook.com/VisionandSound AnAfricanAmericanExperience

#### **Teen Advisory** Council February 21

Velma Teague Branch, Meeting Room (7010 N. 58th Ave.)

We invite teens, ages 12-18, to join our Teen Advisory Council on the 3rd Thursday evening of every month. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 21 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. You'll have the opportunity to meet Hannah, your Teen Librarian, and make new friends! We'll discuss volunteer opportunities. brainstorm ideas for types of activities and events you'd like to see at the library (crafts, book groups, gaming, etc.), eat snacks and have a good time. INFO: 623-930-3440

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