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You may notice that the Connection looks a little different this month. The format has been updated to highlight the city's new mission statement and organizational values that were recently adopted by the City Council. In 2016, the city began the process of creating a new strategic plan (for the first time in 20+ years). Adopting a new mission and organizational values is the most important aspect of the plan because they will be the foundation for future decisions on priorities and performance measures. If you visit a city facility, you are likely to see posters reflecting these key beliefs. These posters are one way of communicating the importance of these values to both city employees and residents.

You may wonder, how will this impact residents? City employees are working to exemplify these values through the services that they provide to residents every day. Through the next steps in the strategic planning process, the city will be identifying budget priorities, making service improvements, and streamlining operations with these values in mind. All of these efforts will ensure that the City of Glendale is providing the best community experience for our residents and business owners. If you would like additional information about the city's strategic plan, please contact Jean Moreno at 623-930-2870 or jmoreno@glendaleaz.com.

Xeriscape Garden Walk and Talk March 10

Take a leisurely stroll through the Glendale Xeriscape (low-water use) Demonstration Garden that surrounds the Glendale Main Library. City of Glendale Water Services staff will share a brief history of the garden, followed by a guided tour. We recommend wearing close-toed shoes, a hat and sunglasses. Join us at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) on Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. – noon.

Register at 623-930-3760 or greenliving@glendaleaz.com. Find additional class information at www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation/classesandeducation.cfm.

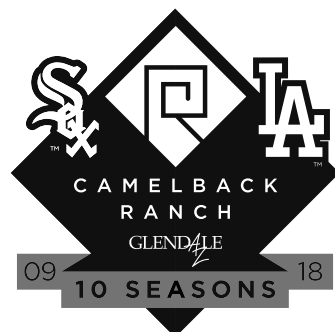


Register Kids Early for Summer Ball, Get Free Spring Training Tickets!

Play ball! It's time to register for Glendale's summer youth t-ball/baseball/softball leagues! Mark your calendar: the registration period is February 26 – April 13. Games will begin June 4. All youth divisions are coed, for children ages 4 through 12 years old. Cost for the league is \$55 for Glendale residents and \$75 for non-residents (\$10 late fee added after April 6). In addition, teen coed slow pitch softball will be offered for teens 13-17. The festive opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the Camelback Ranch spring training complex, and any participants registered by March 9 will receive two free tickets to a spring training game at Camelback Ranch! INFO: 623-930-2834 or 623-930-4612.

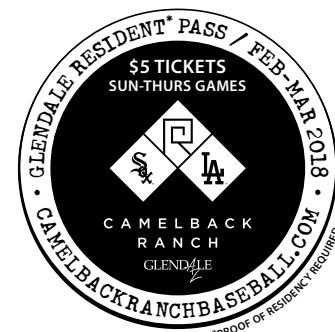
Get Cash for Removing Grass

Glendale water customers can receive a rebate for converting their grass lawns into desert-friendly landscapes. Save time, water, energy and money by making the switch to a more water-efficient landscape. INFO: 623-930-3760 or www.glendaleaz.com/Waterconservation



BASEBALL FANS!

Don't miss the exciting 10th season at Camelback Ranch with \$5 resident tickets
Sunday – Thursday
INFO: CamelbackRanchBaseball.com



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A Message from Mayor Jerry Weiers

In 2014, I combined two of my passions and created the Mayors' Big Dog Run. This event fuses my unwavering support for our veterans with my love of motorcycles. The bi-annual charity motorcycle ride benefits veteran's scholarship fund (VSF) and this year will support VSF at Glendale Community College through their Veteran Services Center.

Mayors' Big Dog Run offers riders an exclusive experience. This year's run will be on Saturday, April 7, 2018 and will feature a ride down the centerline of one of the runways at Luke Air Force Base and a lap inside University of Phoenix Stadium. For the first time, riders will have the opportunity to do a lap at ISM Raceway, formerly known as Phoenix International Raceway. The event is put on in partnership with the Glendale Chamber of Commerce's Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. It is important to me that we help as many veterans as possible. Providing them significant funds through the scholarship program to further their education will open new doors of opportunity. Having the funds necessary will help lead them into a long-term career that will help support their families.

In 2016, over 500 riders joined me for this great event. I look forward to seeing more there this year to make a bigger impact in the lives of those who served our country. To learn more about the event and to register visit: MayorsBigDogRun.com

As always, you can reach me at 623-930-2260 or mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com. You can also follow me on Twitter (@MayorWeiers), and YouTube ([youtube.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.youtube.com/MayorWeiers)).

In your service,
Jerry P. Weiers, Mayor

Movies by Moonlight Spring Film Series Begins March 2

Enjoy a family-friendly movie in downtown Glendale's Murphy Park. The Movies by Moonlight Spring Film Series kicks off March 2. Bring your blanket or lawn chair. Free pre-movie activities for kids start at 6 p.m. and the movie begins at 7 p.m. Movies by Moonlight will continue every Friday through March 30. For a complete listing of movies and more information, call 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Paris in the Spring Event March 10

You won't need to set foot on an airplane to experience Parisian style! Visit Glendale's Paris in the Spring event on Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for a worldly experience at an affordable price: free! This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris. Bring along your beret and enjoy entertainment, French Market, shopping and dining all with a Parisian theme! INFO: visitglendale.com or 623-930-4500

StoryWalk Grand Opening March 3

**Foothills Park
(18609 N. 57th Ave.)**

You won't want to miss Glendale StoryWalk's inaugural event! Join us on Saturday, March 3 from 11 a.m. – noon at the Foothills Park playground. Follow the story along the path, enjoy fun activities for the whole family and visit the Foothills Branch Library (19055 N. 57th Ave.).
INFO: 623-930-3852

World Music Programs in March

**Velma Teague Library
(7010 N. 58th Ave.)**

Start the month by registering for a World Music Family Workshop on Thursday, March 1 from 6 – 7 p.m. Sankofa-Island Magic founder and artist, Keith Johnson, will introduce kids and families to the traditional folklore, music, art and storytelling of West Africa.

Ages 12-18 will love our Teen Audio Production Workshop Series, running from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. on Mondays, March 5, 12 & 19 (and continuing April 2, 9 & 16). If you are interested in learning about how to write music using technology, then make sure to register for this series of six classes.

The March celebrations conclude with a World Music Concert for all ages in the Murphy Park Amphitheatre on Saturday, March 31 from 2 – 3 p.m. Feel the musical vibes of the Caribbean with drumming and dancing presented by Sankofa-Island Magic.

Stay tuned for more world music activities through July! These programs are funded in part by the City of Glendale through the Centerline Arts & Cultural Initiative. Visit <http://bit.ly/gplazeevents> or call 623-930-3437 to register.

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