

THE CONNECTION

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OCTOBER 2020

\$187.9 MILLION BOND 2020 SNAPSHOT

QUESTION 1: \$87.2 Million



- Citywide Park Improvements
- Updated PlaygroundsUpgraded Restrooms
- Heroes Park Buildout
- Splash Pad at O'Neil

QUESTION 3: \$9.9 Million



- Landfill Expansion
- Environmental Protection & Compliance



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCT. 5, 2020

ELECTION DAY NOV. 3, 2020

QUESTION 2: \$81.5 Million



- Street Construction & Reconstruction
- 59th, 67th & 83rd Avenues
- Bell, Thunderbird & Bethany Home Roads

QUESTION 4: \$9.3 Million



 Storm Drain & Overall Drainage Improvement Projects



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Bond Election November 3

It's not too late to be counted for your community. Voters in Glendale can voice their opinions on four important bond questions in the upcoming election to be held on November 3, 2020. If approved by voters, the four questions will make \$187,900,000 in new bond financing available for landfill, parks and recreation, streets and flood control projects.

- **Question 1** requests the authorization of \$87,200,000 for projects in existing Glendale parks, such as improvements to park infrastructure, the build-out of Heroes Regional Park, a new splash pad at O'Neil Park, improved park play structures, new park restrooms and more.
- **Question 2** requests the authorization of \$81,500,000 for street construction and reconstruction, including work on 59th, 67th and 83rd Avenues and more.
- Question 3 requests the authorization of \$9,900,000 for projects to expand the Glendale Landfill.
- **Question 4** requests the authorization of \$9,300,000 for flood control projects designed to improve storm drains and overall drainage in various parts of Glendale.

For more information about the bonds and a list of proposed projects visit: www.GlendaleAZ.com/Bond2O2O. To have your voice heard, make sure to register to vote before October 5. For information on how to register to vote, request a mail-in ballot, or to verify your voter registration status, visit: www.maricopa.vote or call 602-506-3535.

Avoid "The Knock"

Census Bureau employees began in-person follow-up with households that haven't yet responded to the 2020 Census in August. There's still time to complete the census by phone at 1-888-330-2020 or online at www.2020census.gov and avoid having a census taker come to your door.

If you do receive a knock, please answer the door – in a smart and safe manner! It is important to know that official Census Bureau employees will have an ID badge with their photograph and a US Department of Commerce watermark. They will also have census branded equipment such as a tote bag and mobile device. Census Bureau employees will never ask for social security numbers, banking information, passwords, or payments or donations of any kind. Census employees will be using health precautions such as face masks and social distancing for your protection and theirs. If you have questions about the identity of someone who comes to your door, you can call 1-844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

The Census Bureau may also be following up with households via phone and email to remind you to respond or to ask clarifying questions. These emails will come from 2020Census@subscriptions.census.gov and direct you to an official government (.gov) website.

It's not too late to be counted for your community. Complete the 2020 Census now to avoid "the knock" and support resources our community needs to respond to, and recover from, this public health and economic crisis. Now more than ever, we're all in this together!





A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

One of the reasons residents call my office is to ask, "What is Glendale doing to help the homeless?" Homelessness is not new, but it does require fresh approaches and we must be dynamic with the tools we use to help address it.

In late 2017, I learned about a day worker program that Albuquerque, NM was running and brought the idea to the Glendale Council. With a few program modifications and Council support, Glendale launched our own pilot program, *Glendale Works*.

Glendale Works is a unique partnership between the city and Phoenix Rescue Mission that provides able bodied and willing homeless individuals the opportunity to earn a wage by performing work on city clean-up projects that the city would normally hire contractors for. After completing their shift, program participants receive a day's wage, a meal and access to much needed services (hygiene, health, counseling, housing, etc.) in hopes of breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Last fiscal year the program resulted in 1,146 interactions with homeless individuals, over 7,130 hours and the completion of 141 projects. The increased contacts from the *Glendale Works* program allows more opportunities to engage and help people get back on their feet.

In June 2020, with the help of community sponsors, we were able to add a second van and shift to the successful program and I continue to be proud of how much of an impact this program has made.

Visit my initiatives page to learn more, www.glendaleaz.com/mayor.

In your service, Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

Front Porch Festival & Old Towne Marketplace October 10

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather in Historic Downtown Glendale at the 26th Annual Front Porch Festival & Old Towne Marketplace on Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Many of the shops and eateries have special activities planned for the day, including demonstrations, make & take crafts, delicious treats and so much more. Begin at the Arizona Information Center (5836 W. Palmaire Ave.) to pick up the event map. INFO: visitdowntownglendale.com

Automatic Renewals Are Here

Have you heard about Glendale Public Library's new automatic renewal service? Library materials checked out to you will now be automatically renewed for up to three additional checkout periods, provided there are no holds on the materials or blocks that would normally prevent renewals, such as fines, collection agency fees, overdue items, expired card, etc. After three renewals, materials must be returned. Magazines, Culture Passes, and Discovery and Exploration Backpacks cannot be renewed. Interlibrary loans cannot be auto-renewed. If you have any questions about whether an item was renewed or is renewable, or any other questions about auto-renewals, please contact the library at 623-930-3600 so you can avoid accruing overdue fines.

Grab and Go Crafts for Kids

Parents! Need crafts for your children? Never fear, the library is here! Stop by and pick up a free "Grab and Go" craft kit to complete at home. Appropriate for ages 12 and under (though kids younger than 5 years old will need an adult helper), these fun kits come with all necessary materials plus instructions, including a link to an online video. A new craft will debut on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and will be available daily, while supplies last. Visit our Library@ Home page at http://bit.ly/gplathome to see a list of upcoming crafts, including face masks and flip books. While you're there, don't forget to enjoy all our great live and prerecorded online programs for kids, teens, and adults. In October, we'll be featuring some special, spooky offerings, so don't miss out!

The Fall Green-Living Class Series is Live and Virtual

City of Glendale Water Services Department is partnering with the Watershed Management Group to offer a free, virtual class series to help Glendale residents create a more water and energy efficient home and yard. There are two classes in October, both classes are from 5:30 to 7 p.m.: **Composting** (Wednesday, October 7) and **The Giving Tree: Desert Tree Care** (Wednesday, October 21). INFO & REGISTRATION: www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation or 623-930-3596

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