

## THE CONNECTION

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**MARCH 2022** 



## LiVE! @ Murphy Park

LiVE! @ Murphy Park has returned to downtown Glendale, Thursday — Saturday from 7-9 p.m. throughout the month of March. Murphy Park is the perfect spot to dive into the local music scene and explore the cool vibe of downtown Glendale, where hyper-local shops and award-winning restaurants are all yours to discover.

INFO: www.glendaleaz.com/liveatmurphypark

### Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival March 5 & 6

Join us on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. for a celebration of folk music, its history and culture. The festival takes place at the city's beautiful Historic Sahuaro Ranch (9802 N. 59th Ave.). This FREE event features hundreds of performers from all over the country sharing their talents through music, poetry, art and workshops. INFO: www.glendaleaz.com/events

# 2022 City of Glendale Plein Air Painting Competition Saturday, March 5 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sahuaro Ranch Park

This event is presented by the City of Glendale Arts & Culture at the 2022 Folk & Heritage Festival. Competition is open to artists (18+) who paint using the Plein Air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic or pastel. Registration is from 8-10:30 a.m. on March 5 at the park (east end of the Fruit Packing Shed). Paintings must be done on event day within Glendale city limits and canvas size should not exceed 18"x24". Judging for purchase awards by Mayor and Council will occur at 3:30 p.m. INFO: publicart@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-3557

#### March Movies by Moonlight

Movies by Moonlight returns to your neighborhoods for the Spring. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars. Pre-event movie activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and movies start at dusk.

Friday, March 11 - Moana

Heroes Regional Park (83rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road)

Friday, March 25 – Jurassic Park

Sahuaro Ranch Park, Main Soccer Field (59th Avenue & Mountain View Road)

INFO: www.glendaleaz.com/events

## March Towards Water & Energy Savings

The city of Glendale Water Services
Department offers a free Green-Living
class series to help residents save water
and energy. Classes offered via Zoom from
6-7:30 p.m. are DIY Irrigation Maintenance, Troubleshoot, and Repair (March 2)
and the Basics of Seed Saving (March 30).
An in-person class, Irrigation 101: Control
Your Controller (March 19) will be held at
the Glendale Main Library from 10-11:30
a.m. INFO & REGISTRATION:
www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation

## Residential Customers Can Request a Free Conservation Kit

The city of Glendale Water Services
Department – Conservation & Sustainable Living Division was awarded funding from the APS Community Impact Grant to provide free conservation kits for Glendale residential water customers. A \$60 value; the kit includes a high-efficiency showerhead, garden hose nozzle, LED light bulb, conservation literature, and more!
Conservation kits are limited to one kit per household. Request your free kit at: www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation

#### Paris in the Spring Event March 12

You won't need to set foot on an airplane to experience Parisian style! Visit Historic Downtown Glendale's Paris in the Spring event on Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for a worldly experience! This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fine food, culture and shopping with a Parisian twist. Bring along your beret and enjoy a beautiful Spring day! Start at the Arizona Information Center (5836 W. Palmaire Ave.) to pick up the activity list and walking map. INFO: visitdowntownglendale.com



## A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

#### **GLENDALE MOVING FORWARD**

At the City Council workshop on December 14, 2021, the Economic Development Department made a presentation of the Glendale Economic Growth Scorecard.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:**

- Glendale has seen a population increase of nearly 10% since 2010, with 64% of the growth occurring since 2015;
- There has been more job growth in Glendale than other neighboring cities;
- Glendale has had a phenomenal increase in construction, amusement, hotel and commercial, and residential leasing compared to similar Valley cities;
- Because of strong financial management in the past 10 years, the city is experiencing a nearly 40% revenue growth;
- In that same time, the city's debt has decreased by 50%.

What's so important about this report is to note how far we've come. In 2014, Glendale's bond rating (which defines our city's strength and ability to repay a debt) from S&P was BBB. We were on the verge of filing bankruptcy. Now our bond rating with S&P is AA (nearly the highest level). This financial turnaround translates into lower interest rates and enormous taxpayer savings.

The City Council's strategy to focus on commercial/industrial development, infill, and workforce housing has transformed Glendale into a growth leader. Additionally, we have seen a significant increase in multi-family housing with more than 2,000 units permitted in FY21.

See the full report at www.glendaleaz.com. Click on Your Government > Council Meetings, Agendas & Minutes > December 14, 2021 Amended City Council Workshop > PowerPoint Presentation (under item 1).

In your service, Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

#### Live @ the Library: Driftwood Quintet's Violin Showstoppers

Monday, March 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Main Library Auditorium 5959 W. Brown Street

Driftwood Quintet returns with a set of showstoppers for violin and reed quintet. Violinist Patricia Cole will shine on striking works by Margaret Bonds and William Grant Still, and shred arpeggios on film composer Max Richter's minimalist "November." Driftwood Quintet will round out the concert with works by Villa-Lobos, Ravel, and their fan-favorite flashy arrangement of Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice.

This performance is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant.

#### Live @ the Library: An Afternoon of Dance and Film

Saturday, March 26, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium 5959 W. Brown Street

Kraken Still & Film, a contemporary dance company specializing in presenting dance in various media, including film, photography, and traditional live performance, will premiere new dance works for the Spring 2022 season. The matinee will showcase a dance film and a live performance.

This performance is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant.

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

Monday, January 10, 2022, marked the 2nd Regular Session of the 55th 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

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