

# THE CONNECTION

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### Get Ready to Geek Out at LIBCON West!

Saturday, December 3, 1 – 6 p.m. Velma Teague Library (7010 N. 58th Ave.)

The Glendale Public Library is proud to present its sixth annual comic convention in the heart of downtown Glendale at the Velma Teague Library and the surrounding Murphy Park. Dress as your favorite character or come as you are to this free, all-ages celebration of everything pop culture.

LIBCON West features comic book creators, cosplay groups, dozens of vendors, live performances, games, prizes, and crafts for kids. Following the convention, participants are encouraged to experience the historic downtown area's delicious restaurants, holiday shopping, and festive lights. Visit **www.libconwest.org** for more information.



### Glendale Glitters through January 7

The excitement of Glendale Glitters includes Murphy Park lights and displays, performances in the amphitheater, the Hometown Christmas Parade, Movies by Moonlight and additional events held by the downtown merchants.

The lights will be on each evening through January 7. It is the perfect kick-off to the holiday season as you enjoy hyper-local shops, boutiques and award-winning restaurants in the heart of downtown Glendale. In addition to Glendale Glitters, we have a variety of fun offerings downtown year-round including a full concert series called LiVE!@Murphy Park. INFO: www.glendaleaz.com/glendaleglitters



### Annual Hometown Christmas Parade December 10

Join us in downtown Glendale on Saturday, December 10 at 11 a.m. for the Annual Hometown Christmas Parade. The parade begins at 52nd Avenue south of Glendale Avenue. The route will proceed west on Glendale to 58th Avenue. INFO: www.hcparade.org

## Jingle Bell Hike December 10

Join us on Saturday, December 10 from 9 – 11 a.m. for a family friendly Jingle Bell Hike at Thunderbird Conservation Park. You don't need to be an experienced hiker to join us. It's a moderate hike on Sunrise Trail, but you only need to get halfway up to see Santa. The event is free! INFO: www.glendaleaz.com/Events or follow us at Facebook.com/

## Movies by Moonlight December 16

Movies by Moonlight continues the 3rd Friday of each month through April. Join us December 16 at Murphy Park for *The Grinch*.

Pre-movie activities begin at 5 p.m. Check our website for updated information on these free movies: www.glendaleaz.com/Events or follow us at Facebook.com/GlendaleParksandRec.

# 15th Annual Santa's Workshop December 17

Jingle on over to get your free photo and visit with Santa. Families can enjoy hot cocoa, treats, crafts, fun activities and music! Space is limited and pre-registration is required! Join us at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Dr.) on Saturday, December 17 from 2 – 4 p.m. INFO: 623-930-4600.



## A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

It's almost time for the 9th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade!

Everyone is invited to downtown Glendale on Saturday, December 10 to enjoy the family-friendly festivities that will take place between 52nd and

58th Avenues, along Glendale Avenue. Spectators of all ages are encouraged to find their spot before the parade starts at 11 a.m. Enjoy more than 100 entries featuring local schools, churches, service organizations and businesses. Parade participants and sponsors from across the Valley will be celebrating the reason for the season. There is still time to sign up to participate in the parade with an entry or as a volunteer.

The parade supports Hope for Hunger Food Bank, a Glendale food bank. The event proceeds and food drive donations benefit the roughly 300 families the food bank assists each day. Last year, we raised \$30,000 that the food bank used to purchase food throughout the year. We are asking for your help to collect canned goods or give an online donation. Starting on November 1, you can pick up and return collection boxes to City Hall or any city library before parade day or bring your boxes to the parade and leave them at one of the collection points.

On behalf of those in need, thank you for your participation. Together we can make a positive difference in the lives of those most vulnerable in our city!

All the details can be found online at www.hcparade.org.



### Save Water and Lower Your Sewer Fee

Did you know that your water use billed in January, February, and March is used to calculate your annual sewer fee? Starting in December, reduce your water use during these winter months to lower your sewer charge.

#### Follow these easy tips to lower your monthly water bill:

- Fix leaky toilets, faucets, and showerheads.
- · Fix irrigation and pool leaks.
- · Adjust your irrigation schedule monthly.

If you have a leak or fill your pool during the sewer average period, you can appeal your sewer charge. Visit **www.glendaleaz.com/watersewertrashbilling** for more information.

### Shred It & Drug Take Back Event December 3

Join the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and Police's Community Action Teams on Saturday, December 3 at the Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown Street). Each household can bring up to six banker-size boxes of PAPER only to be transported and shredded off site. We will accept all unused prescriptions and over the counter medication as well. NO SHARPS, LIQUIDS or INHALERS. This free service will be offered from 8 – 11 a.m.

INFO: 623-930-2540 or www.glendaleaz.com/police

## Glendale Public Library: A Century of Community

Did you know that the Glendale Public Library officially became a part of our city government a century ago, on December 26, 1922? We've come a long way from our humble beginnings in 1895, with just 400 books in the office of a downtown lumberyard. Help us celebrate our Centennial as the "heartbeat of the community" with a series of programs focusing on the history of libraries and our Arizona heritage. Enjoy decade-themed crafts for all ages, children's events, keynote speakers, and much more through May 2023. Visit **gplaz.org/glendale100** to view our current month's "Glendale 100" selection.

We're also offering a special 100 Years, 100 Books Reading Challenge with prizes for kids and teens, plus two limited-edition Centennial library card designs! Choose from an elegant art deco look or colorful balloons.

This program is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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