

# THE CONNECTION

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The City of Glendale is gearing up for the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 2 at Sahuaro Ranch Park (59th Ave. & Mountain View). Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise. This ride is FREE for all ages and skill levels! The ride will feature three routes – short (7 miles), long (15 miles) and extended (23 miles). Bicyclists will take a leisurely ride through neighborhoods that highlight Glendale bike lanes and pathways. The extended route also showcases the 63rd Avenue pedestrian/bicycle bridge. The ride begins at 8 a.m., all riders must be on the road by 8:30 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at rest stops along the routes. Helmets are required for all participants. If you need a helmet, they will be available at the event or recycle your old helmet for a new one, while supplies last. There will be two bike check-up stations, bicycle safety information, health and wellness booths, food and drink trucks, music, games, and inflatable obstacle courses. The first 500 riders that register and attend will receive an event t-shirt and reflective drawstring backpack. All riders that complete the ride will receive a keepsake medal. In addition, all registered riders are eligible to enter to win a NEW BIKE to be raffled off at the park after the ride. Register at www.glendaleaz.com/ familybikeride. INFO: 623-930-2940 or transportationinfo@glendaleaz.com

#### **Glendale Water Awareness Day**

Join us for a timely discussion about the city of Glendale's water resources, Drought Management Plan and stormwater, led by our Water Services Department. This free, family-friendly event will also include crafts for kids, desert-wise landscape classes for adults, water conservation resources and a plant/seed exchange. Glendale cares about the water we share! Join us Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) in the auditorium. For more information and registration, please call 623-930-3596 or visit us online at www.Glendaleaz.com/waterconservation.

## Movies by Moonlight April 21

Join us at Heroes Park for a free movie, *Luca*, on April 21. Pre-movie activities begin at 5 p.m. Check our website for updated information: **www.glendaleaz.com/events** or follow us on Facebook.com/GlendaleParksandRec

# Is Your Property in a Designated Flood Hazard Area?

Did you know some parts of Glendale are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as being in a special flood hazard area (SFHA)? Properties in these areas are required to purchase flood insurance as part of their federal-backed home mortgage. However, other sections of the city are subject to flooding that are not shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

Glendale's Engineering Department has copies of the current FIRMs for the entire city and can let you know if your property is in a SFHA and may be able to let you know if flooding has been reported in your area in the past. The city's Engineering department also has copies of the most recent FEMA elevation certificates for some structures, Letters of Map Revisions (LOMRs) and Letters of Map Amendments (LOMAs) within the city as well as the current floodplain ordinance on file.

All properties within Glendale can obtain flood insurance whether you are in a designated flood area or not. Remember, homeowners' policies do not cover flood loss. INFO: 623-930-3656 or go to glendaleaz.com and search "flood zone determination."

## A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers



#### GLENDALE IS THE PLACE TO BE!

What a week Glendale experienced hosting Super Bowl LVII! I am so proud of all the hard work our city employees put in to make this massive event happen and our police and fire personnel who worked overtime to ensure everyone's safety. The game – and all the events surrounding it – showed the world that Glendale is the place to be. As I did at our last Super Bowl, I heard lots of positive reviews! We have a city to be proud of and I expect that more people and businesses will see our great city as the place for them.

The week of events ended with a fantastic football game, but the result of having the game here will continue to be seen. Every city and town in Arizona will benefit through revenue-sharing. In addition, there are lasting impacts that will help our community. Glendale schools in high-need areas now have Grab and Go meal carts, numerous homes and parks in the Ocotillo District were refurbished by volunteers with Rebuilding Together, and the Food Recovery Network collected the unused food from the Player's Tailgate Party and got it to Phoenix Rescue Mission to serve to those in need.

This was a huge success for Glendale. Anyone who has ever doubted Glendale's ability to host a mega event witnessed the greatest game hosted by the greatest employees. I'm proud to be your mayor!

In your service, Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

### **Annual Sidewalk Sale** in Historic Downtown Glendale April 8

Head to Historic Downtown Glendale for sales galore on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Start at the Arizona Information Center (5836 W. Palmaire Ave.) to pick up the activity list and walking map. Shop – Eat – Repeat! INFO: www.visitdowntownglendale.com

### **Spectacular Spring Book Sale**

Our spring cleaning is your spring reading! Don't miss a huge assortment of books and media with something for everyone. This Foothills Library sale runs from 10 a.m. -4 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 and 1 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, with adult material in the Roadrunner Room and material for kids and teens in the Hummingbird Room. Come on Saturday for the best selection and again on Sunday for bargain Buck-a-Bag pricing. We'll provide the bags for you to fill! Our Buck-a-Bag Bonanza will continue from Monday, May 1 through Sunday, May 7, during regular library hours in the Hummingbird Room.

#### Glendale 100 Continues

The library is celebrating 100 years as a part of city government with a series of special programming. Be sure to catch these Sunday highlights, both from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Dr. Lynne Kitei, author of *The Phoenix Lights:* A Skeptic's Discovery That We Are Not Alone, executive producer of the related documentary and creator of the Phoenix Lights Network (www.thephoenixlights.net), was one of the key witnesses to the March 13, 1997 event. Learn about her experience on April 16.

Glendale native Marty Robbins was one of the most popular and successful country and western singers from the late 1940s to the early 1980s. Attend an afternoon celebrating his colorful life and legacy with a talk from his biographer Andrew Means, plus a tribute performance from musician Ronnie Hazlett on April 30.

Glendale 100 programs are 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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