



## City of Glendale

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*Photo attached: Jim Burke. Glendale's Director of Public Facilities Recreation & Special Events*

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## **JIM BURKE NAMED DIRECTOR OF GLENDALE'S PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION & SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps has selected Jim Burke as the city's new director over the Public Facilities, Recreation and Special Events Department. The permanent appointment comes three months after Burke assumed the role as the departments interim director.

"Jim brings decades of experience and leadership to this important role directly serving our public," said Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps. "He understands this region and the needs of our residents and we are very pleased to have him become a permanent member of our team."

Burke began the transition into his role last December when he was named interim director of Public Facilities, Recreation and Special Events. "Glendale has a very robust parks system, and this is an exciting time with many opportunities to continue to serve those who live, work and play in this great city," said Burke.

Burke brings 34 years of experience in the parks and recreation profession. Most recently, he was the Parks and Recreation Director for the city of Phoenix where he managed a \$106.5 million operating budget and oversaw a department with more than 1,000 full-time and 900 contract employees. Burke played a key role with the development of the extensive land preserve system in Phoenix, execution of several major library projects and he worked on the planning and design of multiple community centers, pool complexes and golf courses during his tenure with city of Phoenix.

Burke holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and a Master's Degree from the University of Phoenix.

*Glendale's Public Facilities, Recreation and Special Events Department provides a multitude of "quality of life" services to residents across the city, including the operation of parks, recreational amenities, festivals and event and civic meeting space and brings in revenue through tourism programs that drive visitors to the city. For more information, visit [www.GlendaleAz.com](http://www.GlendaleAz.com).* |

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