



Cactus Weekly Update



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Glendale is Seeking Comments on a Temporary Archery Range During a Public Meeting and Archery Demonstration. With the help of the popular “Hunger Games” books and movies, the sport of archery is gaining a renewed interest with people. Archery enthusiasts and clubs have expressed an interest in Glendale creating a temporary archery range at Glendale Heroes Regional Park, 8300 W. Bethany Home Rd.

To find out the public’s interest and level of support for this venture, Glendale Parks and Recreation staff will be holding a public meeting and a public archery demonstration/open house. The public meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the park’s X-Court building.

The meeting will include a review of the park’s conceptual master plan, a review of the proposed location of a temporary archery range in the park and a short presentation of archery. This is an informational meeting to hear from the public where questions and comments will be answered and addressed.

In addition, a public archery demonstration and open house will be held at the proposed location for the temporary archery range at the park at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25. For approximately two hours the public is invited to see demonstrations of the sport and archery professionals in action. The proposed archery range location and size, which is north of the ramada complex, will be marked. The public will get an idea of the scope of the proposed temporary facility. USA Archery Arizona will bring in archery experts, and Corner Archery, a local archery shop, will have representatives present. A question and answer session will be held, and public comments will be accepted as well.

For more information about the proposed project, call 623-930-4334.

City of Glendale Public Budget Meetings Scheduled. The city of Glendale will conduct seven budget meetings over the next three months:

- Tuesday, January 21 from 9 a.m. to noon
- Tuesday, February 4 from 9 a.m. to noon
- Tuesday, February 18 from 9 a.m. to noon
- Tuesday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to noon
- Tuesday, March 25 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The meetings will be held at Glendale City Hall in room B3, and free parking is available in the city hall parking garage. The meetings will also be broadcast live on Glendale 11 TV and live online at www.glendaleaz.com/video. The meetings are archived on the city website for viewing 24/7 at www.glendaleaz.com/video. Budget documents will be posted on the city’s website at www.glendaleaz.com/budget prior to the meetings. Additional meetings could be added to the calendar if deemed necessary.



Keep Calm and Eat Chocolate, Glendale Chocolate Affaire Returns February 7-9. Did you know that the average American consumes around ten pounds of chocolate each year? Get a head start on your annual ten pounds at the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, held the weekend before Valentine’s Day, Feb. 7-9 in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Chocolate purveyors from Arizona and around the nation gather in Glendale for this award-winning festival, which celebrates not only chocolate, but romance and the arts as well. Chocolatiers will create confections such as chocolate-covered strawberries, chocolate-drizzled kettle corn, chocolate-covered nuts, berry chocolate

kabobs, fudge popsicles, chocolate covered cheesecake and bananas, fried Twinkies and fried Snickers dipped in chocolate and much more.

The Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta's. The candy factory will offer tours all weekend, so visitors can get a behind-the-scenes look at how the chocolatiers create everyone's favorite candy.

Over the years, the festival has become the largest gathering of national romance novelists in the Southwest. This symposium of literary romantics offers fans the opportunity to get up close and personal with authors, as well as the chance to attend free writing workshops given by the experts. In addition, the event will feature a Plein Air competition on Saturday that will award several prizes for paintings completed on-site or around Glendale that day. Additional information on the Plein Air event is available at www.glendaleaz.com/arts/.

Families with children will enjoy myriad activities, including hands-on arts and crafts, face-painting, a rock-climbing wall, carnival rides and inflatables.

Event hours are Friday 5 - 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Cerreta's Candy Company, ABC 15, Sears Vacations, SRP, The Arizona Republic, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, YooHoo, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, Diamond Resorts, the Glendale Public Art Program, the AZ Scitech Festival, Camelback-Ranch Glendale and the Coyotes.

For more information on the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, including the entertainment lineup and a list of authors making appearances, [click here](#). Or call the special events hotline at 623-930-2299.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

Library Hosts "Read Local Romance: It's More Than You Expect!" Shop local, eat local...why not "Read Local?" With Valentine's Day and the Glendale Chocolate Affaire approaching, love is in the air and the Velma Teague Branch Library will feature "*Read Local Romance: It's More Than You Expect!*" Find something new to read and show support for local authors as they discuss and sign their small-press and self-published romances at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the library located at 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Each author will have approximately five minutes to promote their book, with a group signing afterward. Authors and sub-genres include:

- Shobhan Bantwal - East Indian romance - www.shobhanbantwal.com
- Tia Dani - Time travel romance - www.tiadani.com
- Laurel Hawkes - Regency historical romance - laurelhawkes.blogspot.com
- Morgan Kearns - Sports romance - www.morgankearns.com
- V.S. Nelson - Paranormal romance - authorvsnelson.com
- Tina Radcliffe - Inspirational romance - www.tinaradcliffe.com
- Deena Remiel - Gothic/horror romance - www.deenaremiel.com
- Vijaya Schartz - Fantasy romance - www.vijayaschartz.com
- Kris Tualla - Historical suspense romance - www.kristualla.com
- Brenda Whiteside - Contemporary romance - www.brendawhiteside.com

The program is free, and books will be available for purchase and signing. Book prices will vary. For more information, call 623-930-3431.

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