



Chocolate, Wine & Romance Glendale's Sweetest Festival Feb. 7-9

The weekend before Valentine's Day, Feb. 7-9, is a delicious delight for the senses as the Glendale Chocolate Affaire takes over downtown Glendale to create a chocolate-lover's dream!

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, gourmet chocolate candies, chocolate-drizzled kettle corn, chocolate-covered nuts, chocolate covered cheesecake and bananas, fried Twinkies and fried Snickers dipped in chocolate and much more.

Besides buying and eating chocolate, the festival is the largest gathering of national romance novelists

in the Southwest. Literary fans can meet authors and attend free writing workshops. Other activities include 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, Camelback-Ranch Glendale and the Coyotes.

INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299

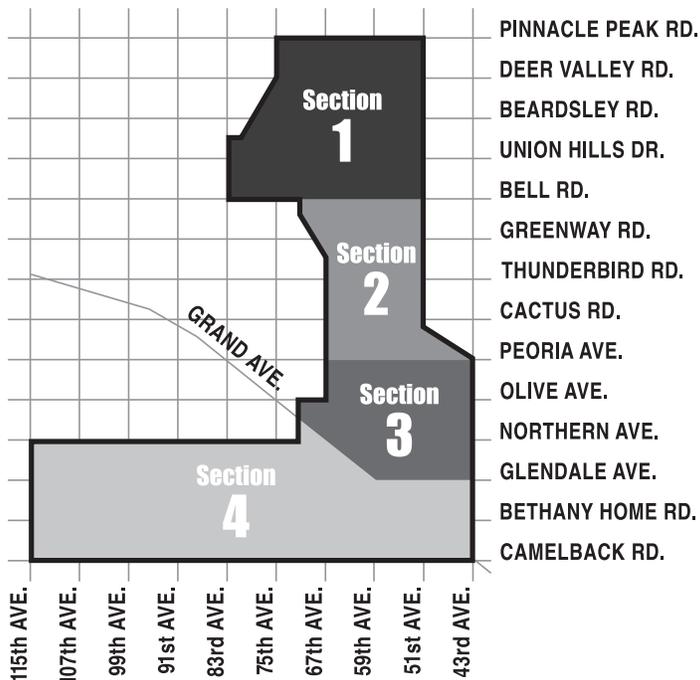
Spring 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

Dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste products by scheduling an at-home pickup between February 24 and March 21. The actual collections will be handled March 17 through April 4. Call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 to make your appointment.

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and wood stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, motor oil and filters, car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5-gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents. For complete details, visit glendaleaz.com/sanitation and click on "hazardous materials."

Bulk Trash Collection | February & March



Your collection week will be:

- **Section 1**
February 3-7 | March 3-7
- **Section 2**
February 10-14 | March 10-14
- **Section 3**
February 17-21 | March 17-21
- **Section 2**
February 24-28 | March 24-28

Items must be ready for collection no later than Monday at 6 a.m. the week of your collection.

Residents may place bulk trash out no earlier than the Thursday before your scheduled service week (ex: Thursday, Jan. 30 for Monday Feb. 3) and no later than 6 a.m. the Monday of your scheduled service.

More information at www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/bulktrash.cfm or call the Sanitation Office at 623-930-2660.



A Message From Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack

A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Preparedness

Disasters can occur anywhere and anytime. Be it a flood, a major hazmat incident, severe weather, a pandemic or even a terrorist incident – these events can and

do happen across the country. It isn't a matter of 'if' a disaster will strike, the question is 'when' and "Are you ready?"

The Glendale Citizen Corps is an organization created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our community safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in events and activities that will make their families, their homes and their communities safer from the threats of disasters of all kinds.

The mission of the Glendale Citizen Corps is "To coordinate and support effective collaboration and partnerships between government, non-profit agencies and Glendale citizens in order to build a disaster resistant community

prepared for tomorrow."

The Citizen Corps achieves this mission through a whole community approach which includes these elements:

- Understand Community Complexities
- Recognize Community Capabilities and Needs
- Foster Relationships with Community Leaders
- Build and Maintain Partnerships
- Create Space at the Table with First Responders and Decision Makers
- Empower Local Action
- Leverage and Strengthen Social Infrastructure, Networks and Assets

For information on special projects and community events, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or trainer, please contact Opal Evans at 623-872-5026 or oevans@glendalecitizencorps.com. For more information on emergency preparedness, including how to assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit, visit www.ready.gov.



Glendale University Learn How Your City Government Works

The city of Glendale offers a variety of educational programs, including a behind-the-scenes look at how your city works! Glendale University 101, sponsored by Cox Communications, is a 10-session program that offers a peek into how city government works. GU 101 classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday evenings. Applications are being accepted through February, 2014 and the next session will begin in March, 2014.

The series kicks off with a night of getting to know your Mayor and Councilmembers. Subsequent sessions cover the inner workings of a variety of city services, including: public safety, city court, public works, community services, finance and budget, and much more.

To participate in Glendale University, you must be 16 or older, a resident of Glendale, or own a business in Glendale. Attendees who complete at least eight of the ten GU 101 classes will be honored at a graduation ceremony.

Register by using the city's Community Education Internet Application System. Users will be able to create their own online profiles and select classes they are interested in attending from the buttons at the bottom of the page. INFO: 623-930-2868 or glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships

Science & Technology Events Return to Glendale!

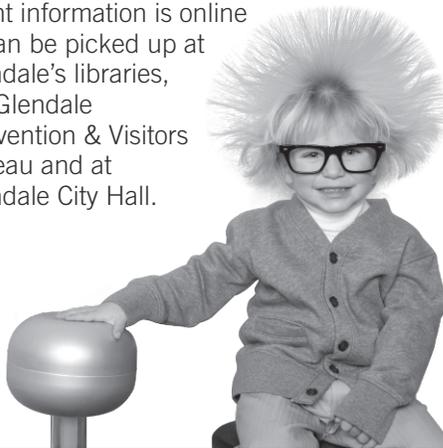
The 2014 Glendale Passport to Science is back! Free family events, geocaching adventures, science student challenges, and an adult's night out are all part of the fun.

The Glendale Passport to Science is proud to be a part of the Arizona SciTech Festival, a state-wide series of expos, workshops, tours and demonstrations of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM or STEAM when you include the arts) held annually in February and March.

For the most updated event details statewide, visit <http://azscitechfest.org/>, and look for

Glendale and West Valley events at www.glendaleaz.com/science.

Event information is online or can be picked up at Glendale's libraries, the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau and at Glendale City Hall.



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For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit glendaleaz.com/calendar.

Please note that due to printing deadlines, we encourage you to check our online version of this newsletter at glendaleaz.com/connection for the most up-to-date event information and details.