



Our sports and entertainment district is known for its mega events and is often referred to as a nationally recognized tourist destination. Especially during this time of year there are so many big events, including Coyotes hockey, the Fiesta Bowl, the Cardinals home playoff game, and the upcoming Wrestlemania XXVI. This area really puts Glendale in the national spotlight.

It seems that a lot of people think of Westgate just for the exciting events that take place there but don't think of it as a great place to shop on a regular basis. Far from being a place to find just specialty or novelty items, Westgate has a great selection of stores where we can find things we all need and use. As an example, here is what I accomplished last month in just a very short time.

I was near Westgate City Center with an hour to spare before a lunch meeting so I used the ample free parking just steps from the stores. With just that short amount of time I was able to make several gift purchases for people on my list.

My quick and easy shopping trip began with a stop at The Body Shop, which has a wide assortment of bath, body, fragrance, makeup, skin and hair care products. From there I made a trip over to McFarlane Toys. We all have that person to shop for who is a kid at heart, and MacFarlane offers a really fun assortment of collectible action figures, toys and comics. Just as sure as you have the collector to shop for at McFarlane, you probably also have the fashion bug to shop for. I found my fashion bug the perfect gift at Apricot Lane, which is a women's fashion boutique that offers affordable fashion jewelry, handbags, accessories and branded apparel.

If I had unlimited time to shop, I would have been able to find so much more for those on my list. The large number of options is too many to mention them all here, but I encourage you to go to www.westgateaz.com for a complete list of all retailers and other tenants of Westgate City Center.

I had to cut my shopping a little short because of a lunch meeting which was held at one of my new favorite places to dine. Bice Bistro is a great place for lunch or dinner. The food is excellent and it has a unique, contemporary ambience and is a great choice if you are looking for a quieter restaurant. Of course this is just one of the many great options for dining at Westgate City Center. ([Click Here](#)) to look at the list of Westgate dining.

Westgate City Center is such an important part of our city, not just for the exciting events

that are hosted there but also for the environment that has been created and the many options that it provides for shopping, dining and entertainment. I encourage all of you to make your way to Westgate City Center and see all that it has to offer.

Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.