



## Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

One of Glendale's longstanding hometown traditions is the Glendale Summer Band. The Glendale Summer Band has been around for 41 years and consists of over 100 volunteer members, ranging in ages from 15 to nearly 90. The band is back performing at our Murphy Park amphitheatre every Thursday night at 8:00 PM through July 20. The concerts are free of charge and there are food and refreshments available for purchase at the park.

The late E. Lowell Rogers, a music supervisor for the Glendale school district, partnered with the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department to form the band in 1966. The band began performing in the parking lot of the Bashas' grocery store. They then performed on a portable metal stage before moving to the basketball courts of O'Neill Park. In 1985, the city of Glendale built our current office complex. During the design of the complex, it was decided that an amphitheatre would connect the building housing the city hall offices and the building housing the council chambers and meeting rooms. The amphitheatre was designed and constructed specifically with the summer band in mind. The band has performed at the amphitheatre of Murphy Park ever since.

E. Lowell Rogers served as the conductor of the band for 22 years. John Farris is the current conductor of the band and has been for the past 14 years. One member remains from the 18 that made up the original band in 1966. Bill Wells was an original member and continues to play saxophone for the band in the summer of 2007.

I invite all of you to come be a part of Glendale's rich history and tradition by spending a Thursday night watching the Glendale Summer Band at Murphy Park.

Thank you for taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or [mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com](mailto: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.

