



Glendale is known for the exciting, traditional events and festivals that we hold each year. These events draw visitors to our city and help to promote our downtown businesses. One of our most popular traditions is the Chocolate Affaire Festival. The Chocolate Affaire has been listed in the top 100 events in North America by the Washington Post, the Seattle Times and American Bus Association. This year, the Chocolate Affaire Festival is being held on the Friday and Saturday of Super Bowl weekend.

The Chocolate Affaire will include nearly 40 chocolate purveyors, with everything from chocolate covered Belgian waffles to chocolate-banana egg rolls. There will be numerous family events, including hands-on arts and crafts, a rock climbing wall and face painting. There will be live entertainment and historic horse-drawn carriage rides through historic Catlin Court. The Chocolate Affaire has also become the largest gathering of romance novelists in the southwest. More than 35 renowned authors will be on-hand to meet with fans and to provide free writing workshops.

The Chocolate Affaire Festival is sponsored each and every year by Cerreta Candy Company, a family owned and operated business that has become a landmark in downtown Glendale. This year, in honor of the Super Bowl being played in Glendale on the same weekend, Cerreta Candy Company is donating a 300 pound chocolate football which will be raffled off by members of my Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC). Because of Cerretas' generosity, MYAC is able to raise money that will go back into the community through MYAC's numerous community outreach projects.

The Chocolate Affaire will be held on Friday, February 1 from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM and Saturday, February 2 from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM in historic downtown Glendale, at Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale Avenues. Free parking is available throughout downtown Glendale. There will not be a parking shuttle service set up for this event. ([Click Here](#)) for more information about the event and for a list of entertainment.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale 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.

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