

Glendale Glitters December Weekends

On Friday and Saturday evenings, December 5 – 20, downtown Glendale will be aglow with 1.5 million sparkling holiday lights, and Murphy Park will be filled with entertainment, arts and crafts and delicious food. Each weekend has a special theme with all kinds of fun for all ages. Events take place 6 - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299



**Glendale's Jingle Bell
Rockin' Nights**

December 5 - 6



December 12 - 13



December 19 - 20

Downtown Holiday Light Display Through January 10

The 1.5 million downtown holiday lights will remain on every night from 5 - 11 p.m. through January 10. Our next event will be the Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party on January 10.

Glendale Vintage Civic Pride Keepsake Ornaments Offered for a Special Holiday Price While Supplies Last!

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors have vintage collectible ornaments for sale. The collection includes ornaments featuring the Glendale Civic Center, Glendale Fire Station # 157 and mural, Glendale's award winning Fiesta of Light Parade Float, Luke Air Force Base, The Veterans' Memorial, Jobing.com Arena (now Gila River Arena), City of Glendale Police Department, City of Glendale Fire Department, Murphy Park/Velma Teague, Historic Sahuaro Ranch Park, University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale Centennial (1910-2010), Thunderbird Tower, and Glitter & Glow. Quantities are limited and only available while supplies last for the special price of \$5 each (normally \$10 - \$13 each).

The 2013 Cerreta Candy Company ornament is still available as well for \$16. The ornaments are beautifully packaged for gift-giving and can be purchased at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140). INFO: 623-930-4500 or visitglendale.com



Holiday Horse & Carriage Rides

Horse & carriage rides in historic downtown Glendale will run nightly during our non-event nights, beginning November 30 from 6 - 9 p.m. (depending on weather and demand). The carriage ride line forms at 58th Avenue & Glenn Drive. Rides cost \$25 per carriage (up to 6 people) and take you through 6 blocks of historic downtown Glendale. Carriage rides will not be available during our event nights. INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299

Glendale Has Great Gift Giving Ideas

Looking for a different or unique gift to give for the holidays? Classes and recreation center passes make great gifts for everyone. Your child or grandchild would love to get a hip hop dance or karate class. A Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Pass allows your best friend to swim laps, use the fitness center and attend a variety of fitness classes. You can gift your spouse with classes you can take together, such as ballroom dancing and painting classes. The hard-to-buy-for teen on your list might love receiving a cake decorating, guitar or even an acting class. With one stop at glendaleaz.com/parksandrec, you can complete all your holiday shopping! Call 623-930-2820 for more information. For other unique gift giving ideas, visit glendaleaz.com/glendalegifts.

Holiday Luncheon Visit from Santa December 17

Celebrate the joy of this special season with your friends at the Glendale Adult Center Holiday Luncheon. Join us for a celebration of food, fun and entertainment on Wednesday, December 17 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown St). Cost: \$6 members, \$8 non-members. Tickets must be purchased by December 12. Please bring a pair of new socks to be donated to the AZ Veterans Home. INFO: 623-930-4321



A Message from Mayor Jerry Weiers

As the days get shorter and the nights get longer, Glendale really begins to shine.

This season, I hope you will enjoy our City's wonderful events like Glendale Glitters and the Hometown Christmas Parade. The parade is on Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. (running west on Glendale Avenue from 51st to 59th). This year, parade honored guests include Governor Jan Brewer and Kurt Warner and his family. Make sure you stay – and join us – for the parade's grand finale.

Looking to the New Year, Glendale's University of Phoenix Stadium will host three major events that will once again shine the national spotlight on our community. On December 31, the Fiesta Bowl will take place, followed on January 25 by the Pro Bowl. The following week, Glendale will host Super Bowl XLIX.

With each event, Glendale will have an opportunity to showcase the treasures of our community and highlight our achievements. I am pleased our West Valley partners and the state have all joined in a collaborative effort to make sure that our events are entertaining, operate smoothly, and are – above all – safe.

From now through the Super Bowl is our chance show to the world the beauty and shine of Glendale, Arizona. Let us show that Glendale truly is the brightest star of Arizona.

As always, you can reach me by phone at 623-930-2260 or email at mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com. You can also follow me on Facebook ([facebook.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.facebook.com/MayorWeiers)), Twitter (@MayorWeiers), and YouTube ([youtube.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.youtube.com/MayorWeiers)).

In your service,
Jerry P. Weiers, Mayor

VIN Etching Event December 6

Bring your vehicle and proof of ownership to the Cabela's parking lot (9380 W. Glendale Avenue) on Saturday, December 6 for free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching a vehicle's 17-digit vehicle ID number on each piece of window glass on your vehicle to deter auto theft. This service takes about 10 minutes and will be offered from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
INFO: 623-930-4044

Holiday Tree Drop-off Begins December 26

The Sanitation Department has established drop-off sites for residents to bring live trees for recycling from December 26 through January 11. Please remove all stands, ornaments, tinsel and decorations before dropping off your tree.

Tree drop locations include:

- Acoma Park (53rd Ave. & Acoma Rd.)
- Fire Station No. 156 (67th Ave. & Deer Valley Rd.)
- Glendale Heroes Park (83rd Ave. & Bethany Home Rd.)
- Foothills Park (57th Ave. & Union Hills)
- Sahuaro Ranch Park (SE corner of 63rd Ave. & Mountain View Rd.)
- O'Neill Park (64th & Missouri Avenues)
- Rose Lane Park (51st and Marlette Avenues)

Also, you can leave your tree out for the monthly Bulk Trash collection scheduled for your area. Visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/bulk-trash.cfm for the schedule.
INFO: 623-930-2660

Holiday Performances at the Library

Join us for one or both of these wonderful performances! Both will be held in the auditorium of the Main Library (5959 W. Brown).

Live at the Library: Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir will perform on December 4 at 6:30 p.m. Ring in the holiday season with the joyous sound of handbells and chimes. This uniquely talented group will play holiday favorites, demonstrate different techniques

for handbell ringing and invite the audience to join in singing some familiar carols.
INFO: 623-930-3573

Members of the Glendale Public Library's Acoustic Jam Session will entertain audience members with holiday favorites.

Join us for Glendale Coffeehouse: Holiday Jam on December 11 at 6:00 p.m.
INFO: 623-930-3573

8th Annual Santa's Workshop December 13

Holiday shopping just got easier! Kids of all ages are invited to this special event where they can purchase holiday presents (priced at only \$2 per item) for their friends, family and even their pets. Santa's elves will be on

site to wrap their purchases. Join us at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Drive) on Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. – Noon.
INFO: 623-930-4610

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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.