



Glendale Glitters Spectacular **Kicks Off Seven Weeks of Lights in Downtown Glendale On Nov. 28**

Glendale's award-winning holiday lighting event has become a family tradition across the Valley and state, and this year the celebration kicks off on Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29, from 5 - 10 p.m. each evening. The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona.

This year's Glendale Glitters is presented by Sears Vacations. Free admission and free shuttles make this award-winning festival one of the best-loved events for Arizona families year after year. In fact, the event was named *azcentral.com's* Critics' Choice for the Best Kid Event in the state in 2012.

Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland and petting zoo, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. The always-entertaining stage show will feature special honored guests to help flip on the lights, as it counts down to the lighting ceremony on Friday evening, November 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through January 10, from 5 - 11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

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



December Weekends: Friday & Saturday nights from 6 – 10 p.m.

*December 5-6: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights • December 12-13: Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend
December 19-20: Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend*

Glendale Collects Cell Phones for America Recycles Day

Time to clean out the drawers for those old cell phones! In celebration of America Recycles Day on November 15, Glendale has developed a special cell phone-recycling program, which will run the entire month of November. The public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at Gila River Arena at Gate 3 on the Northwest corner of the building, at the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, Glendale Community College or at any of Glendale's three

public libraries. After the cell phone collection, the Glendale Family Advocacy Center will collect and arrange the phones for recycling. Once the cell phones are refurbished, they will become available for victims of stalking and domestic violence. Statistics show that cell phones are replaced approximately after only 18-months of use. With toxic elements found in cell phones, it is important to keep cell phones out of landfills. INFO: 623-930-2660

Annual Open House event in Downtown Glendale November 8

Start your holiday shopping at the 18th Annual Holiday Open House in Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, November 8 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Enjoy spectacular shopping, delicious dining and plenty of free parking. Shops throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court will be decorated and filled with gifts, decorations, home

décor and all your needs for the holidays. In addition, the Glendale Visitor Center is collecting items for a "Treats for the Troops" drive to send holiday care packages to deployed service men and women. For a complete list of needed items and more information about the event, call 623-930-4500 or log on to visitglendale.com.

Foothills Coffeehouse: Live Acoustic Music November 5

Join us for acoustic music performed by local musicians on Wednesday, November 5. This event is held in the Roadrunner

Room at the Foothills Branch Library (19055 N. 57th Ave.) from 6:30 – 8 p.m. INFO: 623-930-3844



A Message from Councilmember Gary Sherwood Light Rail Update

Actual construction is projected to begin in 2022, however, Valley Metro, where I serve on the Board of Directors, is presently conducting a transit corridor study for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale area. The study will identify high-capacity transit service options to connect downtown Glendale to the existing light rail system along 19th Avenue. When it began in 2013, the study considered six options. It was then reduced to two and recently a third one was added back in, based on feedback from public meetings and outreach events. The study should be concluded in the first quarter of 2015 and will be voted on by the city councils of Phoenix and Glendale sometime next spring.

A technical analysis is now being conducted for these three route options. One has the rail going straight down Glendale from 19th Ave.;

a second option has it coming across Camelback Road from 19th Avenue heading north on 43rd Avenue, and then west down Glendale Avenue. The last option has it coming across Camelback Road to Grand Avenue and then heading north on 51st Avenue. The current funding, which comes from Proposition 400, has always had rail coming through Glendale up to 59th Avenue. There is currently enough funding to bring high capacity transit into downtown Glendale, and the expectation is that the line will be continued to the Westgate area once funds have been identified.

We are currently surveying downtown businesses and landowners along Glendale Avenue to get feedback on potential alignments. In addition to these surveys, Valley Metro is continuing with public outreach to residents and stakeholders in Glendale.

Lego Mania November 17

Build Lego masterpieces with us on Monday, Nov. 17 from 4 - 5 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room of the Foothills Library (19055 N. 57th Ave). Ages 5 – 11. Participants are accepted on a first come, first served basis. INFO: 623-930-3837

Dog Training Class

Train your dog using friendly, non-violent techniques. Sit; stay; come; down; walking on a leash; behavior topics; solving problems such as chewing, barking, biting, jumping and more are covered. Bring your dog, leash, treats in small pieces, water bowl, water, your dog's favorite toy and training equipment already in use. Manual and training aid included. Handlers ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs must be at least five months old and have proof of shots. This class will be held Tuesdays for 4 weeks beginning November 18 from 7 – 8:15 p.m. at Acoma Park (53rd Avenue and Acoma Road). Preregistration is required. Class price is \$59 (non-resident \$71). INFO: 623-930-4613

Historic Main House Museum Tour Thursdays - Sundays in November

Enjoy a trip back in time. Learn about the house built between 1891 and 1898, the history and the people who lived there. The Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area (9802 N. 59th Avenue) is a 17-acre historic ranch site with buildings built between 1887 and 1961

and a historic landscape of fruit trees. Tours take place during the month of November (Thursdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sundays from 1 – 4 p.m.). INFO: 623-930-4200

Mystery Shopping Class November 4

Looking for extra income? Imagine eating at a restaurant or going to the movies and getting paid to do it. Learn what mystery shopping is, how to get started, get assignments and evaluate places such as restaurants, movie theaters, etc. Class is based on instructor's 15 years of experience in the field. This class

is for ages 18+ and will be held on Tuesday, November 4 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown Street). Preregistration is required. Class price is \$35 (non-resident \$42). INFO: 623-930-4613

Ebook Reader Lab November 20

Marlene Jacobson, Glendale's Digital Librarian guru, will be available to offer free eBook reader assistance from 1 - 2:30 p.m., Thursday, November 20 at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown) in the large meeting room. This open lab is for help with eBook reader selection and eBook downloading. Bring your own eReader for specific advice. There will be an assortment of the most popular readers available for you to explore. No registration is necessary. INFO: 623-930-3531

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