



Cactus Weekly Update



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Upcoming City Of Glendale Holiday Notices. City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: half day on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and all day Wednesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday, as well as Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

This year, an additional closure will mean that most administrative functions within the city will be closed the entire week of Dec. 23-27.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holidays, from Mondays to Tuesdays, and so on. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will close early on Christmas Eve Dec. 24 at noon, and will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. For more information about the city's sanitation services, call 623-930-2660.

Valley Metro will be running a holiday schedule (Sunday service hours) on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 1. Gus 1 will be running a Sunday schedule (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on both Tuesday and Wednesday (Dec. 24-25). Gus 2 and 3 will be running until noon on Dec. 24 but will not run on Dec. 25. Gus 1 only will be running a Sunday schedule (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on New Year's Day.

For Dial-a-Ride service on Dec. 24 or 25, reservations should be made by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24. The dispatch office will reopen for reservations on Dec. 26. ADA service will be available both days; callers will be able to leave a message with their request and will be contacted by staff to confirm. For Dial-a-Ride service on Jan. 1, reservations should be made by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31. Reservations can be made by calling Glendale's Transit Division at 623-930-3500.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will be open on Christmas Eve from 7 a.m. to noon, closed on Dec. 25 and open on Dec. 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center will also be open on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, from 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600. The Glendale Adult Center and Glendale's three public libraries will be closed the entire week of Dec. 23-27 and Jan. 1

For more information on Glendale's holiday closures, including a complete list of all city facilities hours of operations during the holidays, [click here](#).



Google Puts Glendale Civic Center on the Map. The layout of the Glendale Civic Center is now at your fingertips right inside your smart phone. The award-winning city facility has a spot on indoor Google Maps, a mapping system that allows people to browse through a building's floor plan from any smart phone.

Civic Center guests can navigate through the building, just as they would through city streets, to see the context of where rooms are located and have the ability to zoom into detailed floor plans that appear on the map. As guests arrive they can literally use their smart phone to find which room their event is located in, restrooms and entrances and

exits.

The link can be accessed via <http://goo.gl/maps/TWenm> or through a search on the Google map app or google.com on your smart phone. Indoor maps are becoming very popular and are available more and more in select facilities around the world such as airports, museums, shopping malls, sports venues and convention centers.

Having the Civic Center on Google's indoor mapping system was at no cost to the city. The indoor map is just the latest effort the facility is making in terms of aiding accessibility. Recently, the Glendale Civic Center installed an FM System, which provides the technology for guests with hearing loss free of charge. This system is comprised of a wire within the building that transmits an

audio signal directly to a hearing aid, eliminating background noise thus creating clear communication with speakers, musicians and presentations.

The Glendale Civic Center offers 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space for corporate events, trade shows, weddings and private parties. Arizona Catering, a local business for more than 25 years, is the venue's official caterer.

For more information, call (623) 930-4300. For rates, menus, room layouts, photos and an online video tour, [click here](#).

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

Glendale Glitters Throughout the Holiday Season With Special Events Three Weekends in December. The holiday magic continues in downtown Glendale Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 6-21, from 6-10 p.m. each night, with 1.5 million dazzling lights, free admission and fun for the whole family.

One special aspect of each weekend will be luminarias on several blocks throughout both Old Towne and the Catlin Court Historic District. In all, the trail of luminarias will measure about one mile and feature about 1,250 luminarias. The luminarias will be lit each weekend event night, Dec. 6-21, 6-10 p.m. This new feature is sponsored by the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

Winter Wonderland Weekend, Dec. 13-14. Winter Wonderland Weekend's big focus will be on snow! Two snowfields, one for big kids and one for the little ones, will delight children and make great photos for mom and dad. The event will also feature several activities for the whole family including a petting zoo, pony rides, visits with Santa, face painting, a rock wall, kids' inflatables and rides. This weekend will also feature the favorite holiday classic movie "Elf," with free showings on a big screen at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. both nights.

Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights, Dec. 20-21. Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights is all about the music and rockin' out! Fun entertainment will include energetic dance performances on the Amphitheatre Stage and the Glendale Union High School District Vocal Ensemble Showcase. Desert Dixie will be performing in the park on Friday night, and Saturday night will feature In2ition, performing an array of music featuring Pop/Top 40, R&B, Soul, and Disco. Of course, the event will also feature a great selection of food and beverages, including gourmet food trucks, kids' inflatable rides, pony rides and visits with Santa Claus.

Glendale's December Weekends are produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events. Sponsors for each weekend event include APS, Cerreta Candy Company, The Arizona Republic, ABC15, Squirt, Sunkist, 7-UP, Sears Vacations, Valley Buick-GMC, Credit Union West, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, Phoenix Coyotes, Camelback Ranch-Glendale and Glendale Community College.

For additional event information, [click here](#). Or call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299. For additional information on Valley Metro, including holiday hours and bus and light rail trip planning, visit www.valleymetro.org.

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