



Cactus Weekly Update



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'Tis the Season to Be Green and Recycle. Glendale residents are encouraged to recycle their live Christmas trees by dropping them off at the following sites. The "treecycling" sites will be open Thursday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 12.

- 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 Dr.
- Sahuaro Ranch Park: Southeast corner of 63rd Ave. & Mountain View Rd.
- O'Neill Park: 64th & Missouri avenues
- Rose Lane Park: 51st & Marlette avenues

Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed. Trees collected at the recycling stations will be used for composting and mulch.

Another option for residents in single-family homes is putting the tree out on their monthly bulk trash collection. For the 2014 Bulk Trash Schedule, [click here](#). In addition, did you know that household waste increases by 25% during the holidays? Be sure you know what you can and cannot recycle this holiday season. Here are some important reminders:

Acceptable items for recycling:

- Empty Red/Yellow/Green/Clear plastic cups (#5) are all recyclable.
- Clean plastic deli and bakery containers (clamshell) are recyclable.

All recycling items need to be clean, dry and empty (please empty bottles of soda and half used food containers before recycling).

Recycling items should be placed loose in your recycling container. Do not bag these items.

Large boxes or electronics that you would like to recycle that are too big for your bin can be taken to Glendale's public drop off at the landfill (11480 W. Glendale Ave., 623-930-4720).

Non-acceptable items (please place these items in your trash container):

- Styrofoam, plastic bags, ceramics, plastic silverware and light bulbs are **NOT** recyclable
- Food of any kind.
- Holiday trees - artificial or real are **not** accepted.
- Shiny foil wrapping paper.

All trash must be bagged and tied before placing in your refuse container.

Your guests have the best of intentions, but before they help you clean up, please make sure the items are deposited in the correct container.

For additional information on treecycling or holiday recycling, contact the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

Donations for Baby Shot Program Tops Fire Department's Wish List for Santa this Holiday. With the recent changes in healthcare reform, the administrative funding for the Glendale Fire Department's Immunization Program which was provided by the Maricopa County Childhood Immunization Partnership has been discontinued. The city is now seeking community assistance to obtain new funding.

The immunization program, also known as the baby shot program is an extremely valuable initiative that serves to prevent illness in our community and educate families on the importance of child immunizations. In 2012 and 2013, the program provided 1,224 immunizations to 350 children at no cost to the families.

Management of the Baby Shot Program requires funding to cover the cost of the immunizations and to pay the nurses and firefighters who administer the immunizations. Historically, funding for these costs has been provided from two sources: Vaccines for Children's Program (VFC) and Maricopa County Childhood Immunization Partnership.

The VFC Program graciously provides funding for the purchase of the immunizations. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally-funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to those who otherwise may not be vaccinated because of inability to pay. A child is eligible for the VFC Program if he or she is younger than 19 years of age and is one of the following: insured through AHCCCS, Medicaid eligible, uninsured, American Indian, or Alaska Native. Financial support from the VFC Program is continuing without issue.

The Maricopa County Childhood Immunization Partnership was providing Glendale's program with a reimbursement of \$25 per child and no maximum limit to cover the personnel costs associated with administering and documenting the immunizations. Financial support from this partnership has been discontinued and needs to be supplemented. The entire Baby Shots Program is at risk to be discontinued by the end of the year if no new funding sources are identified.

If you would like to partner with the Glendale Fire Department and provide financial support for this vital community resource, contact Casey Clark at CClark@glendaleaz.com or call the immunization hotline at 623-930-2414.

Around Town

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

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party Rocks Downtown Glendale January 11. Glow, baby, glow! Glendale Glitters holiday light display concludes with a rockin' block party, Glendale Glitter and Glow, on Jan. 11, from 4 to 10 p.m. with fun for the whole family!

Take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with more than 20 hot air balloons glowing brightly amidst the trees throughout 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. A highlight for visitors will be specially-shaped balloons, as well as mass glows, in which the balloon pilots will fire the balloons all at once to create an illuminating spectacle.

The dazzling scene of vibrant glowing colors and twinkling lights, combined with musical performances and delicious food and beverages, will be a feast for the senses. Thousands of people are expected to stroll along the closed downtown streets and watch tethered balloons, enjoying live bands performing rock, blues, reggae, country and jazz music as well as vibrant street performers for a climactic finale to a festive season.

Glendale Glitter & Glow is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, and sponsored by Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Arizona, SRP, Valley Buick-GMC, Sears Vacations, the Arizona Republic, Monster Energy Drinks, ABC-15, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Camelback Ranch-Glendale and the Phoenix Coyotes.

For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 623-930-2299 or [click here](#).

STEM @ Your Library: Kaleidoscope Fun! Tweens, ages 7-12, explore the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through kaleidoscopes on Wednesday Jan. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St,

Participants will learn about kaleidoscopes, how they work and build one to take home. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 2. Call 623-930-3537, stop by the youth reference desk, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library to register

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