



# Cactus Weekly Update



**Councilmember Ian Hugh - Glendale, Arizona**

**December 5, 2014**

**Glendale Swears in three Newest Council Members.** The City of Glendale's three newest Councilmembers will be sworn into office on Tuesday, Dec. 9, to officially begin their four-year terms on the City Council.

Residents are invited to attend the installation ceremony for Cholla District Councilmember-Elect Lauren Tolmachoff, Barrel District Councilmember-Elect Bart Turner and Ocotillo District Councilmember-Elect Jamie Aldama.

The ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the Council Chambers at Glendale City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue. No reservations are necessary to attend the installation ceremony, but an RSVP is appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

Please [RSVP for the Mayor and Council Installation](#).

## **Citizen Attitudes and Opinion Survey**

The Glendale Police Department is conducting an electronic survey to gather information to gauge levels of satisfaction within the community on services provided by the Department. This survey is intended to give our residents a forum - a voice - to express their opinions and rate the Department's performance in key service areas. The survey is also a standard for the Police Department's Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) process that has been in place since 2000.

We would like to invite you to take the anonymous survey, which should take less than 15 minutes to complete, by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GlendaleCitizenSurvey>. The survey will close on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Glendale Firefighters in Need of Items for Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive.** Glendale firefighters are working hard to collect items for the Holiday Clothing and Toy Drive, which benefits children and families in need from the Glendale area.

This Saturday marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend for the event and Glendale Firefighters are still working toward their goal of helping 450 families.

Firefighters are asking residents to donate new toys and new clothing for this effort. The items needed include: socks, underwear and jackets (for all ages), plus blankets, pillows and toys. The age group most in need is kids between the ages of 6 and 14.

They began collecting on November 29<sup>th</sup> and will continue through December 15<sup>th</sup> at all the locations listed below and they will be at the K-Mart at 67 Ave. and Bell Road December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, drop-off sites have been set up at all nine Glendale fire stations and the Glendale Fire Marshal's Office. Those locations are:

- Fire Station #151: 6851 North 52nd Ave.
- Fire Station #152: 6850 W. Bethany Home Road
- Fire Station #153: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
- Fire Station #154: 4439 W. Peoria
- Fire Station #155: 6255 W. Union Hills
- Fire Station #156: 6801 W. Deer Valley
- Fire Station #157: 9658 N. 59th Ave.
- Fire Station #158: 6261 N. 83rd Ave.
- Fire Station #159: 17159 N. 63rd Ave.
- Glendale Fire Marshall's Office: 6829 N58th Drive (during business hours)

The new clothes and new toys will be given to families who are part of a special wish list from schools in the city of Glendale, as provided by the schools' nurses and social workers. Last year, Glendale Firefighters assisted more than 350 families and collected more than \$50,000 worth of new clothing and toys for Glendale families.

For more information regarding the Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive, please call 623-930-4400.

**Glendale Glitters Events Continue Through December 20.** The holiday magic continues in downtown Glendale Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 5-20, from 6-10 p.m. each night, with 1.5 million dazzling lights, free admission and fun for the whole family.

Two highlights of these events will be a textile recycling drive and a social media contest. Through Dec. 20, the city will hold a textile recycling drive with Go Recycle Arizona. There will be collection boxes on site during each festival weekend, as well as boxes at Glendale City Hall and the Glendale Visitor Center during the week. A portion of every pound of recycling will be donated to the Glendale's official social service program, *From the Heart*. Household textiles that will be recycled include clothing, shoes, towels, bedding and more. These items can be given a second life, turning into things like car seat stuffing and pavement materials. For more information on Go Recycle Arizona, [click here](#).

In addition, the city is offering a contest through social media with a Glendale Glitters prize basket to a randomly-selected recipient. Simply use #GlendaleGlitters when posting a photo of friends, family or yourself at the event. Entries will be funneled through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram if the hashtag is posted with the photo. The contest will conclude on Dec. 20. To view the photos posted from Glendale Glitters thus far this season, [click here](#).

**Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** Downtown Glendale's Murphy Park will be packed with music, lights and excitement. Entertainment will include performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances. On the music stage Friday night will feature Zimis and Saturday will be Peppermint James. The event will also feature holiday arts and crafts, inflatable rides and visits with Santa Claus. Bring your camera, or have Santa's helper snap one for a small fee. Another fun activity will be an Ugly Sweater contest on Saturday, with great prizes; the contest will also highlight the Go Recycle Arizona textile recycling drive that runs Nov. 20 – Dec. 20 in downtown Glendale.

Entertainment lineup on the amphitheatre stage for Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights:

Friday, December 5

6:00 - Bricks Dance Studio  
7:00 - Desert Garden Singers  
8:00 - Michaela's Dance Magic  
9:00 - Musical Theatre of Anthem

Saturday, December 6

6:00 - Desert West Dance  
7:00 - Spotlight Entertainment  
8:00 - Saguaro Skippers  
9:00 - The Dance Shoppe

**Winter Wonderland Weekend - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** For the first time in downtown Glendale, this year's Winter Wonderland weekend will feature an ice skating rink, complete with skates you can borrow on site. The frozen ice might also be accompanied by some popular "frozen" characters! Free make-and-take crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and musical entertainment, plus a movie showing of The Polar Express on Friday, and the Walt Disney favorite, Frozen on Saturday.

**Spirit of Giving Weekend - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** Highlights include all the fun family activities that Glendale Glitters always brings, plus special celebration of and donation drives for worthy local charities. A new element this year will be a Go Recycle Arizona textiles donation drive. This local company recycles household textiles, such as curtains, towels, clothing and shoes, and donates a portion of the proceeds to an organization, in this case, Glendale's *From the Heart* program. Help make a difference by participating in the textile recycling drive. Free make-and-take crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and musical entertainment, plus a movie showing each evening of the perennial holiday classic, A Christmas Story.

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 10, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).

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