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Cactus District Weekly Update

December 11, 2015

Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

[Cactus District Website](#)

Apollo High School Choir Program

Apollo High School is having a choir program on Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium, 8045 N. 47 Ave. The cost for the concert is \$2.00.

Holiday Season Crime Prevention & Safety Tips

Vice Mayor Hugh and the Glendale Police Department would like to make sure you have a safe holiday season.

For list a of safety tips [Click here](#)



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Cactus District Amenities

Everything's Coming up Roses in Glendale

The city of Glendale's historic rose garden will be on display at Sahuaro Ranch as the Rose Society of Glendale holds its Annual Rose Pruning event on Saturday, January 2, between 8 a.m. and noon.

This free event will feature experts from the Rose Society providing rose pruning demonstrations as well as seminars on planting, fertilizers and general rose care. Volunteers who call themselves "Deadheaders" will prune more than 300 bushes throughout the day. This important team of volunteers earned its name because they weed, prune or "deadhead" the rose bushes (among gardening aficionados, to "deadhead" means to remove the spent rose blooms).

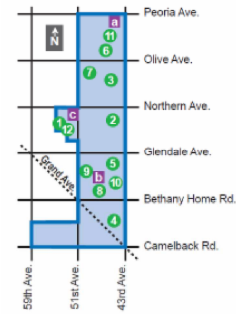
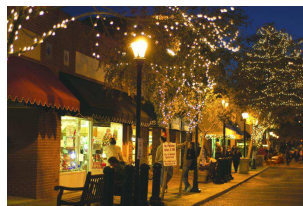
Saturday also marks your chance to join in and help keep this award winning garden blooming! The "Deadheaders" group is always seeking volunteers to help maintain the beautiful garden for the benefit of the community. Volunteers can help with any part of the Ranch's rose garden and can choose the best time in their schedules to visit the garden, participate in its care, meet new people and learn from certified rosarians.

This volunteer group is also part of the Rose Society of Glendale. [Click here](#) to watch this Glendale 11 You Tube video on the rose garden volunteers.

For more information on volunteering, contact Laura Hirsch at 602-920-1697 or laurahirsch27@gmail.com. For additional information on the event, contact the Sahuaro Ranch staff at 623-930-4201.

On Glendale Glitters Non-Event Nights, Lights, Family Fun and Holiday Spirit Always On

Glendale Glitters' lights are on every evening, even though programmed events are only happening on Friday and Saturday evenings through December 19. The non-event nights, Sundays through Thursdays 6-10 p.m., are a perfect time to enjoy a more serene experience and take in the 1.5 million lights.



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Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

7637 N. 55th Ave.
Located south of Northern
Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Watch a video on the park [here](#).

So, pack up the friends and family and head over. Here are all the details and things to enjoy on a non-event night at Glendale Glitters:

The beauty and joy of 1.5 million lights, covering 16 blocks with the Historic Downtown setting is worth the trip alone!

Horse-drawn carriage rides are the perfect opportunity to spend time with loved ones, with a much-loved holiday tradition. The ride is a unique way to enjoy the light display. Carriage rides are available Sunday through Thursday evening, through January 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. (depending on weather and demand). The carriage ride line forms at 58th Avenue and Glenn Dr. Rides cost \$25 per carriage (up to 6 people) and it takes you through six blocks of historic downtown.

When gathering with the family, a meal is usually involved. Enjoy dinner and/or coffee and dessert at one of the many restaurants and shops in the downtown area. Many critically-acclaimed restaurants include ethnic offerings like Italian, Polish, German and Vietnamese, and mom-and-pop establishments offer everything from authentic Mexican recipes to an old-fashioned ice cream parlor.

Still looking for those hard-to-shop-for people on your list? Downtown Glendale is home to some of the coolest boutiques and collectible stores, including one-of-a-kind items ranging from comic books to astrology to handmade jewelry and much more.

Enjoy holiday décor and more. Many shops have special holiday displays, such as the Bears & More, which is decorated to look like a real gingerbread house, and many indoor displays, as well.

Take your family holiday photo! What could be a better spot than Glendale Glitters? With a 30-foot Christmas tree, plus blocks and blocks of lights all around, there's sure to be a perfect photo opportunity - no sitting fee or appointment required!

Did you know many marriage proposals have happened at Glendale Glitters? It's the perfect place to pop the question with the horse-drawn carriage rides and quaint historic locations to create a picturesque and memorable setting.

To find more information on the events and horse-drawn carriage rides, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events or call 623-930-2299.



Rose Lane Park

51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue

Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

Rose Lane Park

includes:

- Lighted ball field
- Lighted basketball court
- Two lighted volleyball courts
- Four lighted racquetball courts
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Grills
- Restrooms
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Rose Lane Recreation Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave.
623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours:
Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

For more information on downtown shops and restaurants, as well as driving directions, visit www.visitglendale.com or call 623-930-4500.

Additional December 2015 Event and Activity

The following featured events are offered from Glendale's Parks and Recreation and Library divisions in December. The programs are free unless otherwise stated. To see many more events and activities, visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation and www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser

5 p.m. to closing, Sunday, December 13 & 20, at Arrowhead Barnes & Noble, 7685 W. Bell Rd. Give a gift to the library as we gift wrap your presents! The Friends will be gift wrapping outside the Arrowhead Barnes & Noble store in exchange for donations to the Friends of the Glendale Public Library. The Friends will wrap anything within reason (no elephants, please!) and will accept any donation amount offered. If you're one of the "wrapping challenged" or just busy with the holidays, take your shopping to the Friends and make everyone happy. For more information, call 623-930-3530.

Holiday Luncheon Visit from Santa

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. Celebrate the joy of this special season with your friends. Bobby Freeman, AZ Diamondbacks organist, is back to provide fun and entertainment. The YWCA will prepare a lunch of chicken cordon bleu, twice-baked potatoes, French cut green beans, cake and ice cream. Door prizes sponsored by Vivabien. \$6 members, \$8 non-members. Tickets must be purchased in advance by December 12. Please bring a pair of new socks to donate to the AZ Veterans Home. For more information, call 623-930-4321.

Getting Crafty with Miss Janet

4 to 5 p.m., Thursday, December 17, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Come and join in the fun! Create a cool craft to keep or give as a gift! Crafters younger than 6 years old will need an adult helper. This month: Ice Fishing Friends Ornament. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Youth Baseball/Softball Clinics

The Rose Lane Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. [More Information.](#)



Rose Lane Aquatics Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave. *
623-930-7905
(east of 51st Ave., north of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is only open to the public during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office. This facility is only staffed when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

9 to 11 a.m., Monday, December 21 or Tuesday, December 22, at the Sahuaro Ranch Sports Complex, 9895 N. 63rd Ave.

Register by Friday, December 18

Throwing, catching, hitting and running are the fundamentals of youth baseball and softball. Winter break could be the perfect time for children, ages 7-15, to enhance their baseball/softball skills.

Baseball and softball coaches from Valley schools are volunteering their time to assist with all aspects of the clinic. Registration fee is \$10 per clinic. For more information, call 623-930-2841. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit

www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

[View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics Center here!](#)

***Tell Your Story: Duct Tape**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 21, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Make awesome things out of duct tape, or begin work on your duct tape prom dress. Bring your creativity for this unique event. For teens, ages 12-18 only.

Registration began December 7. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3537 or visit

www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Tunetime Tuesday

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 22, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Move and groove at the Velma Teague Library! Children 2-6 years old can sing and dance with Miss Janet during this 30-minute music-based program.

An adult must accompany participants three years old and under. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

G.R.A.S.P. Winter Break Program

7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, December 28 through Thursday, December 31, at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary, 10401 N 63rd Avenue, Room 5A

The Glendale Recreation After School Program (GRASP) is a licensed recreation program in which children enjoy enrichment opportunities and explore fun new experiences with their friends in a supervised environment. For \$25 per day, kids can participate in arts and crafts, recreation activities, guest speakers, field trips and much more! \$10 registration fee is charged for new GRASP participants. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided. Please send your child with a lunch. For more information, call 623-930-2724 or email anelson@glendaleaz.com. To register, please call 623-930-2820.

***Tell Your Story @ Your Library & Go Mobile:** Tell Your Story programs explore storytelling in all its forms. Go Mobile programs increase technology skills and digital literacy. Programs for all ages will take place throughout 2015-2016. This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

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