

## The Night the Lights Go Out in Glendale! Glitter & Glow Balloon Festival Rocks the Valley January 12

### Glendale GLITTER & GLOW

display! Take in the stunning 1.6 million LED lights, along with more than 20 hot air balloons glowing throughout Downtown Glendale, musical performances and delicious food. Admission is free and free shuttles are available from Glendale Community College, at 59th and Olive avenues. Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college, accessing from 59th

Have you ever seen an entire 16 blocks glitter & glow? It's a sight to behold and you'll want to mark your calendar for the Glendale Glitter & Glow on Saturday, January 12 from 4 – 10 p.m., the finale to the city's holiday light

Avenue and Vogel, and the last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10:15 p.m. In addition, street parking in and around the downtown is free, but event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

Glendale Glitter & Glow is produced by Glendale's Special Events Division, and sponsored by SRP, KTVK TV 3 and KPHO TV 5, Cerreta Candy Company, The Arizona Republic, Hensley Beverage Company, Swire Coca Cola and Diamond Resorts. Free Shuttles sponsored by Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona. INFO: 623-930-2299 or visitglendaleaz.com

## No Butts About It, Cigarettes are Litter

*Do your part to help keep parks clean!*

Did you know that cigarette butts are the most frequently littered item? And behind hospitals, recreational areas are the second-most common area where people litter.\* Parks are points of pride in our community and provide so many benefits to a city. However, when not cared for by users, it can cause blight in our neighborhoods and have a negative impact on our environment. Cigarettes are not biodegradable, and the toxic material migrates into storm drains, along with food and pet waste containing harmful bacteria that should not be entering our watersheds.

So what can you do about it?

- Don't litter! Help remind friends, family members, neighbors not to throw cigarette butts and other trash on the ground, and to pick up dog poop.
- See something? Say something. Call Keep Arizona Beautiful's Litter Hotline when you see someone littering on/near the road. Just get a license plate

number. They will send a letter to the car's registered owner to notify them someone was seen littering from their car. They remind them of the negative impact of litter, the annual cost to taxpayers of cleaning litter from highways, and the fact that littering is illegal and can result in a \$500 fine if they are spotted by law enforcement. They also send them a small litterbag for their car. The hotline is: **1-877-3LITTER**.

INFO: Glendale Parks: [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation); Keep Arizona Beautiful: [www.kazb.org](http://www.kazb.org)

\*Source: Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (January 2010, [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org))

**NO BUTTS ABOUT IT.**



## Insects in Your Garden: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly January 16

Do you ever wonder if that insect lurking in the garden is a friend or foe? Insects play a vital role in the local ecology and most are beneficial to your garden. Carol Stuttard, Maricopa Master Gardener, will introduce you to the wonderful and fascinating world of insects to help you discover which are your garden's allies or enemies. Join us for this free class held at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) on Wednesday, January 16 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Register at 623-930-3760 or [greenliving@glendaleaz.com](mailto:greenliving@glendaleaz.com). Find additional class information at [www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation/classesandeducation.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation/classesandeducation.cfm).

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## A Message from Vice Mayor Lauren Tolmachoff

### Skunk Creek Wash Update

As you drive through the northern part of Glendale, you may have noticed some major work beginning to take place in Skunk Creek Wash. This is a project that I have been committed to moving forward even before I was elected to the City Council in 2014. There has been a lack of maintenance

in the wash over the last several years, primarily due to the downturn in the economy and a lack of funding resources for non-essential projects and services. This has not only left Skunk Creek Wash overgrown and unsightly, it creates a fire hazard and makes it difficult for police officers to determine if urban camping or other illegal activities are taking place. There is another very important reason to clean up Skunk Creek Wash, as the current condition of the wash is not compliant with FEMA flood control guidelines.

Working together with City Engineers, Budget and Finance and our Parks and Recreation staff, we have been able to create a scope of work, engage a contractor and receive an allocation for the funding needed to complete the project in the 2018–2019 Fiscal Year Budget. Staff has also calculated the on-going cost for the maintenance of Skunk Creek Wash, and that cost will be included in the annual budget process going forward.

I want to thank residents for their patience as we worked to resolve this issue.

## Holiday Tree Drop-off Begins December 26

The Solid Waste Department has established drop-off sites for residents to bring trees for recycling from December 26 – January 9. Please remove all stands, ornaments, tinsel and decorations before dropping off your tree. **Tree drop locations include:**

- **Acoma Park**  
53rd Ave. & Acoma Rd.
- **Fire Station No. 156**  
67th Ave. & Deer Valley Rd.
- **Glendale Heroes Regional Park**  
83rd Ave. & Bethany Home Rd.
- **Foothills Park**  
57th Ave. & Union Hills
- **Sahuaro Ranch Park**  
63rd Ave. & Mountain View Rd.
- **O'Neill Park**  
64th & Missouri Avenues
- **Rose Lane Park**  
51st and Marlette Avenues



Also, you can leave your tree out for the monthly Bulk Trash collection scheduled for your area. Visit [www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/bulktrash.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/bulktrash.cfm) for the schedule. INFO: 623-930-2660

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Day of Service January 19

**Saturday, January 19 from 9 a.m. – noon, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area (9802 N. 59th Ave.)**

Throughout his life, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. advocated peace, unity and service and was committed to creating change in his community. Volunteers are needed to pick citrus at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area for use in food boxes by the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. *In partnership with HandsOn Greater Phoenix.* Registration/information: Michelle Yates at 623-930-2044 or [myates@glendaleaz.com](mailto:myates@glendaleaz.com).

## Senior Tech Academy Classes in January

**Glendale Main Library, Velma Teague Branch Library and Glendale Community College Library & Media Center**

Sign up at the library for Senior Tech Academy computer literacy workshops for senior citizens. Classes run through April 2019, and are a joint effort between Glendale Public Library and Glendale Community College. January sessions include:

- **Internet Basics 101:** Mon, Jan 14, 2 – 4 p.m. (Main Library Creative Space) and Thurs, Jan 17, 2 – 4 p.m. (Velma Teague Branch Meeting Room)
- **Internet Basics 102:** Thurs, Jan 24, 2 – 4 p.m. (GCC Library & Media Center)
- **Email Basics 101:** Mon, Jan 28, 2 – 4 p.m. (Main Library Creative Space) and Thurs, Jan 31, 2 – 4 p.m. (Velma Teague Branch Meeting Room)

Shuttle between Main Library and GCC available upon request (at time of registration). INFO: 623-930-3589

## 23rd Annual Arizona Songwriters Gather- ing January 19

**Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Performers, writers and audience members of all ages are welcome to attend this FREE event. Highlights will include the induction of AZ Songwriters Association's president, Jon Iger, into the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame, live musical performances, workshops and lectures including song crafting and music licensing, Q&A session with music and entertainment attorneys, song critique sessions and more! Join us Saturday, January 19 from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. In partnership with the Arizona Songwriters Association. INFO: 623-930-3573

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