



# *The Connection*

Keeping Glendale Residents Connected

December  
2018



## *Glendale* **GLITTERS** *Holiday Weekend*



### **Glendale Glitters Holiday Weekend December 14 and 15**

On Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15 from 6 – 10 p.m. each evening, downtown Glendale will be aglow with 1.6 million sparkling holiday lights, and Murphy Park will be filled with entertainment, arts and crafts and delicious food. INFO: [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com) or 623-930-2299

### **Downtown Glendale: Glittering Nightly November 23 – January 12**

Between Glendale's ever-popular festivals and even after Santa has returned to the North Pole, the 1.6 million downtown holiday lights will remain on every night from 5 – 11 p.m. through January 12. If you haven't visited Glendale Glitters during a non-festival night, you are missing out. The downtown area is magical, creating a more serene experience. Take a stroll under the twinkling tree-lined streets, enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride, have dinner or dessert at one of many critically-acclaimed restaurants, shop for gifts at one of the locally-owned shops, or take in a performance in the amphitheater, depending on the night of the week. It should be a must-do on your family's list this holiday season! INFO: [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com) or 623-930-4500

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### **Jingle Bell Hike on December 8**

Join us on Saturday, December 8 at 9 a.m. for a Jingle Bell Hike at Thunderbird Conservation Park. The event is free!  
INFO: [glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation) or 623-930-2820

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### **Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade December 8**

Join us Saturday, December 8 at 11 a.m. for the Hometown Christmas Parade in Downtown Glendale, from 52nd – 58th Avenues along Glendale Avenue. The parade is an old-fashioned community event for the whole family and features float and entry competitions. Parade proceeds and the food drive benefit Hope for Hunger Food Bank in Glendale. Become a food drop location! Also, clothing or new toys can be donated to ABC15's Operation Santa Claus presented by Sanderson Ford and Sanderson Lincoln. Collection locations will also be set up along the parade route. For more information, to become a parade entry, or to donate, visit [hctparade.org](http://hctparade.org).

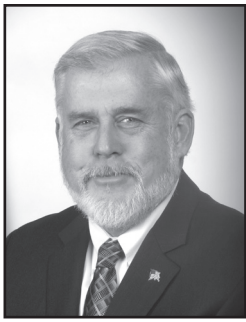
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### **12th Annual Santa's Workshop December 15**

The holidays will be here before we know it! Bring your children to shop for their friends, family members and even pets. All items are only \$2. Come early for best selection! Santa Claus will be at the event for pictures and his elves will be on site to wrap purchases. Join us at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Drive) on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. – Noon. Arrive early for best selection. INFO: 623-930-4615

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## A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

### "Another Year of Milestones"

Looking back on the last 12 months I am filled with pride and satisfaction with the continued positive financial outlook, solidified partnerships and successful community events in 2018.

The year 2018 kicked off with the 21st Glendale University class learning about the inner-workings of their city. Soon after, I had the pleasure of being part of a police vehicle program among the Chamber, City of Glendale and Puerto Penasco.

March brought about Glendale's State of the City Address event – the largest in history. I was proud to stand before Glendale Councilmembers, city management, community and business leaders and provide a testimonial list of many of the wonderful things happening in Glendale.

In April, my office helped host the 2nd Annual Induction Ceremony to honor high school seniors in Glendale who chose to enter the military.

In June the city passed its budget which maintained property tax rates, reinforced financial responsibility and kept our goal of a \$50 million fund balance in sight.

In Sept., I represented Glendale in the Sister Cities program in Ørland, Norway, and participated in the Frank Luke 100th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony in Murvaux, France. Also, the 6th Annual Stand Up for Veterans event successfully helped 410 veterans and their families.

We finished the year strong with a first-ever Thunderbird Conservation Park U.S. Flag Raising event and Veterans Day celebration, the annual Hope for Hunger food drive, the 25th Anniversary Glendale Glitters weekend opener and the Hometown Christmas Parade.

On Jan. 9, 2019, I will host a community Blood Drive at the Glendale Civic Center Annex. Please support this critical need by calling 602-770-4675 or visit [www.BloodHero.com](http://www.BloodHero.com) (Sponsor Code: Weiers.)

In your service,

Jerry P. Weiers  
Mayor

## Bike Safe in Glendale

- Obey All Traffic Laws  
*A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver*
- Go with the Traffic Flow  
*Bike in the same direction of traffic*
- Yield to Traffic when Appropriate
- Use Marked Bike Paths or Lanes when Available
- Yield to Pedestrians
- Use Lights when Biking at Night
- Be Predictable
- Always Stay Alert
- Look and Signal Before Turning
- Stay Visible
- Watch for Parked Cars
- Don't Get Distracted
- Always Wear a Helmet

## Mystery Shopping Class December 5

Looking for extra income? Imagine eating at a restaurant or going to the movies and getting paid to do it. Learn what mystery shopping is, how to get started, how to get assignments and evaluate businesses such as restaurants and movie theaters from a long-time mystery shopper. This class is for ages 18+ and will be held on Wednesday, December 5 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown Street). Pre-registration is required. Class price is \$29 (non-resident \$35). INFO: 623-930-2820 or [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation)

## LIBCON West is Coming!

Get ready to let loose, drop in and geek out at LIBCON West! Glendale Public Library is proud to present our third annual library comic convention on Saturday, December 8, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.). Celebrate all things pop culture with panels, gaming, crafts, cosplay, photo ops, shopping, food trucks and prizes at this free, family-friendly, all-ages event. Special guests will include science fiction and fantasy authors, comic book writers and artists, several of the best-known local cosplay groups and one of our fan favorites, the lightsaber

performance group known as Syndicate Saber. While the event is free, you'll want to come prepared to buy some of the great fandom merchandise for sale. "Our goal with this event is to provide the West Valley with a library comic convention unlike anything ever seen in our libraries," says the event coordinator, Library Assistant Lead Ray Ceo. "It's really going to be such a memorable day of fun." For more information, including photos from last year's event, please visit [www.libconwest.org](http://www.libconwest.org).

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