

## The Night the Lights Go Out in Glendale! Glitter & Glow Balloon Festival Rocks the Valley January 6

### Glendale GLITTER & GLOW

With glowing hot air balloons, 1.6 million LED lights, bands cranking out great music, food, rides and more – it's easy to see why more than 80,000 people flock to this award-winning event! Mark your calendar now to attend Glendale

Glitter & Glow on Saturday, January 6 from 4 – 10 p.m.

This will be your last opportunity to see the Glitters holiday light display, and the city likes to send out the holiday season with a bang! Take in the stunning LED lights, along with more than 20 hot air balloons glowing 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 illuminated spectacle.

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 Avenue and Vogel, and the last return 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 3TV, Cerreta Candy Company, Arizona Republic, Excel Screen Printing, Swire Coca Cola and Diamond Resorts. Free Shuttles sponsored by Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona. INFO: 623-930-2299 or visitglendaleaz.com

## 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 8. 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

## Glendale Arts Council's 55th Annual Fine Art Competition

This annual exhibit, held in the Fruit Packing Shed at Historic Sahuaro Ranch (9802 N. 59th Ave.), is free to the public. All exhibited art is available for sale. The Artists' Awards Reception will be held on Sunday, January 28 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

### Exhibit Dates:

**Jan. 6 – 7: Showing of All Paintings Entered**

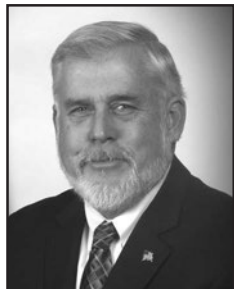
**Jan. 10 – 28: Showing of Juried Paintings Only**

**Exhibit hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily | INFO: 602-237-4701**

## Free Green-Living Class Landscape Design with Water in Mind

*Glendale Main Library, Auditorium (5959 W. Brown St.)*

Join us Saturday, January 13 from 10 a.m. – noon to learn the basic principles of how to create an attractive and Arizona-friendly landscape. Get hands-on experience creating a landscape design that is tailored to your yard by incorporating sun, shade, wind and water elements. The best landscape plans work with Mother Nature. Register at 623-930-3760 or [greenliving@glendaleaz.com](mailto:greenliving@glendaleaz.com). To see a schedule of green-living classes visit [www.glendaleaz.com/green](http://www.glendaleaz.com/green).



## A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

Looking back as 2017 comes to a close and we welcome 2018 I am proud of everything that we have accomplished. The growth the city has experienced is extraordinary and I know we will continue to build on the positive momentum as we welcome the new year.

Positive momentum has become an unstoppable force that will continue to propel us to success. What I am most excited about is Glendale's general obligation bond and excise tax bond rating being upgraded to A1. The new rating represents a series of upgrades from the rating agencies. This is a direct result of prudent decision making while prioritizing financial stability for the city.

Our economic development team saw huge success this year. Conair completed its 800,000-square foot expansion that brings an additional 300 jobs to Glendale, making it the second largest corporate campus in the Valley. Several major corporations have also announced they are soon opening. Companies like: IKEA, BMW, Aloft Hotel and Topgolf agree that Glendale is the place to grow their brand.

We also welcomed a new sister city -Ørland, Norway. With connections to the F-35 program, this will make for a fantastic international friendship.

Once again, the City shined on a national stage as it hosted the NCAA Final Four. It was a great weekend full of basketball, fan events and music festivals. I look forward to making 2018 even more impactful.

As always, you can reach me by phone at 623-930-2260 or email at [mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com). You can also follow me on Facebook ([facebook.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.facebook.com/MayorWeiers)), Twitter (@MayorWeiers), and YouTube ([youtube.com/MayorWeiers](https://www.youtube.com/MayorWeiers)).

In your service,  
Jerry P. Weiers  
Mayor

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Day of Service January 13

*Saturday, January 13, 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. Please consider creating change in our community by volunteering. 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. This vitamin-rich resource will be distributed to families in need. To register or for more information, please contact Michelle Yates at 623-930-2044 or [myates@glendaleaz.com](mailto:myates@glendaleaz.com).

## New Year's Book Bonanza January 6

**Foothills Branch Library (19055 N. 57th Ave.)**

Join us Saturday, January 6 from noon – 5 p.m. and get more reading material to tide you over before our Spectacular Spring Book Sale! This special mini-book sale will feature an assortment of books and other materials, all for a Buck-a-Bag! Bags will be provided by the library.  
INFO: 623-930-3854

## Storytime in the Park January 18

**Foothills Park (18609 N. 57th Ave.)**

On Thursday, January 18 from 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Foothills Branch is taking the storytime fun to Foothills Park! You won't want to miss the stories, songs, rhymes and more. Afterwards, stay around to play, enjoy the outdoors and visit with your friends. You could even pack your lunch.  
INFO: 623-930-3837

## 22nd Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering January 27

**Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.)**

Performers, writers and audience members of all ages are welcome at this FREE event on Saturday, January 27 from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Highlights include spotlight performance and workshop by The Pistoleros, over 70 live music performances on two stages all day, workshops and lectures on crafting songs, insight from Fervor Records on the music supervisor and label's viewpoint, ("break down the door" to get through to the people that matter), Q&A with music and entertainment attorneys, song critique sessions, inspiration and more! Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Lacy & Wendy's Mobile Wood-fired Pizza Oven throughout the day. A Friends of the Library fundraiser and book sale will also be taking place. This event is held in partnership with the Arizona Songwriters Association and is sponsored in part by Fervor Records.  
INFO: 623-930-3573

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