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Every 10 years a census is conducted to count every person living in the country. The next census is April 1, 2020. Every person counted represents over \$3,000 annually in state and federal funding for important programs like public safety, education, roads and healthcare. When members of our Glendale community go uncounted, that funding goes to other cities and states.

Make sure everyone in your household gets counted in 2020!

Visit <u>www.icount2020.info</u> for more information about how you can be counted for your community.



Downtown in December: Glittering Nightly November 29 – January 11

After Santa has returned to the North Pole, the 1.6 million downtown holiday lights will remain on every night from 5 - 10 p.m. through January 11. Downtown Glendale is magical this time of the year. Take a stroll under the twinkling tree-lined streets, enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride (dates vary), take photos under the 16' lighted ornament, have dinner or dessert at one of many critically-acclaimed restaurants or shop for gifts at one of the locally-owned shops (depending on the night of the week). INFO: glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2299

Jingle Bell Hike on December 7

Join us on Saturday, December 7 at 9 a.m. for a Jingle Bell Hike at Thunderbird Conservation Park. The event is free! INFO: glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or 623-930-2820



Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade December 14

Join us Saturday, December 14 at 11 a.m. for the Hometown Christmas Parade, downtown, 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 are 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. INFO: hcparade.org.

13th Annual Santa's Workshop December 14

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 14 from 10 a.m. – Noon. Arrive early for best selection. INFO: 623-930-4615.



A Message from Councilmember lan Hugh

Glendale is the place to be this holiday season! Below please find a selection of fun, free holiday-themed events that you may wish to 'save the date' for, located throughout Glendale. As these events approach, please check my weekly email newsletter for further information, flyers and registration details, if applicable. To sign up for my weekly newsletter, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/cactus.

- 26th Annual Glendale Glitters Holiday Light Display, Nov. 29, 2019 to Jan. 11, 2020: Visit Arizona's largest free holiday light display and a beloved family tradition, as charming Downtown Glendale is illuminated by more than 1.6 million twinkling lights across 16 blocks. Lit nightly from 5-10 p.m.
- Jingle Bell Hike to Santa, Thunderbird Conservation Park, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. Families will create fun crafts and jingle their way up the trail, finding Santa at the end of the hike.
- Santa's Workshop, Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. Bring the kids to do holiday shopping for friends, family, and even pets (all items \$2). Also, enjoy free pictures with Santa!
- 7th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, all while supporting a great cause. This year's Grand Marshall—the legendary Al McCoy!

For more on these and other upcoming activities, please visit www.glendaleaz. com/calendar. As always, please feel free to contact my office at 623-930-2249 or email me directly at ihugh@glendaleaz.com. Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, safe holiday season!

LIBCON West 2019 December 7

Velma Teague Library & Murphy Park (7010 N. 58th Ave.)

Get ready to geek out at LIBCON West! Glendale Public Library is proud to present their fourth annual library comic convention on Saturday, December 7, from noon – 5 p.m., this time in the heart of downtown Glendale at the Velma Teague Library and Murphy Park. This all-ages celebration of all things pop culture will feature comic book authors, cosplay groups, dozens of vendors, programs and demonstrations, live music and games and crafts for kids and teens. This special event will culminate in a Star Wars Lightsaber Walk through the holiday lights of downtown Glendale, led by the Syndicate Saber United cosplay/lightsaber choreography group, beginning at 5 p.m. Following the convention, participants are encouraged to experience the delicious restaurants, holiday shopping and festive entertainment in the downtown area. For more information, please visit www.libconwest.org. INFO: 623-930-3600

Computer Basics for Adults Part 1 & 2 December 2 & 16

Heroes Regional Park Library Yucca Room (6075 N. 83rd Ave.)

These two classes at Heroes Regional Park Library are designed to help adults who are unfamiliar with technology. On Monday, December 2, from 2 – 4 p.m., the first session will review the parts of a computer, how to use a mouse, and how to navigate a Windows 10 computer desktop and files. Learn how to identify computer programs, files, and folders, as well as how to access Windows software to create and edit document files, in the second session on Monday, December 16, from 2 – 4 p.m. Registration is required. INFO: 623-930-3600

Live @ the Library: Women in Song Present Holiday Favorites December 5

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

ProMusica Arizona's Women in Song, directed by Patti Graetz, is a group of talented and dedicated singers devoted to performing community outreach concerts. Come and enjoy their Main Library performance of holiday favorites, both sacred and popular, on Thursday, December 5, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. INFO: 623-930-3600

The Christmas Mouse Puppet Show December 14

Foothills Library, Roadrunner Room (19055 N. 57th Ave.)

The Christmas Mouse is a holiday-themed puppet show about a lonely little mouse and the magic of Christmas. Performed at the Foothills Library by the Great Arizona Puppet Theater on Saturday, December 14, from 11 – 11:45 a.m., this show is suitable for families with children ages 3 and up and

partnership with the Deer Valley Family Resource Center. INFO: 623-930-3600

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