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Glendale Glitter & Glow Rocks Downtown Glendale January 11

Don't miss Glendale Glitter & Glow on Saturday, January 11 from 4 - 10 p.m. with fun for the whole family! Take in the stunning display of 1.6 million LED lights along with hot air balloons illuminating 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. This event provides a dazzling array of glowing colors and twinkling lights, combined with 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 Avenue and Vogel, and the last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10 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. Free Shuttles sponsored by Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona. INFO: 623-930-2299 or glendaleaz.com

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Census 2020

Did you know that more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed each year based on census numbers? This money supports schools, hospitals, transportation, housing and other vital programs in your community. Census data is also used to determine where new schools, hospitals, and roads get built. Businesses even use census data to decide where to open new offices and retail stores. Help shape Glendale's future by participating in the upcoming 2020 Census. Ten minutes of your time will have a lasting impact on your community for years to come. Completing the questionnaire ensures that your community will get its share of funding and essential services. It's important, quick and safe. Visit www.icount2020.info for more information about the census and how you count for your community.

Lower Your Sewer Fee

Did you know that your water use billed in January, February, and March is used to calculate your annual sewer fee?

Reducing your water use during these months will result in lower water and sewer charges. Follow these easy tips on how to lower your monthly water bill: 1) Fix leaky toilets, faucets, and showerheads. 2) Fix irrigation and pool leaks.

3) Adjust your irrigation schedule monthly. If you do have a leak or fill your pool during the sewer average period you can appeal your sewer charge. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/watersewertrashbilling.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service January 18

Saturday, January 18 from 9 a.m. – noon, at the 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. This vitamin-rich resource will be distributed to families in need. In partnership with HandsOn Greater Phoenix, we can work together to create change in our community by volunteering at this event. To register or for more information, please contact Michelle Yates at 623-930-2044 or myates@glendaleaz.com.



A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

The holiday season puts the greatest strain on blood banks with the highest need and lowest amount of donations. I encourage you to Make A Difference in the New Year by helping to build the reserves back up. Last year's drive turned out to be the biggest blood drive ever in Glendale and my hope is we can do even better in 2020!

You are invited to participate in the 2nd annual Mayor's Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in the Glendale Civic Center Annex Building (5750 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale, 85301). This event is sponsored by Vitalant, formerly known as United Blood Services, along with the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Glendale's Employee Wellness Committee and AZ Catering. The donation timeslots range between 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., in hopes of allowing more people to participate.

Participation in the Blood Drive is open to anyone over 16 (minors must provide guardian signed permission form) and registrations are recommended. Participants can register online at www.bloodhero.com with the Sponsor Code of "Weiers". Registration allows participants to complete some of the necessary forms prior to their scheduled appointment, reducing wait times. The restrictions on blood donors have changed over the years and you may be under the impression you can't donate, when in fact you can. Interested donors with questions can contact Vitalant representative Katrina Eaton at keaton@vitalant.org, 602-770-4675. For general questions about the Blood Drive, contact Kirsten Morgan at kmorgan@glendaleaz.com, 623-930-2292.

In Your Service, Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

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 (SE corner of 63rd Ave. & Mountain View Rd.), O'Neill Park (64th Ave. & Missouri Ave.) and Rose Lane Park (51st Ave. and Marlette Ave.).
- Also, you can leave your tree out for the monthly Bulk Trash collection scheduled for your area. Visit http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/ bulktrash.cfm for the schedule. INFO: 623-930-2660

Youth Sports Basketball League Registration January 1 - 17

This spring, boys and girls ages 5 – 13 can sign up for our youth basketball league, held at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Dr.). Practices will begin after February 10, with games beginning Saturdays, February 29 through April 18. The cost is \$55 for residents (\$75 non-residents). Volunteer coaches are needed for this league, as well! Contact Stephanie Fenderson-Gonzales at smgonzales@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2834. Register online by January 17 at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrec.

24th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering January 25

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

Performers, writers and audience members of all ages are welcome to attend this FREE event. Join us on Saturday, January 25 from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in partnership with the Arizona Songwriters Association. Highlights will include:

- Live Music: Over 60 live musical performances on two stages all day. Bring your family. Relax in the audience. Come with a guitar and sit in a song circle.
- Workshops: Music and entertainment workshops and lectures on song crafting, new copyright law, making a demo, getting gigs, song critique sessions and more!
- Networking: Meet songwriters, producers, and performers. Visit with members of Arizona Songwriters Association, West Valley Country Music Association, Chicks with Picks, Nashville Songwriters Association International and more.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the day. This event is held in partnership with the Arizona Songwriters Association and sound is supported by Barnett Productions. INFO: 623-930-3573

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