



Downtown in December: Glittering Nightly November 25 – January 9

The dazzling Glendale Glitters lights are up and ready to shine. The spectacular display of 1.7 million lights will twinkle nightly from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. through January 9. Due to the pandemic, we won't have opening weekend festivities, vendors or performers. However, we're excited to showcase great new lighting designs and features that will add extra magic to each evening. Downtown Glendale's wonderful merchants and restaurants will be open and ready for business! INFO: glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2299



2020 Hometown Christmas Parade Canceled – Food Drive Still Scheduled

It's with a heavy heart that Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers officially canceled the 2020 Hometown Christmas Parade. This was after evaluating several factors including the overwhelming need to ensure the health and well-being of everyone involved. Though the parade is canceled, the annual food drive that benefits

Glendale's own Hope for Hunger Food Bank (5605 N. 55th Ave.) is still in full swing. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at the food bank or Glendale City Hall (5850 W. Glendale Avenue) throughout November and December. Donations will also be accepted Saturday, November 14, from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Sam's Club and Walmart stores on the southeast corner of 83rd Ave. & Union Hills. Tax deductible donations can be made online at www.phxmission.org/HCP. Mayor Weiers looks forward to holding the parade again in 2021.



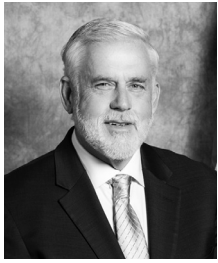
Glendale's Gold Star Program

The new Glendale Gold Star program is designed to help regain consumer confidence about visiting local businesses. *Visit Glendale* and the *Glendale Chamber of Commerce* would like to highlight businesses that pledge to exceed the recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Glendale businesses can participate in the "Glendale Gold Star" program by pledging to follow enhanced sanitization and health procedures. Interested businesses should contact the Glendale Chamber of Commerce or visit their website at www.glendaleazchamber.org. The Chamber will provide a checklist, which includes not only the sanitizing efforts set forth by the CDC, but it also specifies

additional ways a business can go above and beyond and apply those practices to their operations. Once completed, they will return their signed checklist to the Chamber which will register them as a "Glendale Gold Star" business and provide them a certificate they can display in the window of their establishment.

The Glendale Chamber and Visit Glendale will also maintain a list of participating businesses on their websites. To view the list, please visit <https://visitglendale.com/glendalegoldstar/> or <https://www.glendaleazchamber.org/>.



A Message from Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

2020 kicked off with normal fanfare. In mid-January the annual Mayor's Blood Drive broke records and supported a worthy community cause. February was filled with the annual State of the City where I proudly spoke of the incredible development boom Glendale was enjoying. The Mayor's Big Dog Run, held on February 29, shattered event records

and funded a \$40,000 dollar donation to Glendale Community College's Veterans Services Center for Veterans scholarships. The first week of March, Glendale, along with Hospice of the Valley, Sanderson Ford, State Farm Stadium, Aloft Hotels, GenTech, Mecum Auto Auctions and Swire Coca-Cola hosted the first ever American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall on State Farm Stadium's Great Lawn. The 80% replica of Washington D.C.'s Vietnam Memorial was honored with over 1,200 visitors during the seventy-two hours it was open.

Then, COVID-19 abruptly altered our everyday lives.

While the world around us has changed, one thing remains certain; Glendale's economic development continues to thrive. Between 2010 and 2019 Glendale annexed over 2,100 acres and in 2020 alone Glendale has annexed approximately 2000 acres. When all is said and done, the annexed acreage will afford businesses over twenty million square feet of preeminent industrial and commercial space along with 900 acres of residential development.

Attracting and securing additional revenues through annexation and the resulting development remains vital. It creates thousands of quality and well-paying jobs for Glendale and West Valley residents while increasing Glendale's general fund that supports services in our community.

In your service,
Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

Cease the Grease this Holiday Season

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) poured down your kitchen drain can solidify in your pipes and cause sewage to back up into your house. Help prevent sewer blockages by following these best practices:

- Don't pour FOG down sink drains or garbage disposals.
- Pour used grease into a sealable container and discard into the trash.
- Scrape food from dishes and cookware into the trash before washing.
- Put a strainer over the drain to catch food scraps and discard into the trash.

INFO: www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalprotection

Bring the Internet Home with a Hotspot from the Glendale Public Library

Does your family need to use the internet at home, but you don't have access? Try our new hotspot collection at the Glendale Public Library!

These portable wireless devices provide a free high-speed internet connection with unlimited data for your Wi-Fi-accessible laptop, tablet, or phone anywhere Sprint coverage is available. The library's 48 portable hotspots are housed at Main and Velma Teague Library, but are holdable at any of our four locations.

To check out a hotspot, you'll need to be at least 18 years old, show a photo ID and a Glendale Public Library card, and complete a checkout agreement at one of our Public Service Desks. Only one hotspot per household at a time is allowed. Hotspots check out for three weeks and cannot be renewed. Your internet usage will not be tracked by the library or the hotspot.

When you return your hotspot to a Public Service Desk at any of our four locations, we'll have a brief survey for you to fill out. Hotspots cannot be returned via the book drops and are subject to a late fine of \$1 per day. Once overdue, the hotspot will be deactivated.

This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

From The Heart

In this season of giving, please consider giving to a program which annually provides grants to those most in need in Glendale. You can donate \$2 per month through your water bill to "From The Heart." Or, you can mail a check in any amount to "From The Heart," City of Glendale, Customer Service Office, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, 1st Floor, Glendale, AZ, 85301.

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