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GLENDALE WILL GLITTER BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 24

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- Glendale's award-winning holiday lighting event has become a family tradition across the Valley and state, and this year the celebration kicks off on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24 and 25, from 5 - 10 p.m. each evening.

Now in its 24th year, it's more popular than ever, but the city of Glendale is always looking for ways to improve the experience and keep visitors coming back. Some exciting changes this year will include an increase in lights – up to 1.6 million total – with the addition of outlined buildings in the square around Murphy Park. The layout of Murphy Park will be simpler and reconfigured for better pedestrian flow, and colored lights will be featured only in Murphy Park, and the rest of downtown will be covered in white lights.

Glendale
GLITTERS
Spectacular Weekend

Spectacular Weekend:

Friday & Saturday

Nov. 24-25, 5-10 p.m.

Holiday Weekends:

Fridays & Saturdays

6-10 p.m.

Dec. 1-2

Dec. 8-9

Dec. 15-16

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Of course, Glendale Glitters remains the state's largest free holiday light display, and offers free admission and free parking shuttles from Glendale Community College (on 59th Avenue north of Olive.) Visitors will also find their traditional festival favorites, including holiday entertainment, food, gifts, a winter wonderland and petting zoo, shopping and, the big guy himself, Santa Claus.

The Countdown to Glendale Glitters stage show begins Friday, Nov. 24 at 5:30 p.m. The theme for this year's kickoff celebration is "Hometown Holiday," and the city's special guest to assist the Glendale City Council flip on the 1.6 million lights will be the Glendale 2016 Police Officer of the Year, Officer Badr Elkhannoussi, Glendale's own "Hometown Hero." In honor of law enforcement, the festival will feature an opportunity for attendees to send messages to our local officers and first responders by signing a "Salute to Hometown Heroes" banner that will be available Friday and Saturday throughout the weekend, in the Civic Center Plaza, near the Glendale Public Safety Memorial, which honors fallen police officers and firefighters. To learn more about the memorial, visit www.glendaleaz.com/arts/InteractiveArtTour_PublicSafetyMemorial.cfm. Following the event, the banner will be given to the Police Department.

Finally, another new feature to the event this year will be a smartphone app to enhance the visitor experience. In fact, the focus is all about the visitor this year; new elements have been added to the "Visit Glendale" app specifically for Glendale Glitters. Simply download the free app (available for both iOS and Android) to access parking and traffic information, vendor listings, a downtown merchant map, entertainment lineup and more. Free WiFi will be available in Murphy Park, as well.

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Free parking shuttles are available for opening weekend from Glendale Community College, located at 59th and Olive avenues in the north parking lots. Access is from 59th Avenue, north of Olive Avenue.

As in past years, the festivities will continue Friday and Saturday evenings Dec. 1-16, between 6 and 10 p.m. each evening. But the fun doesn't stop there. Visitors that come to downtown Glendale Sunday through Wednesday evenings will find Murphy Park may have a small number of food, craft and merchandise vendors, plus entertainment, also a new element for this season. Downtown Glendale remains illuminated every single evening through Jan. 6, when Glendale Glitter & Glow sends out the holiday lighting event with a bang with its balloon block party.

Find additional information online at www.visitglendale.com or call the special events hotline at 623-930-2299.

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