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**DOWNTOWN GLENDALE LIGHTS UP WITH SPECTACULAR
KICKOFF TO ITS HOLIDAY TRADITION NOV. 26-27**

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- What is synonymous with holiday fun on Thanksgiving weekend in the Valley of the Sun? Glendale Glitters! The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona, and it all kicks off Nov. 26-27 from 5-10 p.m.

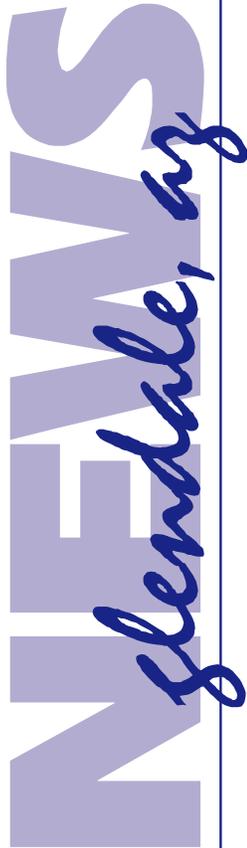
Free admission and free shuttles makes Glendale Glitters one of the most popular festivals in Arizona year after year. In fact, the event has been named the Best Festival in the Valley by azcentral.com.

Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

The award-winning *Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show* on 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, will feature a surprise celebrity guest appearance to help the Glendale Mayor and City Council flip the switch to the stunning 1.5 million light display.

For the first time, event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, located at City Hall, at 59th and Glendale avenues and the Bank of America building, at 58th Avenue and Glenn Drive. The preferred parking fee is \$10. For those who like the free parking option, shuttles run all evening long, between 5-10:30 p.m. from Glendale Community College, at 59th and Olive avenues. Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college. In addition, surface and street parking in and around the downtown remain free.

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Glitters Spectacular

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There is always something new to see at Glendale Glitters, and this year the 30-foot holiday tree on the Downtown Plaza will be animated with dancing lights to eight different holiday songs to entertain and delight all ages. The tree will be completely covered with various colors of LED lights, and the animation process will change the color and brightness of the lights in sync with the music. This is definitely a must see for the entire family.

The state's largest free holiday light display continues in December with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday, from 6-10 p.m.

- Dec. 3-4: Glendale's Gingerbread Nights
- Dec. 10-11: Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend
- Dec. 17-18: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights

The Glendale Glitters holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 8, from 5-10 p.m. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

Glendale Glitters Spectacular is sponsored by APS, Glendale Community College, ABC 15, KOOL 94.5, KMLE Country 108, 101.5 JAMZ, Sedona Pines , Pacific Monarch, 7 UP and Camelback Ranch-Glendale.

For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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