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HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GLENDALE HOSTS OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN JULY CELEBRATION

GLENDALE, Ariz. – “Step Back in Time” as Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas on Saturday, July 19 for the city’s 8th annual Christmas in July celebration.

Visitors will enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Old Towne and Catlin Court, as well as an opportunity to donate to a summer food drive. Get your shopping for gifts and decorations completed early and avoid the rush! Christmas cheer begins at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140, where you’ll pick up an event map, coupons and savings pack.

Additional activities, free or available for a small fee, will include:

- Get your Christmas card photo done early! Santa will greet visitors and pose for photos, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at The Country Maiden, 7146 N. 58th Ave. Photos will be available for a nominal fee and shoppers are welcome to take their own pictures with Santa.
- Make your own Nougat Christmas Tree at Cerreta Candy Co.
- See old-fashioned and vintage holiday décor and gift items at the Country Maiden
- Decorate Sugar Cookies from Shelley’s Specialty Desserts
- Catlin Court Christmas Cookie Progressive Recipe Book – participating businesses will feature a page/recipe for the book from their own family recipes; put all the pieces together and you will have an old-fashioned community cookbook.
- Donate food to benefit Hope for Hunger
- Hear Brelby Theater’s cast of Little Shop of Horrors (running during July) singing Christmas Carols at the Visitor Center

Christmas in July

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- Make-and-Take Christmas Magnets from The Talented Tortoise
- Make-and-Take Christmas Card at The Open Door
- Make-and-Take Ice Cream Cone Ornament from Papa Ed's
- Paw Prints Photos on Christmas paper from the Glendale Police Department K-9 Unit
- The first 200 visitors will receive a Savings Packs, first-come, first-served at the Visitor Center beginning at 10 a.m.

Christmas in July also kicks off the start of installing 1.5 million lights for the city's annual holiday light display. The installation of the holiday lights takes more than four months and 5,000 labor hours to complete in order to be ready for Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend on Nov. 28-29.

For more information on the food bank, visit www.hopeforhungerfb.org. For more information about Christmas in July, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or online at VisitGlendale.com, Facebook.com/GlendaleCVB, Twitter.com/GlendaleCVB or YouTube.com/MyGlendale11.

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