Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **November 23, 2011**

Holiday Notice for November 24 and 25. City of Glendale offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Read more.

Holiday Events in Glendale

Downtown Glendale Lights Up with Spectacular Kickoff to Holiday Season - November 25-26. 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 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona, and it all kicks off Nov. 25-26 from 5-10 p.m. each evening. To commemorate the state's centennial, Governor Jan Brewer will be the city's guest of honor, joining Glendale's Mayor and Councilmembers for the opening night of Glendale Glitters on Friday, Nov. 25.

Admission is free, and free shuttles will be available at Glendale Community College (GCC), located at 59th and Olive avenues in the north lots, making Glendale Glitters one of the best-loved festivals in Arizona year after year. In fact, the event has been named azcentral.com's Critics' Choice for the Best Festival in the Valley. Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland and petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. The Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show on the amphitheater stage starts at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 25.

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 14, from 5-10 p.m. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or click here.

Glendale Glitters Holiday Weekends. The holiday magic continues with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday, from 6-10 p.m. through January 14, 2012.

• **Dec. 2-3: Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend.** The holidays are a time of generosity, so what would be more fitting than a whole weekend celebrating those giving back to the community? It'll do your heart good to get into the spirit of giving by learning about and paying tribute to those selfless organizations that make our community a better place to live. Highlights include all the fun family activities that Glendale Glitters always brings, plus special celebrations of, and donation drives for, worthy local charities and food banks. Help make a difference by participating in the Historic Downtown Glendale Food Drive. Businesses in Historic Downtown Glendale have coordinated a holiday food drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance that will run through the city's Spirit of Giving Weekend at Glendale Glitters on Dec. 2-3. Read More.

•Dec. 9-10: Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend. Won't it be nice to play in the snow without having to shovel your driveway? You won't need snow tires to head to downtown Glendale for Winter Wonderland Weekend, Dec. 9-10, from 6-10 p.m. each evening. Winter Wonderland weekend will feature a children's snow field, so bring the mittens and sip hot cocoa, as you enjoy delightful winter fun not usually found in Arizona. The snowfield will allow kids the rare opportunity to create their own Frosty the Snowman. To make it even more magical, snow will fall at the snowfield throughout the evening as the children play. More winter fun will include free make-and-take crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and more children's entertainment, in addition to the regular horse-drawn carriage rides offered. Read More.

•Dec. 16-17: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights. Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in downtown Glendale on Dec. 16-17 and enjoy Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights for music, fun and excitement amid 1.5 million lights! A festive mix of holiday songs and rock jams will get everyone off their feet and in the holiday spirit! Practice your moves to the tunes of some stellar musical performances. The event will also feature holiday arts and crafts, delicious food and beverage, horse-drawn carriage rides, inflatable rides and visits with Santa Claus. Bring your camera, or have Santa's helper snap one for a small fee. Read More.

Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir, Dec 1. This uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with their multi-sized brass bells. Join us for this free Live @ the Library program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information call 623-930-3573.

Holiday Concert: Flutasia Flute Quartet, Dec. 10. Join us for a festive holiday performance, featuring classical and contemporary musical favorites your whole family will enjoy! Performed by flutists Karen Thomasson, Nora Welsh, Leslie Lewis, and Rebekah Lowe. This will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room of the Foothills Library. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

Santa's Workshop, Dec. 10. Kids of all ages are invited to shop for holiday presents at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. from 10 a.m. till noon. All items will be priced $3 or less. Santa's elves will be on site to wrap their purchases in holiday wrapping paper. Arrive early for the best selection. For more information call 623-930-4610.

Glendale Adult Center Holiday Luncheon, Dec. 16. Celebrate the joy of the special season with your friends at this year's holiday luncheon. Entertainment will be provided by the Glendale Adult Center Celebration Singers and Mockingbird Kitchen Band. Enjoy a special visit from the plump, jolly white-bearded man. Bring a pair of new adult socks to be donated to the Arizona Veteran's Home. Tickets are on sale now to VII members for $5 and for guests of VII members for $8. The luncheon will be held at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. from 10:30 a.m. - 12-30 p.m. Get your tickets early to this sell-out event!

Glendale Coffeehouse: Holiday Jam, Dec. 15. Members of the Glendale Public Library's Acoustic Jam Session will take the stage to entertain the audience with holiday favorites. This free event will be in the auditorium of the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. at 6:30 p.m. Call 623-930-3573 for more information.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party - Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, 4 - 11 p.m. Save the date of Saturday, January 14 for Glendale Glitter & Glow. More information to follow.

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