

Glendale Civic Pride Keepsake Ornament

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors have produced the 14th in a series of collectible ornaments that features another Glendale Point of Pride. The 2012 keepsake showcases the Glitter and Glow event in Historic Downtown Glendale. Featuring colorful hot air balloons surrounding Murphy Park, the ornament is beautifully packaged for gift-giving; the keepsakes can be purchased for \$13 each at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140). INFO: 623-930-4500 or visitglendale.com

Glendale Civic Center Would Like to Host Your Next Event

Looking for a place to host a wedding, business meeting, trade show or private party? The Glendale Civic Center is your answer. Voted as the #1 conference center of its size and located in the heart of Historic Glendale at 5750 W. Glenn Drive, the nearly 40,000 square-foot facility is one of the crown jewels of the downtown for hosting an event. INFO: glendaleciviccenter.com or 623-930-4300



December Weekends

On Friday and Saturday evenings, November 30 – December 15, downtown Glendale will be aglow with 1.5 million sparkling holiday lights, and Murphy Park will be filled with entertainment, arts and crafts, delicious food and horse-drawn carriage rides. Each weekend has a special theme with all kinds of fun for all ages. Admission is free and events take place 6 - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299

Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, Glendale's Spirit of Giving: The holidays are a time of generosity, so what could be better than a whole weekend recognizing those who give back to our community? Support local food banks with our canned food drive for St. Mary's Food Bank, plus kids will enjoy all kinds of entertainment!

Dec. 7 – 8, Glendale's Winter Wonderland: Head to downtown Glendale for Winter Wonderland Weekend, which will feature a children's snow field. 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.

Dec. 14 – 15, Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights: Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in Murphy Park, which will be packed with music, lights, kids' crafts and entertainment. Enjoy performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances.

Dec. 16 – Jan. 12, Downtown Holiday Light Display: Although Santa has returned to the North Pole and our pre-Christmas holiday lighting events have ended, the 1.5 million downtown holiday lights will remain on every night from 5 - 11 p.m. through January 12. Our next event will be the Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party on January 12.

Holiday Carriage Rides

Horse & carriage rides in historic downtown Glendale will run nightly November 23 through January 5, from 6 - 9 p.m. (depending on weather and demand). Friday and Saturday evenings will follow our event hours. The carriage ride line forms in front of the Civic Center at 57th & Glenn Drive during Glendale Glitters Spectacular weekend (November 23 and 24) and at 58th Avenue & Glenn during non event nights and during the December weekends (November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15). Rides cost \$25 per carriage (up to 6 people) and take you through 6 blocks of historic downtown Glendale. INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299

Holiday Performances at the Library

Flutasia Flute Quartet: Holiday Concert in the Roadrunner Room at the Foothills Branch Library on December 1 at 3:00 p.m. This relaxing holiday performance features classical and contemporary musical favorites. INFO: 623-930-3844

Live at the Library:

Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir will perform in the Main Library Auditorium on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. This uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with multi-sized brass bells. INFO: 623-930-3573

Glendale Coffeehouse:

Holiday Jam in the Main Library Auditorium on December 20 at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Glendale Public Library's Acoustic Jam Session will entertain audience members with holiday favorites. INFO: 623-930-3573

Santa's Workshop, December 8

Holiday shopping with the kids just got easier. Join us at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center on Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. – Noon. A store will be set up with a variety of items (all priced \$3 or less) that kids of all ages can purchase for holiday presents. Santa's elves will be on site to wrap their purchases, and photos with Santa will be available. INFO: 623-930-4610

Please note that due to printing deadlines, we encourage you to check our online version of this newsletter for the most up-to-date event information and details.



A Message from Councilmember Norma Alvarez

There is Much Need in Your Own Community

While there are many organizations that strive to help those in need, there is one right here in Glendale that continues to make a positive impact on our community. The Hope For Hunger Food Bank recently opened in Glendale and in just over 30 days of actual operation has provided more than 87,076 lbs. of food to 2,000+ individuals and 662 families consisting of 2-10 people per family. Based on those figures,

it is obvious that there is much need in our very own community, which is why the Hope For Hunger Food Bank continuously welcomes volunteers and donations.

It is organizations like these that help provide a meal for financially struggling families. The Hope for Hunger Food Bank is also in the process of implementing a program that will provide nutritional snacks for nine after-school programs in Glendale.

Another program available to City of Glendale residents is the Community Action Program, which works to provide responsible and efficient support services that foster self-sufficiency and emotional stability when individuals or families are experiencing a financial hardship or major life crisis. Each year the Community Action Program hosts an Annual Holiday Party for low-income children of Glendale which is made possible through donations from businesses and individuals and the need continues to increase. Items provided to the children at this holiday party are school supplies and/or educational tools such as books and small gifts for children.

I encourage you to make a commitment to assist with donations for both of these very worthy causes, not just during the holidays but throughout the year.

Job Searching Labs at the Libraries

Steve Schrade, former director of human resources for Bashas' Grocery Stores and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available at the Main Library to offer job coaching assistance. Bilingual staff will be available at the Velma Teague Branch Library. These open labs are strictly for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. Visit glendaleaz.com/library or call 623-930-3530 for dates and times. One-on-one job coaching appointments are also available by calling 623-930-3531 or by stopping by the reference desk at the Main Library.

Glendale Has Great Gift Giving Ideas

Looking for a different or unique gift to give for the holidays? Classes and recreation center passes make great gifts for everyone. Your child or grandchild would love to get a hip hop dance or karate class. A Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Pass allows your best friend to swim laps, use the fitness center and attend a variety of fitness classes. You can gift your spouse with classes you can take together, such as ballroom dancing and painting classes. The hard-to-buy-for teen on your list might love receiving a cake decorating, guitar or even an acting class. With one stop at glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation, you can complete all your holiday shopping! Call 623-930-2820 for more information. For other unique gift giving ideas, visit glendaleaz.com/glendalegifts.

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VIN Etching December 1

Bring your vehicle and proof of ownership to the Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown Street) on Saturday, December 1 for free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching. VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching a vehicle's 17-digit vehicle ID number on each piece of window glass on your vehicle to deter auto theft. The process takes about 10 minutes; event hours are from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. INFO: 623-930-4044

Holiday Tree Drop-off Begins December 26

The Sanitation Department has established several sites throughout the city where residents can drop off trees for recycling from December 26 through January 13. Be sure to remove all decorations, tree stands, metal stakes and nails. Bring a single, unbagged tree to one of the designated sites, listed online at glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit glendaleaz.com/calendar.

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