

## Cityline

### New Holiday Tree with Lights Synched to Music at Glitters!

There is always something new to see at Glendale Glitters! 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 your family this holiday season!



### New Job Search Lab

Let a human resources professional assist you with your job search and give you hiring tips during open labs, scheduled through December at the Main Library and Foothills Branch Library. INFO: 623-930-3530 or [glendaleaz.com/library](http://glendaleaz.com/library)

**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.**



## Holiday Fun in December

On Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 3-18 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 offering fun for all ages. Events take place 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. INFO: [glendaleaz.com/events](http://glendaleaz.com/events) or 623-930-2299.

**Dec. 3-4, Glendale's Gingerbread Nights:** Enjoy family fun all about gingerbread, including gingerbread décor, gingerbread-flavored food and beverages and all sorts of other treats to satisfy your sweet tooth, as well as holiday performances and storytelling provided by Bookman's & The Arizona BookPALS.

**Dec. 10-11, 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? It'll do your heart good to get into the spirit of giving by paying tribute to those selfless organizations who make our community a better place to live. Support local food banks with our canned food drive for St. Mary's Food Bank, plus kids will enjoy all kinds of entertainment!

**Dec. 17-18, 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.

## Holiday Performances at the Library

**Live at the Library:** Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir will perform in the Main Library Auditorium on December 2 at 6:30 p.m. This uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with multi-sized brass bells.

Glendale Coffeehouse – Holiday Jam in the Main Library Auditorium on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Glendale Public Library's Acoustic Jam Session will take the stage to entertain audience members with holiday favorites. This program is sure to put you in the holiday spirit! INFO: 623-930-3573

**For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit [glendaleaz.com/calendar](http://glendaleaz.com/calendar).**

## Help residents in need during the holidays while enjoying great food at Tuscan Oven

Join Maître d' Mayor Elaine Scruggs, special guests, family and friends from 5 – 10 p.m. Friday, December 3 at Tuscan Oven in Westgate City Center for a special *From The Heart* fundraising event. The new restaurant (located next to Margaritaville), which features pizzas, pasta and panini's, will be donating a portion of its evening's proceeds to Glendale's *From The Heart* program. Reservations, which are encouraged but not required, can be made by calling 623-877-4760.

100% of all the money raised through *From The Heart* is distributed to non-profit agencies serving local residents in need of social services. *From The Heart* is supported by residents adding \$1 to their monthly utility bill and through business donations. Make plans now to be a part of this special evening for a great cause!

*From The Heart*



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# A Message from Councilmember Yvonne Knaack



## Growing Strong Neighborhoods

One of Council's strategic goals is "One Community with Strong Neighborhoods." Council is eager to work with residents and support neighborhoods encouraging involvement and active participation. Both the Neighborhood Partnerships Office and the Police Department offer a wealth of information and assistance in organizing neighborhoods and creating partnerships to address common issues.

The Neighborhood Partnerships Office is a "one-stop" center offering programs and services to keep neighborhoods healthy and strong. Some programs such as Glendale University and HOA training are educational. Mediation assistance helps neighbors resolve disputes. Assistance with neighborhood newsletters for active neighborhoods is also available to encourage communication. Neighborhood Service Coordinators work with residents and offer suggestions on getting neighborhoods organized and solving problems. Call 623-930-2868 or visit their website at [glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships](http://glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships) to get started.

Neighborhood Watch, through the Police Department, is another way of instilling a sense of community and well-being in Glendale's neighborhoods. Citizens and police work in partnership to become a cohesive body of concerned citizens to address common issues that affect specific neighborhoods. Community Action Teams (CATs) are the coordinators of problem-solving efforts. Some of the programs offered are the Eyes of Glendale Newsletter, home and business security surveys, crime prevention presentations, Operation Identification and Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.). G.A.I.N. is an annual event encouraging neighborhoods to plan get-togethers so neighbors and Glendale staff have an opportunity of sharing information and support. More information can be found on the city's website at [glendaleaz.com/police/involvement](http://glendaleaz.com/police/involvement) or by calling 623-930-3380.

Please take advantage of the opportunities available through these two departments.

## Stay Safe This Holiday Season

'Tis the season to be in a hurry and in some cases, let your guard down. Therefore the Glendale Police Department Community Action Team wants to remind residents of a few safety tips to keep you and your family safe this holiday season.

- Shoppers are big targets for criminals. Don't become overburdened with too many bags. The best place to store them is the trunk of your car so they are out of sight. Remember; keep your car locked at all times.
- Be aware of your surroundings when walking through parking lots. Try to shop with a partner. Walk with confidence and don't look like a victim.
- After the holidays, do not discard empty boxes that announce your new gifts. Some burglars drive through the neighborhood

scouting homes to target. Break the boxes down and throw them in your trash or recycle can so that they are not visible.

- If you are going out of town, your home should appear as if someone is there. Install dusk to dawn sensors or timers on your inside lights and porch lights. Have a neighbor pick up your mail, newspaper or door hangers or have the delivery service hold them while you are away.

INFO: 623-930-3380 or [glendaleaz.com/police](http://glendaleaz.com/police)

# Around the Horn

**Horse & Carriage Rides in Historic Downtown Glendale** will run nightly November 26 through January 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. (depending on demand). Friday and Saturday evenings will follow our event hours. Carriage ride lines form in front of the Civic Center during Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend (November 26 and 27) and at 58th Avenue & Glenn during non event nights and during the December weekends (December 4 and 5, 11 and 12, 18 and 19). Rides cost \$25 per carriage (up to 6 people) and take you through 6 blocks of historic downtown Glendale. INFO: [glendaleaz.com/events](http://glendaleaz.com/events) or 623-930-2299

## Holiday Tree Drop Off

The Sanitation Department has established several sites throughout the city where residents can drop off trees for recycling from December 27 through January 9. 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](http://glendaleaz.com/sanitation).

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