

## Happening Soon

### At your parks

#### 4th Annual Enrique Banda Memorial Softball Challenge

The City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department and the Banda Committee group will be hosting the 4th Annual Enrique Banda Memorial Softball Challenge on Dec. 5 at the Sahuaro Ranch Softball Sports Complex. Proceeds from the tournament go to support the Glendale Parks and Recreation Youth Scholarship Fund. Registration is limited to 16 men's teams and 16 co-ed teams. Tournament format is a double elimination/one pitch tournament and ASA rules apply. Cost is \$175 per team. Deadline to register is Nov. 23. For more information or to register, call 623-930-2841.

#### Jingle Bell Hike to Santa - Dec. 5

Free! Visit with jolly ol' Saint Nick at the mid-point in this moderate 2/3-mile round trip hike. Join us from 9-11 a.m. at the Thunderbird Conservation Park, 59th Ave. north of Deer Valley Rd. Wear hiking or tennis shoes and bring plenty of water. Please leave pets at home. Call 623-930-2038 for more details.



#### Holiday at the Ranch - Dec. 12

Experience a hometown holiday and seasonal atmosphere in a historic setting from 5-8 p.m. at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Free admission. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

### At your libraries

#### Holiday Puppet Show

Dec. 8-9, 10:30 a.m.;  
Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Velma Teague Branch Library  
Get in the spirit of the holidays with wacky puppet characters!



#### Holiday Gift Tags

Dec. 7, 7 p.m.  
Foothills Branch Library  
Break away from the holiday madness for an hour and be creative with holiday tags. Two-person family teams, children ages 5-9 with a parent, grandparent or older sibling are invited. Children age 10 and older, or teens, are welcome to participate individually. All materials are provided. No RSVP needed.



#### Holiday Letters for Children

Dec. 15, 4 p.m. - Foothills Branch Library  
Kids will be paired with teen volunteers to make holiday cards and write letters to Santa Claus. Registration begins Dec. 1. Call the library at 623-930-3837, stop by the youth reference desk or visit the library events calendar at [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library) and choose "What's Happening."

#### Gingerbread, a traditional Christmas treat

Dec. 7 and 14, 10 a.m. on; Dec. 17, 7 p.m.  
Foothills Branch Library  
Youngsters, ages 2 and up, have three opportunities to take part in "Can't catch me...I'm the gingerbread man!" Come hear a story or two about the gingerbread man, then decorate your cookie - and yummmmm!

#### My Kids in Sign

Dec. 5, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - Glendale Main Library Auditorium  
"My Kids in Sign" is now a holiday tradition at the library. This special hour-long performance combines sign language and song for the whole family.

#### A Holiday Concert with Raintree

Dec. 14, 7 p.m. - Velma Teague Branch Library  
Enjoy a holiday concert with the Raintree recorder ensemble. The costumed quartet of Ann Koenig, Barbara Martin, Karl Rehmer and Linda Rising will play traditional tunes with a Renaissance flair.

#### Campanillas del Sol Handbell Choir

Dec. 3, 7 p.m. - Glendale Main Library Auditorium  
A holiday favorite, the Campanillas del Sol Handbell Choir is back to ring favorite tunes sure to delight the whole family. Another end of the year tradition is the Best of Jam as part of the *Live @ the Library* performances. Members of the monthly acoustic Jam series will perform on the auditorium stage at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17.

#### Basic Babysitting Workshop

Dec. 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Glendale Main Library  
Learn the basics of childcare in this fun one-day workshop. Students will be certified as a Safe Sitter® upon completion of the workshop. This class is for age 11-13 only. All registered participants must bring a completed registration form to class. For more information, call 623-930-3537. Registration begins Dec. 16.



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### The Connection

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Glendale Glitters  
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# The Connection

A Newsletter for City of Glendale Residents

## Glendale Glitters means holiday fun in December



On Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 4-19 downtown Glendale will be aglow with 1.5 million sparkling 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. Events take place 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events) or call 623-930-2299.

**Dec. 4-5, Glendale's Gingerbread Nights:** Enjoy family fun all about gingerbread, including our own Flat Murphy contest winners a la gingerbread men, a gingerbread décor, gingerbread flavored food and drink as well as holiday performances and all sorts of treats to satisfy your sweet tooth.

**Dec. 11-12, 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 and kids will enjoy a free Madagascar movie!

**Dec. 18-19, 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, APS clowns with kids' crafts and excitement! Entertainment will include performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances.

## Desert Sleuths Discuss "How NOT to Survive the Holidays"

Local mystery authors from the Arizona-based Desert Sleuths chapter of Sisters in Crime will discuss and sign their holiday-themed anthology, "How NOT to Survive the Holidays" at the upcoming *Authors @ the Teague* event at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Velma Teague Branch Library.

Packed full of 17 original short stories, "How NOT to Survive the Holidays" has something for everyone, with tales ranging from scary to merry. Locally written, designed, and published, it makes a great stocking-stuffer for Arizona mystery buffs.

Authors scheduled to attend the panel discussion include Sarah Parkin, Howard B. Carron, Deborah J.

Ledford, C.R. Bolinski, Judy Starbuck, R.K. Olson, Kris Neri, Mary E. Burt, Merle McCann, Suzanne Flaig, JoAnne Zeterberg, Ann Marisky, Susan Budavari and Nancy Nielson Redd.

Arizona's Desert Sleuths is one of almost 50 chapters of Sisters in Crime, a national organization dedicated to the advancement of women authors in the mystery field. Desert Sleuths holds monthly meetings and an annual conference. For more information about both the Desert Sleuths and this new anthology, visit [www.desertsleuths.com](http://www.desertsleuths.com).

Books will be available for purchase. The program is free. For more information, call 623-930-3439.



## Luke Air Force Base's First Days

World War II brought the birth of Thunderbird Field to train civilian pilots for the Army. The field was designed by artist Millar Sheets and resembled the mythic Thunderbird.

While this field was being built in 1941, the Army was busy working on a larger base 10 miles west of Glendale.

Built for \$4.5 million, Luke Field (now Luke Air Force Base) was named for the first pilot to receive a Medal of Honor, Lt. Frank Luke Jr.

Thunderbird Field would later become the site Thunderbird American Graduate School for International Management.



### LIBRARY LOCATIONS

**Main Library**  
5959 West Brown Street  
623-930-3530

**Foothills Library**  
19055 North 57th Avenue  
623-930-3830

**Velma Teague Library**  
7010 North 58th Avenue  
623-930-3430

Glendale park locations are available online at [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation)



## A Message from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

### Securing F-35 Training Mission is Goal of Luke Forward Initiative

Protecting the mission of Luke AFB has been one of our city's top priorities for many years. Since annexing the base into our city in 1995, Glendale has worked with other cities, the county, state and our congressional delegation in developing initiatives and state laws to protect and sustain Luke's vital training mission.

Luke AFB has served as a fighter pilot training base since 1941. Currently, the base is the Air Force's largest fighter wing and the only active duty F-16 training base in the world. Due to the age of its existing fighter jet, the Air Force will begin replacing the F-16 within the next decade and is scheduled to completely retire the fleet by 2025.

The planned replacement for the F-16 is the F-35 Lightning II. Arizona has the ideal climate, land, airspace, training ranges and facilities needed to train and fly the F-35. Thus, Luke is perfectly positioned to receive the F-35 training mission and continue its decades-long role as the Air Force's premier training base for our nation's fighter pilots.



The Air Force is expected to announce its F-35 basing plans soon and could begin conducting an environmental impact study (EIS) at Luke AFB early next year. The study represents the next step in the consideration and selection process that will ultimately determine the location of the second F-35 training base.

If selected, the new F-35 mission will generate additional employment, wages, consumer spending and investments throughout the Valley and state, as well as bring millions of dollars of additional federal investment along with decades of sustainable economic benefits to Arizona.

Glendale is leading the efforts with other West Valley cities, Maricopa County and Fighter Country Partnership to garner widespread support for the F-35 training mission at Luke AFB. The purpose of the Luke Forward initiative is to generate awareness of the positive impacts this next generation fighter will bring to the West Valley and Arizona, and position the region and state as strong supporters of the F-35 training mission at Luke AFB with our nation's decision makers in Washington, D.C.

Over the last decade, we've laid the groundwork to strategically position the base for the opportunity that lies ahead. But, protecting the current and future mission of Luke AFB is everyone's responsibility.

Thus, I encourage you to visit [www.lukeforward.com](http://www.lukeforward.com) and register your support for the F-35 training mission at Luke AFB.

## Calendar

### December

- 1 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 4-5 Glendale's Gingerbread Nights, 5-10 p.m.\*
- 6 Citadelle's Holiday Open House, 6 p.m.\*
- 8 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11-12 Glendale's Spirit of Giving, 5-10 p.m.\*
- 18-19 Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights, 5-10 p.m.\*
- 15 City Council workshop, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### January

- 4 Fiesta Bowl, 6 p.m.
- 6 Citadelle's Twilight Farmer's Market, 4 p.m.
- 9 Westgate Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.
- 9 Cee Cee's Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.\*
- 13 Citadelle's Twilight Farmer's Market, 4 p.m.
- 15 Friday Nite Lights, 5 p.m.\*
- 16 Glendale Glitter & Glow, 4 p.m.\*
- 20 Citadelle's Twilight Farmer's Market, 4 p.m.
- 23 Westgate Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.
- 27 Citadelle's Twilight Farmer's Market, 4 p.m.

(January City Council dates were not available at press time).

For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.  
\*Event takes place in Historic Downtown Glendale.

### Celebrating diversity in our communities: Keeping the dream alive.

The city of Glendale cordially invites you to attend the city's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Join keynote speaker, Dr. Matthew Whitaker, as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Matthew Whitaker is an associate professor of history at Arizona State University in Tempe. He specializes in modern U.S. history, the african diaspora, civil and human rights, social movements, sports history, popular culture, the American west, and the struggle for racial, economic, and gender equality in the U.S. and beyond.

Dr. Whitaker is an award-winning scholar, teacher, activist, published author whose articles have appeared in many scholarly journals and encyclopedias.

Tickets are available for \$40 each at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140) or by calling 623-930-4500.



### Glendale Civic Pride Keepsake Ornament

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors have produced the 11th in a series of collectible ornaments that features points of interest in Glendale. The 2009 ornament showcases the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, featuring an imprint of the Arizona Cardinals icon. Beautifully packaged for gift-giving, the ornaments can be purchased for \$12 each at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140 ) or at the Glendale Chamber of Commerce (7105 N. 59th Ave.). For more information, call Harry Shapiro at 623-937-4754.



Downtown Glendale's Friday Nite Lights

## Glendale Information

### Glendale doing business with the city of Glendale

Have you ever considered doing business with the city of Glendale? It takes a wide variety of products and services to keep our city running. There are universal needs that any organization requires plus needs specific and unique to individual city departments.

The city provides general information and guidance for businesses in determining opportunities for doing business with the city, through its Web site, [www.glendaleaz.com/purchasing](http://www.glendaleaz.com/purchasing). In addition, you can contact the purchasing division at 623-930-2862 to speak to someone and ask questions.

The following resources are available online:

*How-To Handbook* -- a general guide describing the city's purchasing process and procedures.

*Bidder Registration* -- an online registration that places your company on Glendale's "bidders list" for all formal bids and proposals issued. Once registered a business will be sent an e-mail announcing each opportunity.

*Directory of Departments* -- a description of the responsibilities and services provided by each city department and phone numbers so you can directly communicate with those who may have a need for your product or service.

*Contact Information* -- a direct link to the purchasing office for corresponding with the buying staff.

The city also offers two educational workshops on "How to Do Business with Glendale" in which purchasing staff will explain the city's buying process as well as steps that have been used successfully by businesses to win contracts.

The next workshop will be at the Glendale Public Library on Dec. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Main Public Library. For further information visit [www.glendaleaz.com/Library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library) or stop by the library.

Workshops are also offered through the Glendale Chamber of Commerce. Visit [www.glendaleazchamber.org](http://www.glendaleazchamber.org) for information.

## Public Safety Messages

### Glendale fire department participates in seizure study

Prolonged seizures can be life-threatening if not treated immediately. Over 50,000 people die yearly in the U.S. from prolonged seizures. Paramedics are often the first to treat prolonged seizures, but the best treatment is not known. Researchers at the University of Arizona are conducting a study with Glendale fire department to learn about the best way for paramedics to treat prolonged seizures.

RAMPART is a nationwide study to determine which of two commonly used medications are better at stopping prolonged seizures.

This study compares two different ways for paramedics to treat prolonged seizures. In one treatment, paramedics give a medication as a shot into the muscle. In the other treatment, paramedics give a shot directly into a vein, which is called an IV. All seizing patients are treated with an active medication.

Doctors hope to find out which medication stops prolonged seizures faster.

All people who have prolonged seizures in Glendale will be enrolled in the study, because paramedics can't delay care to ask for permission first. If you don't want to be in the study, you can opt out ahead of time. For more information, or to opt out, please call Bruce Barnhart at 602-827-2140.



### Stay safe during the holiday season

The Glendale Police Department Community Action Team wants to remind residents of a few safety tips to keep you and your family safer while shopping this season.

Shoppers are one of the biggest targets for criminals. Don't become overburdened with too many bags, which could make you an easy target. Make several trips to your car to drop off packages. 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.

After the holidays, do not discard empty boxes that announce your new gifts (i.e. DVD players, TV's, cameras, video games, etc.). Some burglars will drive through the neighborhood to spot what has been thrown away so they can determine which house to target. Break the boxes down and place them in your recycle bin so they are not visible.

For more information, call 623-930-3380 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/police](http://www.glendaleaz.com/police).

## Go Green, \$ave Green!

Gas prices are soaring, but you can save some green by going green. Just B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training) and learn how to travel on Valley Metro or Gus Bus 1, 2 and 3.

A new class is being offered to Glendale residents and employees who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. Some of the lessons include how to:

- Read a bus book
- Plan a trip
- Use the computer to plan a trip
- Find the closest bus stop
- Exit and enter a bus (physically challenged included)
- Signal the stop you need
- Purchase the best value bus ticket, i.e., monthly, daily, reduced, etc.
- Tender fares when getting on the bus

Classes are held the fourth Thursday of every month with the exception of November and December. In November and December classes will be held on the third Thursday of the month. Class times are 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., and sessions are held at the Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown St.). For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/education/transportation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/education/transportation) or call Barb Caviness at 623-930-2035.

Learn to B.A.G. I.T. so you can relieve those fears, save money on gas and relax while traveling on the public transportation system.

### Credit Cards Now Accepted for Payment at Glendale Landfill

The city of Glendale now set up to accept Visa or Mastercard credit or debit cards from residential and business customers at the landfill. This expands the current payment methods to include cash, check, and/or credit card. Accepting payment by credit card enhances services and provides an added convenience for customers visiting the landfill.

In the coming months, landfill customers who normally pay by personal check will notice an additional change. On Jan. 4, 2010, the Glendale landfill will discontinue accepting personal checks. Business checks that are clearly identified with the business name still will be accepted.

The city of Glendale Municipal Landfill is located at 11480 W. Glendale Avenue. Operating hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-3 p.m. If you need additional information or have questions about acceptable wastes or disposal rates, please contact the landfill scalehouse at 623-930-4720.