

## Award-Winning Glendale Glitters Illuminates the Valley Nov. 25-26

You won't believe your eyes as you take in the stunning display of 1.5 million twinkling lights illuminating sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. The city's favorite holiday tradition, Glendale Glitters, has received numerous festival awards and attracts people from all over the country. Don't miss this year's opening weekend on November 25 and 26, from 5- 10 p.m. Admission is free. The exciting stage show begins at 5:30 p.m. and counts down to the flipping of the switch to illuminate the entire downtown area. Visitors of all ages will delight in the outstanding holiday entertainment, food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

Event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, located at City Hall and the Bank of America building, at 58th Avenue and Glenn Drive. The preferred parking fee is \$10. Also, free shuttles run all evening long, between 4:30-10:30 p.m. from Glendale Community College, at 59th and Olive avenues.

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through January 14, from 5- 10 p.m.  
INFO: 623-930-2299 or  
[glendaleaz.com/events](http://glendaleaz.com/events)



**The holiday magic continues with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday night, from 6-10 p.m.**

*Dec. 2-3: Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend • Dec. 9-10: Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend*

*Dec. 16-17: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights*

## Glendale Collects Cell Phones for America Recycles Day

Time to clean out the drawers for those old cell phones! In celebration of America Recycles Day on November 15, Glendale has developed a special cell phone-recycling program, which will run the entire month of November. The public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at Jobing.com Arena at Gate 3 on the northwest corner of the building, at the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, Glendale Community College or at any of Glendale's three public libraries. After the cell

phone collection, the Glendale Family Advocacy Center will collect and arrange the phones for recycling. Once the cell phones are refurbished, they will become available for victims of stalking and domestic violence. Statistics show that cell phones are replaced approximately after only 18-months of use. With toxic elements found in cell phones, it is important to keep cell phones out of landfills. INFO: 623-930-2660

## Open Air Market Through May

Enjoy a fun day in Downtown Glendale at the new Open Air Market, featuring antique, collectible, art, craft and food vendors. The market will be held in the parking lot of A Mad Hatter's Antiques, 5734 W. Glendale Avenue, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month from October-May. INFO: 623-931-1991

## Foothills Fabulous Fall Book Sale

Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue, is gearing up for its annual book sale which will be held from 1- 4 p.m. on Friday, November 4 and Noon- 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 5. Novels, picture books, information, music, movies and more will be available and priced to sell. There will be something for everyone and the last hour on Saturday will be \$1 per bag! INFO: 623-930-3849

**Need a field for practices or games?** Glendale's Parks & Recreation Dept. has 21 reservable play fields for youth and adult practices. **INFO: 623-930-2820**



# A Message from Councilmember Norma Alvarez

The holiday season is upon us and many are busy shopping, planning holiday meals, getting together

with family and friends. We think of the holidays as a time for giving, especially to our loved ones and those closest to us. However, let us not forget those who are less fortunate, relying on our food banks or shelters for some of the things that many of us take for granted such as a meal or place to sleep.

As we all know, the job market continues to be scarce and many who are fortunate to have employment during these difficult economic times, have had to take temporary or permanent salary reductions in order to remain employed.

There are many organizations and donation centers throughout our city accepting donations for those going through difficult times. It is during the holidays that the need for these organizations increases. Perhaps you may not be in a situation to provide a monetary contribution, however your time is just as valuable. Think about donating your time at a food bank, local shelter, hospitals and care centers.

While I encourage you to think about others during the holiday season, let us not forget that there is need throughout the entire year. Keep in mind that working with many of the non-profit organizations is an opportunity to make lasting friendships and partnerships that in turn we can pass on to future generations.

## Parks & Rec Events:

**Social Dance, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., Friday, November 4**

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Drive) A great opportunity to practice your dance skills or learn new styles. Experience ballroom, Latin, swing, jazz and other styles. Includes a 45-minute instructional class and performances. Cost: \$7 (\$9 for non-Glendale residents). INFO: 623-930-4613 or [glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation)

**Basic Flowers and Cake Design Class, 1 – 4 p.m., Saturdays for four weeks, beginning November 12**

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Drive) Explore sophisticated ways to bring your cakes and desserts to life! Create beautiful icing flowers. “Flowers and Cake Design” kit (approximately \$34), available at craft stores, is required. Spanish available on request. Cost: \$65 (Non-resident \$78). INFO: 623-930-4613 or [glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation)

**Child Care & Babysitting Workshop, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, November 19**

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Drive) Ages 11-18 will get training on safe and fun ways to babysit and care for children. Class covers CPR, first aid, techniques for active children and how to have a successful babysitting adventure. Bring a sack lunch. Cost: \$63 (Non-resident \$76). INFO: 623-930-4613 or [glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation)

**Digital Photography Basics Workshop, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 22**

Glendale Adult Center (5970 W. Brown Street) Designed for those who have just purchased a point-and-shoot or DSLR digital camera or are looking to purchase one. Class covers basic functions, terms, assessing the camera and what features are best suited for your needs. Cost: \$37 (Non-resident \$44). INFO: 623-930-4613 or [glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation)

## Annual Holiday Open House November 12

Start your holiday shopping at the Annual Holiday Open House in Historic Downtown Glendale. Enjoy spectacular shopping, delicious dining and plenty of free parking. Event hours are 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., but many of the shops will extend their hours into the evening. Shops throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court will be decorated and filled with gifts, decorations, home décor and all your needs for the holidays. Many shops will have refreshments, special promotions, gifts and prizes. INFO: 623-930-4500 or [visitglendale.com](http://visitglendale.com)

## GAIN Night, November 5

This year’s “Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods Night,” also known as “GAIN” night, is scheduled for November 5th. Get involved in your community by hosting an event in your neighborhood. Register your event online at [glendaleaz.com/police](http://glendaleaz.com/police) or call 623-930-4037 for more information.



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