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**GLENDALE GLITTER & GLOW BLOCK PARTY ON
COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND JANUARY 9**
Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party Welcomes Football Fans

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The lights are going out in downtown Glendale, but not before one big blowout!

Glendale Glitters holiday light display concludes with a rockin' block party, Glendale Glitter and Glow, on Jan. 9, from 4-10 p.m. with balloons, music and much more.

Take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with more than 20 hot air balloons glowing brightly amidst the trees throughout 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. A highlight for visitors will be specially-shaped balloons, as well as mass glows, in which the balloon pilots will fire the balloons all at once to create an illuminating spectacle. The dazzling scene of vibrant glowing colors and twinkling lights, combined with musical performances and delicious food and beverages, will be a feast for the senses!

This year, the Glitter & Glow Block Party falls on the weekend prior to the College Football Playoff game taking place in Glendale at the University of Phoenix Stadium on Jan. 11, 2016. To welcome football fans, the area will be decorated with the two teams' colors and a variety of football and sports-themed games and inflatables will be offered.

One exciting highlight of the festival this year will be a tour stop from Les Paul's Big Sound Experience. In honor of what would be Les Paul's 100th birthday in 2015, the Les Paul Foundation is sharing his creativity, innovative spirit and love of sound in an intriguing mobile exhibit. Visitors will be able to immerse themselves in the recording wizardry of the father of modern music, listen to his music, record their own sounds and share with friends, take a photo with Les, see how the solid body electric guitar got its start and more. Admission to the exhibit is free, and will be offered during the hours of the event, 4-10 p.m.

Music lovers will of course love the offering of performances from a dozen local and regional performers, including classic rock, blues, country and bluegrass, indie rock, pop, funk and disco, 50s rock and roll, Latin rock as

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well as a DJ spinning kids' tunes. To top it off, a tribute band will be brought in for a special performance on the festival's featured stage, as well.

Finally, visitors with young children or just the young at heart, may want to check out the carnival rides, inflatables or the petting zoo and pony rides. In addition, the animated movie "Up" will be showing at 6 and 8 p.m. in the Murphy Park amphitheater.

Admission is free and free parking shuttles are available from Glendale Community College, at 59th and Olive avenues. Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college, accessing from 59th Avenue and Vogel, and the last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10:15. Event attendees will also have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

Glendale Glitter & Glow is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, and sponsored by Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Arizona*, SRP, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, the Arizona Republic, Monster Energy Drinks, Cerreta's, ABC-15, KOOL, KMLE, Live 101.5, Diamond Resorts, Glendale Community College, Camelback Ranch-Glendale and Sedona Pines.

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