

# Sahuaros

## Weekly Update



*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

October 26, 2012

**Citizens Invited to Learn About Proposed Budget Reductions at Community Meeting.** Glendale residents are invited to attend a public meeting to hear about proposed reductions to the city's General Fund budget. The meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Rose Lane Recreation Center at 5003 W. Marlette Ave. Residents will hear about the impact of the proposed reductions and have the opportunity to meet with city staff to ask questions and provide comments. The proposed budget reductions are part of several financial scenarios, including the city's temporary sales tax increase. Visit [www.glendaleaz.com/knowthefacts](http://www.glendaleaz.com/knowthefacts) for the list of proposed cuts and to view video interviews with key staff members, including the police and fire chiefs as well as the budget director, who provide more in-depth background on the impact of the proposed cuts.



**Glendale Provides Tips for Healthy & Safe Halloween Night.** The Glendale Fire Department wants residents to have a "spooktacular" Halloween night and is reminding families of fire prevention measures and the safety message, "Be Safe, Be Seen."

#### Halloween Safety Measures:

- If trick-or-treating, please remember to wear something reflective. *Through the end of October, the Glendale Transportation Department has partnered with Glendale Libraries to offer reflective bags for trick-or-treating and reflective stickers to apply to costumes. These items can be picked up at any of the three city libraries and are free while supplies last.*
- Drivers should stay on alert, especially in residential neighborhoods.
- Make sure costumes fit to increase the mobility and visibility of children wearing them.
- Children should be reminded not to run and to use crosswalks or street corners after looking both ways.
- USA Safe Kids suggests children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult.
- Check all treats before they are eaten and report anything suspicious.
- For the purpose of lighting jack-o-lanterns, use a flashlight or a liquid light that glows after it bends, not candles.
- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torchlights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume so they can be seen while walking in neighborhoods.

For additional information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com) or call the Fire Department at 623-930-3400.

**Downtown Glendale Lights Up with Spectacular Kickoff.** What is synonymous with holiday fun on Thanksgiving weekend in the Valley of the Sun? Glendale Glitters! The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona, and it all kicks off Nov. 23-24 from 5-10 p.m. each evening.

Free admission and free shuttles make Glendale Glitters one of the best-loved festivals for Arizona families year after year. In fact, the event was named azcentral.com's Critics' Choice for the Best Kid Event in the state in 2012. Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland and petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

Glendale will officially kick off the holiday season with the "Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show" beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The 30-minute show, which will feature a variety of holiday entertainment, will culminate with a special guest joining Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs and city council members to turn on the city's downtown light display.

The holiday magic continues with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday through Dec. 15, from 6-10 p.m. each evening.

- Nov. 30-Dec. 1: Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend
- Dec. 7-8: Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend
- Dec. 14-15: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 12, from 5-10 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).

## Around Town

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**Council Meetings and Workshops.** To review the posted agenda and web video of the October 23 council meeting, please [click here](#).

**Thousands of Items at the Fabulous Fall Book Sale.** Novels, nonfiction, movies, music, audio books and more will be priced to sell at the Foothills Branch Library Fabulous Fall Book Sale, through Oct. 27. Join us from 12-4 p.m. During the last hour on Saturday, pay just \$1 per bag of items. The Foothills Branch Library is located at 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. For more information, call 623-930-3830 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

**Neighborhood Trick or Treat Off the Street Halloween.** For a great alternative to traditional trick or treating, join us for "Trick or Treat Off the Street" from 6-8 p.m., Friday, October 26 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Drive. Children 10 and younger can trick or treat at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center and enjoy an evening of activities including: arts and crafts, carnival games, photo opportunities, face painting, and a costume parade. Trick or Treat passports can be purchased the night of the event for \$4 (\$5 non-residents) or can be purchased in advance starting October 1. Supervision is required; the event is free for parents. For information, call 623-930-4610.

**VIN Etching.** Vin Etching will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m., October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in the north parking lot. VIN Etching is an auto theft deterrent in which the vehicle's 17-digit vehicle identification number is permanently etched on the windows of the vehicle. The process takes approximately 10 minutes.

The vehicle owner will be required to show proof of vehicle ownership, current registration and complete a consent form provided by the police department. Some insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for vehicles with VIN etching. Please call 623-930-2554 with any questions.

**BUSINESS NEWS: Glendale CVB Offers New Workshop Series, Kicking Off with Social Media Day.** Social Media Day will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 at Thunderbird Executive Inn & Conference Center, located at 15249 N. 59th Ave. in Glendale. The cost is \$15 per person for CVB members and \$25 for non-members and includes lunch.

For more information, contact the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500 or visit [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com).

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