



Sahuaro Weekly Update



“Where neighbors help neighbors build community.”

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Dear Sahuaro District Residents,

I'd like to invite everyone to watch my final 'Glendale Today' show. I took the opportunity to revisit the best of the programs from my 12 years on the city council. My guest, Deputy Communications Director Julie Watters and I revisit topics such as health care, public safety, city programs and more.

The program is currently airing on Glendale Channel 11 and is available to watch anytime on Glendale's online video library at www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy new year!

– Vice Mayor Steve Frate

New Year's Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. [Click here](#) or call 623-930-2660 for the holiday collection schedule.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Glendale's 2012 Year in Review. 2012 was a busy year, with many accomplishments and successes for the city of Glendale. Below are a few of the highlights.

New Mission for Luke Air Force Base – After spending nearly three years building regional and statewide community support for the new F-35 mission at Luke Air Force Base, Luke Forward officials were thrilled with the announcement from the U.S. Department of Defense that the Glendale base will serve as the Air Force's new F-35 training center.

Valley's Largest Retail Development from this Year Attracts Millions of Shoppers to Glendale – Tanger Outlets Westgate opened many brand-name stores just steps away from Glendale's Sports & Entertainment District. This project started on a fast track with a two-day design collaboration between the city's project team and the developer's design team, which usually takes between four and six months. With a groundbreaking in March, the Building Safety Department accelerated the permitting process, which helped Tanger meet its opening date in November. The upscale outlet center has approximately 330,000 square feet of retail shops with the potential of an 80,000-square-foot expansion from the first phase of the project. The development, with the creation of more than 900 full and part-time retail management and sales positions, is expected to attract up to 15 million shoppers a year and generate an estimated sales tax revenue of \$2.5 million a year.

Follow Your Money – The city unveiled "Follow Your Money," an online tool that allows residents to track city spending and revenues. This user-friendly, searchable site serves as a single point of reference for citizens to view information about the financial activities of the city. The program, available on the city's website, allows users to view spending by department and vendors, along with tracking revenues by fund. The tool has the ability to break down each department's individual expenditures for fiscal years 2010-2013 and the information is updated daily.

To read the full list of 2012 highlights, [click here](#).

“Fire a Shot, Get Caught.” As the New Year draws near, the Glendale Police would like to remind the public that random gunfire is not only extremely dangerous, but it is also a felony offense.

Shot-Spotters are the sensors that are strategically placed throughout the city to detect and locate gunfire. The Glendale Police slogan from the inception of the Shot-Spotter program has been “Fire a Shot, Get Caught.” Those who are caught will be arrested and could face a punishment of more than five years in prison.

While we want our residents to be excited and enjoy ringing in the New Year, we encourage them to do it safely and responsibly. The Glendale Police Department urges anyone who hears or observes someone firing a gun to call 9-1-1 immediately and report the crime to police.

Treecycling Sites. Glendale residents are encouraged to recycle their live Christmas trees by dropping them off at the following sites. The “treecycling” sites will be open from Wednesday, Dec. 26 to Sunday, Jan. 13.

- Acoma Park, 53rd Avenue and Acoma Road
- Fire Station #156, 67th Avenue and Deer Valley Road
- Foothills Park, 57th Avenue and Union Hills Drive
- O’Neil Park, 64th and Missouri avenues
- Rose Lane Park, 51st and Marlette avenues
- Sahuaro Ranch Park, southeast corner of 63rd Avenue and Mountain View Road
- Western Area Regional Park, 83rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road

Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed. Trees collected at the recycling stations will be used for composting and mulch. For more information, call 623-930-2660.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

Fiesta Bowl Events. [Click here](#) for Fiesta Bowl information and a listing of events.

Foothills Coffeehouse. Join us for live acoustic music from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Foothills Coffeehouse takes place on the first Wednesday evening of every month featuring acoustic music performed by local musicians. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party Rocks Downtown Glendale. Glendale Glitters holiday light display concludes with a rockin’ block party, Glendale Glitter and Glow, on Jan. 12, from 4-10 p.m. with fun for the whole family!

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.

For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

6th Annual Health & Wellness Fair. Join us for the Health & Wellness Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12, at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Get the knowledge that will help you become healthier while getting free services such as chair massages and blood pressure checks. Find out more about natural and organic products, dentists, local cancer advocates, personal trainers, chiropractic services, holistic services, energy drinks, area health care professionals and more all in one location. FREE and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-4608.

Mayor & Council Installation Ceremony. All residents are invited to attend the Mayor and City Council Installation Ceremony on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. [Click here](#) to fill out the online RSVP now.

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