Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **November 26, 2008**

Thanksgiving Holiday

City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Holiday Sanitation Collection Schedule.

Glendale Glitters Spectacular Nov. 28-29

The city's favorite holiday tradition, Glendale Glitters, was awarded azcentral.com's Critic's Pick for Best Festival for 2008! Don't miss this year's opening weekend on Nov. 28-29, from 5-10 p.m. each evening. Free admission and free parking mean you can bring the whole family and not break the bank!

The exciting stage show counts down to the lighting ceremony on Friday evening, beginning at 6 p.m. You won't believe your eyes as you take in the stunning display of 1.5 million lights illuminating twelve blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale.

Visitors of all ages will delight in multiple stages of entertainment, food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. The charming shops and one-of-a-kind boutiques in Historic Downtown will also offer extended hours for the opening weekend. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2299.

The Magic Continues with Weekend Events in December

On Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 5-20, 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, click here or call (623) 930-2299.

- **Dec. 5-6, Gingerbread Nights:** Enjoy family fun all about gingerbread, including a gingerbread house, a gingerbread building competition, both amateur and professional, as well as fairy tale performances and all sorts of treats to satisfy your sweet tooth.

- **Dec. 12-13, Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights:** Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in Murphy Park, which will be packed with music, lights and excitement. Entertainment will include performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances.

- **Dec. 19-20, The 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.

Mark Your Calendar for these holiday happenings in Glendale

Jingle Bell Hike to Santa

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9-11 a.m.
Thunderbird Conservation Park
67th Ave., north of Deer Valley Rd.

Visit with Jolly Ol' St. Nick at the midpoint in this moderate two-third-mile, round-trip hike. Wear hiking or tennis shoes and be sure to bring water and your camera, but please leave pets at home. This event is free. For more information, call (623) 930-2038.

Free holiday concert at Midwestern University

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2:30 p.m.
Ocotillo Hall, Midwestern University
19555 N. 59th Ave.

Enjoy the "Sounds of the Season" at this free holiday concert featuring the Arizona Winds and the Arizona Arts Chorale. This annual program will include a variety of band and vocal holiday favorites, plus a holiday sing-along. For more information, call (623) 572-3353 or visit www.azwinds.com or www.arizonaartschorale.org.

Holiday at the Ranch

Saturday, Dec. 13, 5:30-8:30 pm
Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area
59th Avenue & Mountain View Road

Experience a hometown holiday and a seasonal atmosphere in the historic setting of this 17-acre ranch! Enjoy family activities, entertainment, special tours, exhibits, as well as tours of two historic houses decorated for the holidays, a gingerbread house exhibit presented by the Arizona Culinary Institute, a gingerbread craft-making activity, roving entertainers, and a "Let it Snow" play area. Bring an unwrapped toy for a community toy drive. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Dress warm for winter fun! For more information, call (623) 930-4200.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009
4-11 p.m.
Historic Downtown Glendale

Dozens of hot air balloons will cast a warm glow over Historic Downtown Glendale as the city says farewell to its annual holiday light display. The event which will showcase dozens of colorful hot air balloons, live bands and street performers under the twinkling canopy of the Glendale Glitters holiday light display. Visitors will be able to walk the streets and actually touch the tethered balloons, which pilots will fire up to glow throughout the evening.

This year, the "After Glow," will feature an extra hour of entertainment, food and beverages until 11 p.m. for those who aren't ready to end the fun. Free parking shuttles will be available from 3:30 until 11:30 p.m. for attendees, from Glendale Community College, located at 59th and Olive avenues.

Musical Performances at Glendale Libraries

- Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Foothills – Flutasia: A Musical Quartet: Featuring flutists Karen Thomasson, Nora Welsh, Criscell Roberts and Rebekah Lowe. Join us at this concert appropriate for the whole family, to experience traditional holiday favorites, as well as some classical selections. (Roadrunner Room) For more information, call (623) 930-3846
- Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Main – Campanillas del Sol Bell Choir: A holiday favorite returns. This 14-member handbell choir was founded in 2000 by Roy and Jennie Blomquist. The audition-only group rings both secular and non-secular music. Because the group is so popular, it is advised to come early for a seat. (Auditorium) For more information, call (623) 930-3573.
- Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Main – Holiday Best of Jam: The library's Acoustic Jam has fine amateur musicians who are ready for the "big" stage! They will join favorite Glendale Coffeehouse performers to the Live at the Library stage. Guaranteed to be an evening of merriment with guitars that will banish any seasonal blues. (Auditorium) For more information, call (623) 930-3573.
- Dec. 21, 2 p.m., Foothills – An Afternoon of Classical Cello: Enjoy relaxing melodies performed by cellist Stephen Chavez. (Lobby) For more information, call (623) 930-3846.

Foothills Branch Library – 19055 N. 57th Ave.
Glendale Main Library – 5959 W. Brown St.

Catch football fever! Fiesta Bowl events in Glendale

Now in its third year in Glendale, the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 5 will match up two of college football's greatest teams. Along with the gridiron action, the game brings a multitude of festivities that Glendale residents can enjoy.

Mark your calendars for one or all of the events listed below, which are all open to the public. For details on these events, call (480) 350-0911. Some events charge admission.

- **Fiesta Bowl Youth Football Clinic**
  Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  Date: December 27, 2008
  Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)

- **31st Annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship presented by University of Phoenix**
  Time: Preliminaries – 11:00 a.m., Finals – 6:30 p.m.
  Date: Thursday, January 1, 2009
  Location: University of Phoenix Stadium

- **Glendale's Fiesta Bowl Gridiron Jam**
  Time: 4 – 10 p.m.
  Date: Saturday, January 3, 2009
  Location: Downtown Glendale

- **Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Brings You College Football's Biggest Party**
  Time: Noon
  Date: Monday, January 5, 2009
  Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)

- **Stadium Club presented by Bar-S Foods**
  Time: 2:00 p.m.
  Date: Monday, January 5, 2009
  Location: Glendale Youth Sports Complex
  (adjacent to University of Phoenix Stadium)

- **38th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl**
  Time: 5:30 p.m.
  Date: Monday, January 5, 2009
  Location: University of Phoenix Stadium

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