



Barrel District Network News



Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack - Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale Collects Cell Phones to Aid Domestic Violence Victims In November. The city of Glendale is dialing in on a good cause with its annual cell phone recycling campaign. The campaign, which coincides with America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, benefits domestic violence victims.

Through Nov. 30, the public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at any of following locations: Glendale's three public libraries, the Glendale Visitor Center in downtown Glendale or Gate 3 of Jobing.com Arena.

All phones collected in Glendale will benefit the Glendale Family Advocacy Center which serves victims of domestic violence. On average, more than 500 phones a year are turned over to the center which is able to have the phones refurbished or recycled for cash. Refurbished phones are programmed so victims of stalking and domestic violence will have a means of dialing 9-1-1 if threatened. Money collected for non-working phones is used to fund hotel stays, toys for children, taxi rides or to provide other services to keep victims out of harm's way.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, cell phones are replaced after approximately 18 months of use. As many as 150 million phones are disposed of annually. America Recycles Day was created to raise awareness and promote the environmental benefits of recycling.

For more information on Glendale's recycling program, [click here](#)



Coyotes Captain Shane Doan City's Special Guest for 20th Annual Celebration of Glendale Glitters November 29. Coyotes Captain Shane Doan will join Glendale's Mayor and Council on stage Friday, Nov. 29, to flip the switch for Glendale Glitters' 1.5 million lights, kicking off the holiday season and celebrating the annual event's 20th anniversary.

Twenty years ago, Glendale started its hometown holiday light display in historic Murphy Park, expanding on a traditional tree-lighting event that took place in the early days of Glendale's history. Today, the event has grown to become a beloved holiday tradition that draws more than 200,000 people annually over a several week period. The first event was attended by about 10,000 people. Today, the event is attended by 75,000 people during opening weekend. The first year, there were 25,000 lights in the park. Today, there are 1.5 million lights spanning sixteen blocks.

For the special celebration on opening night on Friday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m., the '*Countdown to Glendale Glitters*' stage show will feature a video tribute to 20 years of the holiday event in which past special guests were invited to participate, including Hall of Fame broadcaster and Voice of the Phoenix Suns Al McCoy, who participated in the inaugural year's festivities in 1994, and Governor Jan Brewer, who appeared for the event during Arizona's Centennial year. Both McCoy and Brewer are residents of Glendale. In addition, the show will feature a performance by The Dancing Dads, a group that performed in 1994, among other entertainers. The program culminates with special celebrity guest, Shane Doan of the Phoenix Coyotes. He will join the Glendale Mayor and Councilmembers to turn on the switch to 1.5 million lights.

The award-winning festival, which is the largest free holiday light display in the state of Arizona, runs Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30, 5-10 p.m. each evening. Free shuttles are available all evening from the north lots at Glendale Community College, 59th and Olive avenues. Preferred parking is also available in the two downtown parking garages for \$10.

Additional highlights of the festivities will include musical and dance performances, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's snow field, pony rides, petting zoo, inflatables and other rides, and of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

Visitors will also want to explore the charming shops and restaurants located throughout downtown Glendale. For a complete list of downtown shops and restaurants, [click here](#).

Glendale's holiday display remains lit each night through Jan. 11, from 5 - 10 p.m. 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. To learn more about the history and evolution of Glendale Glitters, watch this video on YouTube: www.glendaleaz.com/glitters.

Valley Metro Planning Study for High Capacity Transit. Valley Metro in conjunction with the cities of Glendale and Phoenix, and Maricopa Association of Governments is currently conducting a planning study to evaluate the benefits of high capacity transit to serve the central Glendale and west Phoenix area. This project is part of voter-approved plans to potentially connect to the existing 20-mile regional light rail system that opened in December 2008. Valley Metro is studying six alternatives and evaluating the best type of transit to serve each route into downtown. Public outreach and stakeholder input plays an important role in the planning process. Please take a moment and [click here](#) to learn more about this important study and complete a feedback form. Your input will be incorporated into the study process and results.

Around Town

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

STEM @ Your Library: Light Bulbs, Batteries and Motors. Tweens, ages 7-12, are invited to explore the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through this hands-on workshop that will teach about the principles of electricity. Participants will explore electricity with static electricity-powered lights and make their own simple motor.

- **4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**
- **4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.**

Registration is required; to register, stop by the youth reference desk or go to www.glendaleaz.com/library and click the Library Events link. You can also register by calling the Velma Teague Library at 623-930-3437, the Glendale Main Library at 623-930-3537 or the Foothills Branch Library at 623-930-3837. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act.

Downtown Glendale Kicks Off Shopping Season With Holiday Open House Nov. 9. Forget about decking the halls, we're decking the streets and storefronts of historic Downtown Glendale with holiday spirit and shopping deals for the 17th Annual Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Shops in Glendale's Old Towne and Catlin Court districts will be glistening with holiday trimmings and enticing shoppers with specials to jump start the holiday shopping season. The shops will feature festive decorations, guest artist demonstrations, great gift selections, drawings, refreshments and more.

New this year, participants will have the opportunity to make an ornament that will be hung on the community holiday tree in Catlin Court. Also, this event marks the conclusion of the Stockings for Soldiers Drive. Visitors are encouraged to donate items for holiday-themed stockings boxes that will be shipped to service men and women in mid-November just in time for the holiday season. A list of needed items is available at www.visitglendale.com. Holiday wishes may also be shared with military personnel through free greeting cards that will be set up in the Glendale Visitor Center.

Shoppers are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up an event map. The first 100 visitors at the center will receive a free gift bag, can take a spin on the prize wheel and enter to win a holiday-themed gift basket.

For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com.

Little hands can make big things! STEM @ The Library: Tiny Builders. Join us for this activity-based story and building program:

- **1:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15 at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.**
- **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Tiny Builders is aimed at ages 3-5, but younger builders can join in with a parent's help. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. For more information, call the Foothills Branch Library at 623-930-3837 or the Glendale Main Library at 623-930-3537.

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