Barrel District Network News

Councilmember Bart Turner - Glendale, Arizona **December 19, 2014**

Upcoming City of Glendale Holiday Notices. City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: half day on Wednesday, December 24 and all day Thursday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday, as well as Thursday, January 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holidays. Christmas Day (Thursday, Dec. 25) will be serviced on Friday the 26th, and regular Friday collection for that week will be collected on Saturday, December 27. On New Years' Day, (Thursday, January 1) will be collected Friday, January 2 and regular Friday service will be collected on Saturday, January 3. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will close at noon on Christmas Eve (December 24), and will be closed on December 25 and January 1. For more information about the city's sanitation services, call 623-930-2660.

Valley Metro will be running a holiday schedule (Sunday service hours) on Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1. Gus 1 will be running a Sunday schedule (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on both Wednesday and Thursday (December 24-25). Gus 2 and 3 will be running until noon on December 24 but will not run on December 25. Gus 1 only will be running a Sunday schedule (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on New Year's Day. For Dial-a-Ride service on December 24 or 25, reservations should be made by noon on Wednesday, December 24, as the office will close at noon and reopen on December 26. ADA service will be available both days; callers will be able to leave a message with their request and will be contacted by staff to confirm. For Dial-a-Ride service on January 1, reservations should be made by noon on Wednesday, December 31. Reservations can be made by calling Glendale's Transit Division at 623-930-3500.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during these holidays, the airport's administrative office will offer limited service until 7 p.m. on December 24 and be closed December 25 and Jan. 1. Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau will close at noon on December 24 and be closed December 25.

Glendale's Foothills Recreations and Aquatics Center will be open on Christmas Eve from 7 a.m. to noon, closed on December 25 and open on December 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center will also be open on New Year's Eve, December 31, from 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600.

For more information on Glendale's programs and services, visit our website or call 623-930-2000.

Glendale Police Seeking Enrollment for February 2015 Citizen Police Academy. The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy which begins on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. The application deadline of January 5th is quickly approaching!

The Citizens Academy is a **free program** designed to offer participants the opportunity to learn hands on about many Glendale Police Operations, such as the use of Police Canines, Crime Scene Investigations and Tactical Operations. The curriculum also includes an overview of the Glendale Police Department's Administration, Police Communications, and Community Oriented Policing.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. All fingerprinting and completed applications must be submitted no later than Monday, January 5, 2015. The Citizen Police Academy is 12 weeks in length and is held on Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center and Glendale Police Main Station. There will also be one Saturday class.

Applications can be downloaded and the fingerprinting schedule can be viewed from the Glendale Police website at the following link: http://www.glendaleaz.com/police/involvement.cfm#CitizenPoliceAcademy. For further information, please contact Marie Shepherd at 623-930-3282 or via email at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com. **Spanish translation available if needed*

Glendale Dedicates KaBOOM! Playground. If you build it, they will come! The City of Glendale and the Arizona Coyotes Foundation proudly host the community unveiling of the new KaBOOM! playground at Bonsall Park North to the public on Saturday, December 20, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Arizona Coyotes Foundation and Glendale's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Division teamed up with KaBOOM! to design and build the Power Play Playground. The Power Play design features a tire swing, rock wall climbing area, slide, monkey bars and several other fun features.

The playground was built in one day with the help of nearly 200 volunteers. The Arizona Coyotes Foundation provided a $100,000 grant to the project. The grant also provided revitalization projects to the hockey rink, racquetball courts and ramada areas.

KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to giving kids the childhood they deserve by bringing play to those who need it most. The Arizona Coyotes Foundation "seeks to enhance the quality of life throughout Arizona communities by supporting non-profit organizations that promote healthcare, education and cultural arts programs for children and service men and women." For more information, please visit the following websites:

- KaBOOM! - kaboom.org/
- The Arizona Coyotes Foundation - coyotes.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=98746
- Bonsall Park - www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation/BonsallPark.cfm
- The City of Glendale Community Services Department - www.glendaleaz.com/communityservices/index.cfm

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party Rocks Downtown Glendale. Glow, baby, glow! Glendale Glitters holiday light display concludes with a rockin' block party, Glendale Glitter and Glow, on January 10, 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 including a serpent, a gargoyle and a frog, 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. Thousands of people are expected to stroll along the closed downtown streets and watch tethered balloons, enjoying 11 bands performing rock, blues, funk, country, island steel and jazz music. Bands will include: Peppermint James, Urban Country, The Jazz Monkeys, 76th Street and Midnight Mojo, among others.

Admission is free. Street parking in and around the downtown is free, but event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, located at City Hall, at 59th and Glendale Avenues and the Bank of America Building, at 58th Avenue and Glenn Drive. For those who like a free parking option, shuttles run all evening long, between 3:45 and 10:15 p.m. from Glendale Community College (last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10:15). Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college, accessing from 59th Avenue and Vogel.

Glendale Glitter & Glow is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, presented by Sears Vacations, and sponsored by Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Arizona*, SRP, Valley Buick-GMC, Direct Buy, the Arizona Republic, Eternal Waters, ABC-15, KOOL, KMLE, Live 101.5, Camelback Ranch-Glendale and the Arizona Coyotes. For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Spirit of Giving Weekend - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Highlights include all the fun family activities that Glendale Glitters always brings, plus special celebration of and donation drives for worthy local charities. A new element this year will be a Go Recycle Arizona textiles donation drive. This local company recycles household textiles, such as curtains, towels, clothing and shoes, and donates a portion of the proceeds to an organization, in this case, Glendale's *From the Heart* program. Help make a difference by participating in the textile recycling drive. Free make-and-take crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and musical entertainment, plus a movie showing each evening of the perennial holiday classic, A Christmas Story.

Friday, December 19
6:00 Elite Dance Academy
7:00 The Boot Scooters
8:00 Cannedy Performing Arts
9:00 L.A. Dance

Saturday, December 20
6:00 Arizona Dance Artistry
7:00 Arizona Twirling Athletes
8:00 Red Dragon Kenpo Karate
9:00 Leap of Faith Dance

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 10, from 5-11 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.

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