



Cactus Weekly Update



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on Friday, Jan. 17, by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Monday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a holiday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will remain open on the MLK holiday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-4600.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, [click here](#).

Glendale Fire Department Starting New Year Seeking Community Input. The Glendale Fire Department is looking for residents, business owners, community partners and others to be part of a new process that will prioritize services the fire department provides to the community. This initiative, also known as Community Based Strategic Planning, will form committees to set calculated goals for the fire department and its budget based on the feedback and needs identified by members of the community.

The process is expected to take approximately three months and will result in a final report of prioritized fire department services determined by citizens, community and business partners from the City of Glendale. Outreach to the community has been facilitated through the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, the Glendale City Council, community activists, faith based groups and the department's social media outlets. Participants are currently being selected and the department is anticipating up to 15 members from the city's six council districts for a total of 90 individuals.

Participants are required to attend two meetings that are four hours each that will include presentations and a question and answer session from fire department staff. Following that process, the participants will then be asked to prioritize the fire department's services. In addition, participants will be invited to observe fire department services directly through a "ride-along" opportunity. At the end of the three month process, the participant committee will reconvene to provide final feedback.

All of the input from the citizens, community and business partners will become part of a final report that is expected to reflect the opinions and desires of the people who work and live in Glendale. The final report will provide a guideline for future planning for the department which will be distributed to all participants, the city council and city manager, and will be posted on the fire department website.

To be a part of this process, participants must work or live in Glendale, be 18 years of age and attend one 4-hour introductory meeting and one 4-hour final wrap-up meeting at the Glendale City Council Chambers.

The informational/small group sessions will be conducted at the following location:

Cactus & Barrel Districts
Saturday, February 22, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Glendale Main Library
5959 West Brown Street

The final wrap-up meeting will be conducted:

Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Glendale Council Chambers
5850 West Glendale Avenue

For more information regarding the fire department's community based strategic planning process or to apply, [click here](#).

Glendale Glitters Makes List of Top Five Holiday Light Displays in the Country. Glendale's award-winning festival, Glendale Glitters, has been recognized by CBSnews.com as one of the top five holiday light displays in the country. The event, now in its twentieth year, is Arizona's largest free holiday light display and attracts tens of thousands of people each year.

The city of Glendale was selected not only for the Glendale Glitters display, but also for neighborhood and business participation throughout the city. Glendale is in good company; the other cities on the list are San Diego, CA, Portland, OR, Arlington, TX and Somerville, MA, all cities and neighborhoods that attract thousands of people in their communities with their impressive lights.



The seven-week long holiday light display comes to its conclusion with the Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party on Jan. 11 from 4 to 10 p.m., when the 1.5 million lights are combined with 20 glowing hot air balloons and a variety of musical entertainment, which brings out more than 75,000 people in its final evening.

To read the CBS News online story by nationally-syndicated columnist Ilyce Glick, visit <http://www.cbsnews.com/media/the-5-best-us-neighborhoods-for-holiday-lights/4/>, or find a link at glendaleaz.com/events. Learn more about Glendale Glitters, including other awards and recognition it has received over the years, plus details on the city's full line up of events at www.glendaleaz.com/

Around Town

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

Free Solar Basics Workshop For Homeowners. Are you considering installing a solar system at your home but need more information? The city of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Office is partnering with SRP to offer a free residential solar basics workshop on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

The workshop will provide the information needed for homeowners to make an informed decision on converting to solar or not. Workshop attendees will learn how a solar installation works, various financing options and rebates available to SRP customers through SRP's Solar Energy incentive program. Glendale residents who attend will receive free energy- and water-efficiency devices, including a programmable thermostat, four-pack of CFLs and water-efficient showerhead. The devices are funded through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

For a complete listing of Glendale's free "Green Living" class series, [click here](#). The classes are free, but advance registration is required by calling 623-930-3760 or e-mailing bpatrick@glendaleaz.com.

Teen Game Café. Teens ages 12-18 can participate in a free afternoon of board and video game tournaments from 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday Jan. 25, at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Challenge your friends and other teens to a variety of Wii, X-BOX 360 and PlayStation game favorites.

Board games including chess, checkers, Life, Monopoly and others will also be available. Each time you win a game, you'll receive a drawing entry for the chance to win a grand prize at the end of the event. Feel free to bring your own games (rated E or T only please). Soda and snacks will be served. To register, [click here](#). Or call 623-930-3437.

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