

Cactus Chronicle

*“Glendale –
Proud to be the home of Luke Air Force Base”*



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Thanksgiving Holiday Notice. All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holidays.. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but open on Friday, Nov. 23. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Valley Metro buses will run on a Sunday schedule on all of these holidays. The Gus Bus will also operate on a Sunday schedule, with Gus 1 running from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Sunday ; however, Gus will be running a normal Saturday schedule (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) on Saturday, Nov 24. For Dial-a-Ride service for Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 22-25) must also be made ahead of time – by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 21. 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 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 Recreations and Aquatics Center will be closed Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 22-25) for annual maintenance. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600.



Glendale PD Turkey Drive Nov. 19 & 20. The Glendale Police Department is sponsoring a turkey drive to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Drop off a fresh or frozen turkey in front of the Police Department at 6835 N. 57th Drive from 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, November 19 and from 7 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, November 20. Cash donations will also be accepted to benefit the Westside Food Bank.

Tanger Outlets Grand Opening. The Tanger Outlets opened their doors for the first time on Thursday with much anticipated fanfare at Westgate. The outlets are expected to draw millions of shoppers and bring in an estimated \$2 million in sales tax revenue each year. The outlets will also employ more than 900 full- and part-time management and sales employees.

Tanger Outlets opened with 80 brand name and designer outlet stores with a range tailored to fit every budget. Shoppers can look forward to stores like Brooks Brothers Factory, J Crew Factory, Banana Republic Factory, Michael Kors, Nike Factory, Coach Factory, H&M, American Eagle and more. [Click here](#) for more information.

Downtown Glendale Black Friday Alternative. Visit Downtown Glendale on Friday, Nov. 23 to leisurely browse more than 90 specialty shops and boutiques for unique gift ideas.

Not only can shoppers have a more enjoyable experience, but several businesses are offering specials on the landmark shopping day. And, there is an added bonus for shoppers: when night falls, the downtown area lights up with 1.5 million lights and a bevy of holiday entertainment at the Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend, from 5-10 p.m.

If you're inclined to extend your shopping experience into the weekend, head to Downtown Glendale on Saturday and support a national initiative called Small Business Saturday. This program was designed to encourage shoppers to spend their dollars with locally-owned small businesses, which will in turn stimulate the local economy. For additional information on shopping in downtown Glendale for Black Friday or Small Business Saturday, call the Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Water Safety – Just as Important During Winter Months. As temperatures drop and Arizona’s beautiful winter approaches, our attention tends to turn to holiday feasts, family gatherings and hopefully some time to relax. One of the last things on our minds is the swimming pool; however, water safety still needs to be front and center, especially when having large gatherings at your home.

In the wake of 2 drowning-related incidents in Glendale last Friday in which a 3 year old child lost her life, the Glendale Fire Department reminds the community about the ABCs of water safety and provides some safety tips so everyone can have a safe and happy winter. Remember, water hazards are just as dangerous in the winter as they are in the summer. Drownings don’t have an off season.

- An adult who is watching a child should do just that—**watch**.
- Make sure the gate or door that leads to the pool is always locked. Interior fences provide an additional barrier and should have self-closing, self-latching gates.
- Remember the ABC’s of water safety:
 - **Adult supervision:** Always watch children around water.
 - **Barriers:** fencing around your pool is extremely important.
 - **Classes:** get involved—Adults should take a CPR class and teach their children how to swim.
- Supervision is needed around ALL bodies of water: Never allow your children to play around canals; they are deep and have strong undercurrents.
- Never leave children unattended while bathing. Always have everything you need on hand before you start their bath.
- Children can also drown in buckets, the toilet, or even the dog’s water dish.
- The best drowning prevention tip is to always know where your children are, especially when around water.

Weekend Freeway Closures and Restrictions.

- Loop 303 will be closed in both directions between Olive and Northern avenues through 4 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19 for APS work. Drivers can use Sarival Ave.
- I-10 will be narrowed to one lane in both directions from 9 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18 through 5 a.m., Monday Nov. 19 between Sarival Ave. and Citrus Rd. This restriction is for work related to the Loop 303/I-10 traffic interchange. On-and-off-ramps will remain open.
- Northbound I-17 off-ramps at Union Hills and Yorkshire drives will be closed for electrical system work from 11 p.m. tonight through 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17. Traffic should exit at Bell Road.
- The southbound I-17 off-ramp at Thunderbird Road will be closed for electrical system work from 5 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 17 through 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18. Exit at Greenway or Cactus roads.

For more closures and restrictions, visit www.ValleyFreeways.com/OtherRestrictions.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of the Nov. 13 Council Meeting, please [click here](#).

Glendale Glitters Spectacular Opening Weekend. What is synonymous with holiday fun on Thanksgiving weekend in the Valley of the Sun? Glendale Glitters! The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona, and it all kicks off Nov. 23-24 from 5-10 p.m. each evening. The glittering magic of Glendale’s holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 12, from 5-10 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.

Author Dr. Randy Christensen to Appear at the 58th Avenue Book Group Meeting. Dr. Randy Christensen, co-author of “Ask Me Why I Hurt: The Kids Nobody Wants and The Doctor Who Heals Them,” will be appearing at the Nov. 20 meeting of the 58th Avenue Book Group. Dr. Christensen is the medical director and driving force behind the Phoenix Children’s Hospital’s Crews’n Healthmobile, a 38-foot Winnebago converted into a fully-functional medical facility.

The 58th Avenue Book Group meets every third Tuesday of the month from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

The program is free and open to everyone. Books will be available for purchasing and signing after the discussion. For more information or to make arrangements for group accommodations, call Stephanie at 623-930-3431.

Contact the City Council Office

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