



Cactus Weekly Update



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City of Glendale November Holiday Notices. City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming days: Tuesday, Nov. 11 for the Veterans Day holiday, and Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day later due to the holidays. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed on Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day, but open on Friday, Nov. 28. 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 Nov. 11 and 27 - 28, running from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service for Veterans Day, reservations must be made in advance by noon on Monday, Nov. 10. Dial-a-Ride service for Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 27 - 30) must also be made ahead of time—by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Reservations can be made by calling Glendale's Transit Division at 623-930-3500. There will be no Dial-a-Ride same-day service on Nov. 11 or Nov. 27 - 28.

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 open on Veterans Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The center will be closed, however, for Thanksgiving Day and through Sunday, Nov. 30 for annual maintenance. The Glendale Adult Center will be closed Nov. 11 and Nov. 27 - 28 for the holidays. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600.

For additional information on all Parks & Recreation services and programs, call 623-930-2820.

Glendale Updates City Council Schedule Through December. As the holiday season approaches, residents are reminded that the City of Glendale's City Council workshop and voting meeting schedule has some upcoming changes.

Due to the general election being held on Nov. 4, the Council Workshop schedule for that day was vacated. Additionally, the Nov. 11 meeting has been vacated in observance of Veterans Day. The Nov. 18 Workshop has also been vacated so council and city management can attend the National League of Cities conference. Two special voting meetings are still scheduled for 6 p.m. on Nov. 24 and Dec. 18th.

During the Dec. 9, meeting the voting aspect of the meeting has been vacated as the swearing in ceremony for our new City Councilmembers will take place. Residents are always able to visit the City of Glendale website for an updated listing of all public meetings as well as video recordings of past council meetings at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/government/index.cfm>.

Glendale Home Repair Program Funds Available. Headlines about epic storms and flooding made national news the last two months as Arizona received record rain fall. The City of Glendale's Community Revitalization Division reminds residents about the city's Single Family Rehabilitation Program.

This program provides Glendale's single family residents with a chance to get financial assistance for housing rehabilitation, roof repairs, emergency repairs and exterior improvements.

Through a variety of federal grants such as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the City of Glendale offers this program to assist low to moderate income homeowners in making the needed improvements to their homes with financial assistance to absorb the immediate cost of the repair.

Through an application process, low to moderate income homeowners can apply for the funds to repair unsafe or deteriorating conditions. The property must be within Glendale city limits and must be owner-occupied for at least one year with current homeowner's insurance. Visit here [for an application](#) and more information on the qualifications for the Single Family Rehabilitation Program. To reach the Community Revitalization Division, call 623-930-3670.

KaBOOM! Playground Design Winner Selection. Volunteers from the City of Glendale, the Arizona Coyotes Foundation and the KaBOOM! nonprofit agency now have selected a design plan for the one-day build out of an entire playground at Bonsall Park.

The Arizona Coyotes Foundation and Glendale's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Division hosted an online vote of the three final designs created by KaBOOM! staff and several Glendale children.

The Power Play design was the clear winner. The Power Play design features a tire swing, rock wall climbing area, slide, monkey bars and several other fun features. The Power Play design will be constructed in one day, on Dec. 8 at Bonsall Park, 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road with the help of nearly 200 volunteers.

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 nonprofit 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 - <http://www.glendaleaz.com/communityservices/index.cfm>

Around Town

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

Things to do in November with Glendale's Public Libraries. Trying to find a way to get the kids more interested in reading? Glendale's public libraries have a fun solution to make reading time "furtastic" with a special four-legged reading partner. Through November, kids can reserve 15-minute sessions to read with a therapy dog as part of the Paws to Read program. View a [list](#) of the Paws to Read sessions at all three libraries and other featured events beginning in November.

Also in November, the Foothills Branch Library is ready to help capture the holiday spirit with a flute quartet holiday concert on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. The relaxing holiday performance will feature classical and contemporary musical favorites for the whole family. Review a [full schedule](#) of things-to-do through November at the Glendale libraries.

Downtown Glendale Shopping Season Begins with Holiday Open House. The holidays are about tradition and historic Downtown Glendale is set to continue one of its own with a seasonal favorite, the 18th Annual Holiday Open House, November 8. The shopping extravaganza runs from 10a.m.-4p.m. with feature shops in Glendale's Old Towne and Catlin Court districts offering special deals to help shoppers find that perfect holiday gift.

Shoppers will be transported into a winter wonderland, as storeowners will decorate their businesses with festive holiday lights and decorations. Shoppers can enjoy artist demonstrations and complimentary refreshments.

For the second year in a row, participants will also be encouraged to make a holiday ornament ranging from \$1 to \$5 each that will be displayed on the community holiday tree in Catlin Court. Proceeds will benefit the Military Family Support Group. Also, this event marks the conclusion of the Treats For The Troops drive. Visitors can donate items for holiday-themed gift boxes that will be shipped to service men and women in mid-November just in time for the holiday season. Among the suggested gift box items –baby wipes, small package of non-perishable snacks and phone cards. To see a full list of all suggested gift items please visit www.visitglendale.com.

Holiday messages from the heart can also be shared with military personnel through free greeting cards that will be available in the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140. Staff members at the Visitor Center will also provide event maps and event details. The first 100 visitors at the center will receive a free West Valley Info Pack.

For more information, call 623-930-4500 or [click here](#).

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