



Cactus Weekly Update



Councilmember Ian Hugh, Glendale Arizona

December 14, 2012

Mayor & Council Installation Ceremony. All residents are invited to attend the Mayor and City Council Installation Ceremony on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. [Click here](#) to fill out the online RSVP now.

Upcoming Holiday Closures. City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: half day on Monday, Dec. 24 and all day Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday, as well as Tuesday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holidays, from Mondays to Tuesdays, and so on. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will close early on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) at noon, and will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 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 Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 1. Gus 1 will be running a Sunday schedule (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on both Monday and Tuesday (Dec. 24-25.) Gus 2 and 3 will be running until noon on Dec. 24 but will not run on Dec. 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 Dec. 24 or 25, reservations should be made by noon on Monday, Dec. 24. 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 Jan. 1, reservations should be made by noon on Monday, Dec. 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 offices will close at noon on Dec. 24 and be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed those days, as well as the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will be open on Christmas Eve from 7 a.m. to noon, closed on Dec. 25 and open on Dec. 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center will also be open on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, from 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 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 www.glendaleaz.com.

Free Skate at Jobing.com Arena. The City of Glendale and the Phoenix Coyotes are inviting all Glendale residents to a free public holiday skate at Jobing.com Arena on Saturday, December 29 from 2 – 6:45 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to skate on NHL ice with the Coyotes mascot Howler and members of the Coyotes Paw Patrol. Glendale residents should enter the arena at the main entrance (Gate #4) and simply show their identification or a copy of this newsletter for admission. **All residents are encouraged to bring their own skates to the event. Only a limited number of free rental skates will be available.** Since only 300 skaters are allowed access on the ice at once, there will be four skate sessions available (2-3, 3:15-4:15, 4:30-5:30 and 5:45-6:45 p.m.)

Concession stands and the Coyotes Den team store will also be open throughout the day.



Fun, Safe Licensed Recreation Sites. The holiday break is great for families to get together and celebrate, but with schools closed, working parents may wonder what to do with the kids during the day. Glendale offers two, all-day, licensed recreation sites to solve this dilemma.

The site at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary School, 10401 N. 63rd Ave., is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, Dec. 21 to Jan. 4 and the site at Desert Mirage Elementary School, 8605 W. Maryland Ave., is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, Dec. 20 to Jan. 2. Both locations will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1.

The programs offer children various activities such as arts and crafts, board games, group games and more. Children experience the benefits of a fun, safe and social environment with positive mentorship from the caring, adult staff. The cost is \$20 per day, per child. For more information or to register, call 623-930-2820.

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of the December 11 Council Meeting, please [click here](#).

Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights Dec 14 & 15. Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights is all about the music and rockin' out! Entertainment will include energetic dance performances on the Amphitheatre Stage and the Glendale Union High School District Vocal Ensemble Showcase. *Peppermint James* will be performing in the park on Friday night and *Radio80s*, a 1980s cover band will perform Saturday. The event will also feature a great selection of food and beverages, horse and carriage rides, kids inflatable rides, pony rides and miniature pony carriage rides, a zip line and visits with Santa Claus. Additional event information is available at www.glendaleaz.com/events or on the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299.

Toy and Clothing Drive – Dec. 15 Last Collection Day. For the eleventh straight year, Glendale firefighters are putting on their Santa hats to host a clothing and toy drive for Glendale Elementary School District children in need.

Firefighters are asking residents to donate new toys and new clothing for this effort. The items in need include: socks, underwear and jackets (for all ages), plus blankets, pillows and toys. The need is greatest for ages six to 14.

The new clothes and new toys will be given to families who are part of a special wish list in the school district, as provided by the schools' nurses and social workers. Last year, Glendale Firefighters assisted more than 500 families and collected more than \$60,000 worth of new clothing and toys for families in need.

Firefighters will collect donations on Dec. 15 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the K-Mart at 67th Avenue and Bell Road.

For more information regarding the Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive, please call 623-930-4400.

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party Rocks Downtown Glendale. Glendale Glitters holiday light display concludes with a rockin' block party, Glendale Glitter and Glow, on Jan. 12, 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, as well as mass glows, in which the balloon pilots will fire the balloons all at once to create an illuminating spectacle.

For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Free Energy-Saving Devices at Winter Classes. Learn easy tips on how to save energy in your home by attending a Simple Savings Energy Class. Glendale residents that attend a class will be given a free high efficiency showerhead, a programmable thermostat and a four-pack of CFL bulbs. Hundreds of Glendale residents have already taken the class, learning how to put energy dollars back in their pockets. The class will be offered at the Glendale Main Library at 5959 W. Brown St. from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan 17, 2013. To register, call 623-930-3760.

6th Annual Health & Wellness Fair. Join us for the Health & Wellness Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12, at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Get the knowledge that will help you become healthier while getting free services such as chair massages and blood pressure checks. Find out more about natural and organic products, dentists, local cancer advocates, personal trainers, chiropractic services, holistic services, energy drinks, area health care professionals and more all in one location. FREE and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-4608.

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