# Cactus Chronicle

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

**Councilmember Phil Lieberman, Glendale Arizona**

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**Holiday Notice.** City of Glendale offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, in observance of the Christmas holiday, and Friday, Dec. 31 for the New Year's holiday.

All 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.

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 be open on Christmas Eve from 7 a.m.-2 p.m., but closed on Christmas Day. The Center will remain open for the New Year's holiday, with hours from 5:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 9 a.m.-5p.m. on Jan. 1. For more details, including transit information, click here.

**Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party.** Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glendale Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 8, from 4-11 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.
Watch tethered balloons gently expand as pilots fire them up, while enjoying more than a dozen bands performing rock, blues, reggae, country and jazz music as well as vibrant street performers for a climactic finale to a festive season.

This year, attendees can cap off the evening with the "After Glow," featuring Arizona's favorite rock band, The Chadwicks, performing from 9:30-11 p.m.

Free parking shuttles will be available from Glendale Community College, located at 59th Avenue, north of Olive Avenue. Attendees can catch the shuttle from 3:30 until 11:30 p.m. For the first time, event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, located at City Hall, and the Bank of America building, both accessible from 59th Avenue. The preferred parking fee is $10. For those who like the free parking option, shuttles run all evening long, and pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college. In addition, surface and street parking in and around the downtown remain free.

Glendale's Glitter and Glow Block Party is sponsored by ABC-15, KMLE Country, KOOL-FM, 101.5 JAMZ, The Arizona Republic, Sedona Pines, Pacific Monarch, Dunkin Donuts, Monster Energy Drink, Glendale Community College and the Phoenix Coyotes.

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

## HOLIDAYS BRING TIMELY REMINDERS:

**Holiday-Related Trash Hinders Recycling Efforts.** As the holidays approach, the city of Glendale's Sanitation Department faces a potential slow-down in its recycling efforts from well-meaning residents who are unaware of the holiday-related trash that cannot be recycled by the city.

In an effort to avoid this annual problem, the Sanitation Department issues this timely reminder of what is not allowed in curbside recycling containers.

Residents should be aware the following items **should not** be placed in recycling:

- Ribbons and bows
- Tissue Paper
- Water resistant gift bags
- Ornaments
- Garland and tinsel
- Napkins
- Holiday trees (artificial or real)
- Packing peanuts
- Extension cords
- Holiday wrapping paper
- Plastic gift bags
- Holiday cards with glitter
- Tree lights
- Paper plates
- Plastic silverware
- Bubble wrap
- Styrofoam
- Food of any kind

**Dispose of Prescription Drugs Properly.** This is the time of year when many residents should review their prescription drugs and get rid of any that are no longer needed. That's because many people who may be past the stage of child-proofing their home will be hosting relatives with young children, increasing the risk of childhood poisonings. Residents are urged to make sure prescription drugs are kept out of reach and that those which are no longer needed are disposed of properly.

The Sanitation Department provides these tips for the proper, environmentally safe disposal of medications.

Check to see if your pharmacy has a medication recycling program that disposes of unused or expired medications in an environmentally safe manner. Alternatively, take unused, unneeded, or expired medications out of their original container for disposal.

Mix the medications with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds or kitty litter and put them in an impermeable, plain container such as an empty can or sealable plastic bag. This will ensure the medications are not diverted or accidentally ingested by children or pets. Throw these containers in the trash.

By following these recycling and medication disposal tips, Sanitation officials say holiday-related trash won't cause problems in the new year.

For more information on recycling, call the Sanitation Department at 623.930.2660 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation. From there go to the recycling section and click on "What is recyclable."

# Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule. Click here for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. Click here to watch a City Council meeting online.

**College Bowl Game Information.** Glendale, AZ welcomes Auburn University and the University of Oregon to the 2011 BCS National Championship Game on Jan. 10, 2011, and University of Oklahoma and University of Connecticut to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, 2011 at the University of Phoenix Stadium. Tickets can be purchased via phone from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. MST by calling 480-350-0911. **Event Info:** Along with the gridiron action, the games bring a multitude of festivities to enjoy. Click here for a list.

**The Acoustic Jam Session**. The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style. The next jam session will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, and an audience is welcome. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

**Public Safety Memorial Dedication Ceremony - Jan. 4, 2011.** The public is invited to attend Glendale's dedication ceremony for the Public Safety Memorial on Jan. 4, 2011, at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Glendale Civic Center Plaza, 5750 W. Glenn Drive, and will showcase the new memorial tribute to Glendale's fallen firefighter and police officers. Click here for more information.

**City Council Installation.** Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs & the Glendale City Council invite you to attend the Installation Ceremony for Councilmember Manuel D. Martinez, Councilmember Yvonne J. Knaack and Councilmember-Elect Norma S. Alvarez at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011. The ceremony will be held at the Glendale Council Chambers, 5850 West Glendale Avenue. Click here or call 623-930-2259 by Wednesday, Jan. 5 to RSVP.


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