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GLENDALE CELEBRATES 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS & MORE HOLIDAY CHEER BEGINNING 12/12/12

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- Dec. 12, 2012 could not pass by unnoticed in Glendale as this momentous day in numerology kicks off 12 Days of Christmas & more holiday cheer. In celebration of the season, check out our calendar of things to do with your family - ways to give back and be entertained this holiday:

- Wednesday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m.: Join the Velma Teague Players as they present their seasonal puppet show for kids of all ages. Free. Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Info: www.glendaleaz.com/library.
- Thursday, Dec. 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Join Chabad West Valley and celebrate Hanukkah with a menorah lighting ceremony, complete with a children's choir performance, refreshments, live yo-yo show and more. Free. Fountain Park, Westgate Entertainment District, Glendale Avenue and Loop 101. Info: www.westgatecitycenter.com.
- Friday, Dec. 14, 6-10 p.m.: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights in downtown Glendale will feature a festive mix of holiday songs and rock jams to get everyone on their feet and in the holiday spirit! In addition, find holiday arts and crafts, delicious food and beverage, horse-drawn carriages rides, inflatable rides and visits with Santa Claus. Free. Info: www.glendaleaz.com/events.
- Saturday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: The Glendale Fire Department is asking residents to donate new toys and new clothing for Glendale Elementary School District students in need. Needed items include socks, underwear and jackets (for all ages), plus blankets, pillows and toys. Firefighters will collect donations on Dec. 15, (10a.m.-4 p.m.) at the K-Mart at 67th Avenue and Bell Road. Info: www.glendaleaz.com.
- Sunday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.: Visit Arrowhead Towne Center to get your photo taken with Santa, give him your wish list and don't forget to get something for a child in need. The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program offers shoppers the opportunity to grant a child's special wish under the tree this holiday. As an added bonus, certain retailers are offering discounts for the Angel Tree purchases. Located at 7700 W. Towne Center. Info: www.arrowheadtownecenter.com.
- Monday, Dec. 17, 7 & 8 p.m.: Head to Westgate Entertainment District for a nightly snowfall twice nightly, plus free ice skating and visit Santa between 4 and 8 p.m. Free. Westgate is located at Glendale Avenue and the Loop 101. Info: www.westgatecitycenter.com.

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- Tuesday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.: Velma Teague Library will host its monthly 58th Ave. Book Club meeting with a holiday twist. Enjoy special treats and a discussion about Richard Paul Evan's new holiday story, "A Winter Dream." Free. Library is located at 7010 N. 58th Ave. Info: 623-930-3431.
- Wednesday, Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m.: The Glendale Adult Center will host a fun holiday luncheon with entertainment by the Arizona Diamondbacks' Bobby Freeman, plus guests from the North Pole and a chance to win a door prize! Cost is \$6 or \$8 for non-members. Adult Center is located at 5970 W. Brown St. Info: www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.
- Thursday, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m.: If music gets you in the holiday spirit, head to the Glendale Main Library for a Holiday Acoustic Jam Session. This ongoing group will entertain audiences with renditions of holiday favorites. Free. Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. Info: 623-930-3573.
- Friday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.: The holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol" in the original adaptation created for Theater Works last season and presented to full houses & standing ovations. Dickens' moving ghost story of one man's spiritual redemption combines with lively renditions of favorite corals to make a holiday treat for the whole family. Multiple dates. Located at 8355 W. Peoria Ave. Info: www.theaterworks.org.
- Saturday, Dec. 22, 4-6 p.m.: Warm your heart at the Christmas Coat Drive presented by iCHEER and Vineyard Community Charities at Westgate Entertainment District. Help make a difference by keeping kids and families warm this winter with your donations of gently used or new jackets, coats, gloves and socks. Come bring your items, celebrate the season of giving and sing along with musical performances. Info: iamicheer.com or www.westgatecitycenter.com.
- Sunday, Dec. 23, 1:30 p.m.: Gather the whole family for a timeless classic – The Velveteen Rabbit by Theater Works. Adapted by Burgess Clark, this show is a captivating and entertaining story about the strength and power of a young boy's imagination and love. Based on the enchanting novel by Margaret Williams about a boy and his stuffed rabbit's quest to be real the play features original puppets combined with live actors to create a magical experience for people of all ages. Multiple dates. Located at 8355 W. Peoria Ave. Info: www.theaterworks.org.

These are just some of the many things to see and do this holiday season in Glendale and the West Valley. For more information, visit www.visitglendale.com.

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