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**GLENDALE GLITTERS SPECTACULAR KICKS OFF HOLIDAY  
SEASON IN GLENDALE NOVEMBER 23-24**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- Are you ready for the holidays? Before you go into panic mode, remember: after hours of cooking and a house full of family, you can head to Glendale Glitters - your favorite holiday tradition! You won't believe your eyes as you behold a breathtaking display of 1.5 million lights blanketing 12 blocks of downtown Glendale.

Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend will rekindle your holiday spirit on Nov. 23-24, from 5-10 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. Free admission and free parking mean you can bring the whole family and not break the bank! City officials encourage attendees to use the free shuttle service to the downtown area. The shuttles will run from the Glendale Community College parking lot, at 59<sup>th</sup> and Olive avenues, between 4 and 10:30 p.m.

Murphy Park and Historic Downtown Glendale will be abuzz both evenings with multiple stages of entertainment, food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

Friday evening kicks off with the city's official lighting program on the Sanderson Ford Main Stage at 5:30 p.m. A special celebrity guest will join Glendale's Mayor and City Council in flipping the switch to illuminate the entire downtown area with more than 1.5 million lights.

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## **Glendale Glitters**

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The special guest will also carry out the Glendale Glitters tradition of reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

An exciting new element to the lighting program will be a performance by the Arizona Broadway Theatre. The award-winning theatre produces major musical productions, encompassing a wide spectrum of Broadway favorites. In addition to being part of the countdown show, the theatre will perform in the park for the opening weekend and offer performances during the city's December holiday weekend events.

The unique shops and one-of-a-kind boutiques in Historic Downtown will also offer extended hours for the opening weekend.

The holiday fun continues with additional events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday on select weekends in December, from 6-10 p.m. each evening. Each weekend will offer a different holiday theme. The dates and themes are:

- Dec. 7-8: Gingerbread Nights
- Dec. 14-15: Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights
- Dec. 21-22: The Spirit of Giving
- Dec. 28-29: Winter Wonderland

Glendale Glitters Spectacular is sponsored by The Arizona Republic, Bass Ale, Sanderson Ford, Starbucks, KTVK Channel 3, 7-UP, Qwest, Southwest Airlines, Arizona Broadway Theatre, KOOL-FM, KMLE Country 108 and 101.5 JAMZ.

For more information on Glendale Glitters, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit

[www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).

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