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## **HOT AIR BALLOONS, HOT BANDS ROCK HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GLENDALE JANUARY 19**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- Dozens of hot air balloons will cast a warm glow over Historic Downtown Glendale as the city says farewell to its annual holiday light display with its equally spectacular closing ceremony, Glendale Glitter & Glow on Jan. 19, from 3-10 p.m.

More than 75,000 people are expected to attend the free event, which will showcase dozens of colorful hot air balloons, live bands and street performers under the twinkling canopy of the Glendale Glitters holiday light display.

Visitors will be able to walk the streets and actually touch the tethered balloons, which pilots will fire up to glow throughout the evening.

More than a dozen live bands will entertain visitors of all musical tastes throughout the downtown area, and street performers will offer even more fun for all ages.

The following bands will perform throughout the downtown, between 3-10 p.m.:

Come Back Buddy  
Peppermint James  
Urban Country Band  
The Geetars  
Seven Car Pileup  
Rhythm Edition  
Black Carl  
Brewed to Perfection  
Taylor Family Circus  
Grant Man & The Island Beat  
Desert City Jazzbands

-- more --

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Additional highlights will include delicious food and beverages, sponsor booths and activities and rides for children.

Historic Downtown Glendale is located just northeast of 59<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues, but a free parking shuttle will run from Glendale Community College, at 59<sup>th</sup> and Olive avenues. The shuttle will operate between 2-10:30 p.m. Security will be provided at the shuttle lot. Handicapped parking is located in this lot, and in the downtown area.

Hot air balloon operations are subject to FAA regulations with weather and wind conditions permitting.

For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).