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## **GLITTER & GLOW BLOCK PARTY ROCKS DOWNTOWN GLENDALE JANUARY 17**

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Downtown Glendale will be rockin’ on Saturday, Jan. 17 as two dozen hot air balloons are fired up, amidst the best in local bands performing for a crowd of more than 75,000. The event runs from 4-10 p.m. with free admission and free parking!

Limited parking is available in the downtown area, but city officials encourage attendees to use the free shuttle service from Glendale Community College at 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Olive Avenue.

This year’s entertainment features something for everyone’s musical tastes, including rock, country, jazz, blues, reggae and bluegrass, as well as myriad amazing street performers. The entertainment lineup will include the following bands, performing the duration of the event, between 4-10 p.m.:

Urban Country  
Come Back Buddy  
Zimis  
Groove, Inc  
Island Steel  
Peppermint James  
Rhythm Edition  
Muskellunge Bluegrass  
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Peppermint James' original music is inspired by the music of the 60's and 70's from many genres, including rhythm and blues, rock, funk, reggae, soul and world. Their favorite influences include The Beatles, Bob Marley and The Wailers, Stevie Wonder, Paul Simon, Ray Charles and Ravi Shankar.

Come Back Buddy is a 3-piece rock and roll band inspired by the legendary Buddy Holly and the Crickets. The trio's repertoire includes the music of many artists from the 50's era including Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson and of course, Buddy Holly.

What is a Zimis, you may ask? The name Zimis comes from the phonetic spelling of the word Tzimmes, which means a "loud occasion", similar to a ruckus or hullabaloo. Zimis, the band, is a blend of many different musical styles and influences that form a unique blend of rock and funk with a little bit of soul for good measure.

Muskellunge Bluegrass consists of Nolan McKelvey (Vocals/Guitar), Aaron Tyler (Mandolin/Vocals), Tim Hogan (Bass/Vocals), and Frank Dederer (Banjo), performing original and traditional bluegrass music. Nolan has performed at the Newport Folk Festival, Telluride Bluegrass Festival, among others, and has been referred to as "One of the best songwriters of the Southwest."

Glendale's signature event is sure to delight all ages with 12 blocks of downtown Glendale packed with entertainment galore! In addition to the hot air balloons and amazing entertainment, families will want to check out the awesome Kid Zone, with which will feature rides, a rock-climbing wall, the Euro Bungee and face painting. Visitors can also shop the post-holiday sales at more than 90 boutiques and specialty shops located throughout downtown Glendale.

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Free parking shuttles will be available for attendees from 3:30 until 10:30 p.m., from Glendale Community College, located at 59<sup>th</sup> and Olive avenues. Glendale's Glitter and Glow Block Party is sponsored by APS, Shell Vacations, KTVK, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, Bass, Fuze and The Arizona Republic.

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