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## GLENDALE GLITTERS EVENTS CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER 20

*Social media contest encourages visitors to share Glendale Glitters photos*

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The holiday magic continues in downtown Glendale Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 5-20, from 6-10 p.m. each night, with 1.5 million dazzling lights, free admission and fun for the whole family.

Two highlights of these events, will be a textile recycling drive, and a social media contest. Through Dec. 20, the city will hold a textile recycling drive with Go Recycle Arizona. There will be collection boxes on site during each festival weekend, as well as boxes at Glendale City Hall and the Glendale Visitor Center during the week. A portion of every pound of recycling will be donated the Glendale's official social service program, *From the Heart*. Household textiles that will be recycled include clothing, shoes, towels, bedding and more, and can be given a second life, turning into things like car seat stuffing and pavement materials. For more information on Go Recycle Arizona, [click here](#).

In addition, the city is offering a contest through social media with a Glendale Glitters prize basket to a randomly-selected recipient. Simply use #GlendaleGlitters when posting a photo of friends, family or yourself at the event. Entries will be funneled through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram if the hashtag is posted with the photo. The contest will conclude on Dec. 20. To view the photos posted from Glendale Glitters thus far this season, [click here](#).

### **Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights**

**Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Downtown Glendale's Murphy Park will be packed with music, lights and excitement. Entertainment will include performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances. On the music stage Friday night will feature Zimis and Saturday will be Peppermint James. The event will also feature holiday arts and crafts, inflatable rides and visits with Santa Claus. Bring your camera, or have Santa's helper snap one for a small fee. Another fun activity will be an Ugly Sweater contest on Saturday, with great prizes; the contest will also highlight the Go Recycle Arizona textile recycling drive that runs Nov. 20 – Dec. 20 in downtown Glendale.

Entertainment lineup on the amphitheatre stage for Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights:

#### **Friday, December 5**

- 6:00 Bricks Dance Studio
- 7:00 Desert Garden Singers
- 8:00 Michaela's Dance Magic
- 9:00 Musical Theatre of Anthem

#### **Saturday, December 6**

- 6:00 Desert West Dance
- 7:00 Spotlight Entertainment
- 8:00 Saguaro Skippers
- 9:00 The Dance Shoppe

## Winter Wonderland Weekend

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For the first time in downtown Glendale, this year's Winter Wonderland weekend will feature an ice skating rink, complete with skates you can borrow on site. The frozen ice might also be accompanied by some popular "frozen" characters! Free make-and-take crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and musical entertainment, plus a movie showing of *The Polar Express* on Friday, and the Walt Disney favorite, *Frozen* on Saturday.

Entertainment lineup for Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend:

### Friday, December 12

- 6:00 Glendale Community College Choirs
- 7:00 Desert Star Dance
- 8:00 Glendale Union HS District Vocal Ensembles

### Saturday, December 13

- 6:00 Lori Ford's Studio
- 7:00 The Dance Project
- 8:00 My Kids in Sign
- 9:00 Cactus High School Dance

## Spirit of Giving Weekend

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Highlights include all the fun family activities that Glendale Glitters always brings, plus special celebration of and donation drives for worthy local charities. A new element this year will be a Go Recycle Arizona textiles donation drive. This local company recycles household textiles, such as curtains, towels, clothing and shoes, and donates a portion of the proceeds to an organization, in this case, Glendale's *From the Heart* program. Help make a difference by participating in the textile recycling drive. Free make-and-take crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and musical entertainment, plus a movie showing each evening of the perennial holiday classic, *A Christmas Story*.

Entertainment lineup for Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend:

### Friday, December 19

- 6:00 Elite Dance Academy
- 7:00 The Boot Scooters
- 8:00 Cannedy Performing Arts
- 9:00 L.A. Dance

### Saturday, December 20

- 6:00 Arizona Dance Artistry
- 7:00 Arizona Twirling Athletes
- 8:00 Red Dragon Kenpo Karate
- 9:00 Leap of Faith Dance +

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 10, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).

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