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**Winter Wonderland at Westgate Entertainment District**

*Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides, Nightly Snowfall, Tree Lighting, Skating, Photos with Santa & Menorah Lighting*

**GLENDALE, Ariz. (Nov. 9, 2015)** – Westgate Entertainment District transforms into a winter wonderland starting Nov. 24 through Christmas Eve with free, festive happenings every day of the week including horse-drawn carriage rides, nightly snowfall, a skating rink and visits with Santa Claus.

The holiday season officially kicks off on Tuesday, Nov. 24 when with the lighting of the 33-foot holiday tree with over 3,000 sparkling lights, a professional skating performance, Santa’s official arrival and the season’s first snowfall. Nearly 3,000 people turned out for this special event last year.

New this year, Visit Tucson will bring its “Top of the World” experience to Westgate from Nov. 21 through Nov. 24. To show off Tucson’s status as a year-round outdoor mecca, a 25-foot rock-climbing wall will be constructed near Fountain Park with expert instructors on-hand and daily contests with giveaways. A professional 3D chalk artist will also be creating two, three-dimensional images of Tucson’s iconic Mount Lemmon and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum’s Raptor Free Flight.

Spend Black Friday with the Arizona Coyotes on Nov. 27, help light the Grand Menorah on Dec. 13 to celebrate Hanukkah and even create a hilarious high-tech, 3D ornament of your head on an elf or snowman’s body. The possibilities are endless at Westgate this holiday season.

**Holiday Tree Lighting & First Snowfall**

Tuesday, Nov. 24

6:30pm at Fountain Park

Photos with Santa from 7-9pm

It’s the official kick-off to the holiday season! Start the evening with a professional skating performance followed by the lighting of Westgate’s 33-foot holiday tree and Santa’s official arrival. At 7pm it will magically snow for the first time this holiday season!

**FREE Holiday Skating**

Wednesday, Nov. 25: 11am – 6pm

Friday, Nov. 27: 11am – 9pm

Saturday, Nov. 28: 11am – 9pm

Sunday, Nov. 29: 11am – 6pm

Enjoy FREE skating for children 5 years and older with skate rentals included at Fountain Park.

Don’t forget to bring your socks.

**FREE Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides**

Fridays and Saturdays

Nov. 27 – Dec. 19

5-9pm at Fountain Park

Enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides around Westgate Entertainment District throughout the holiday season. Instead of just one carriage, this year there will be three that will allow you to hop in, take a spin and be whisked around Westgate.

### **Westgate Nightly Snowfall**

Nov. 24 through Dec. 24 (except for Thanksgiving Day)

7pm and 8pm nightly at Fountain Park

The only place in the West Valley to see it snow nightly is at Westgate Entertainment District! Watch as Fountain Park magically turns into a living snow globe each evening with snowfall shows at 7pm and 8pm.

For more information, visit <http://westgateaz.com/snow>

### **Visit Santa Claus**

Nov. 24 through Dec. 24 (except for Thanksgiving Day)

Fridays and Saturdays from Noon-8pm, Sundays from Noon-6pm, select weekdays from 4-8pm

For the full calendar of Santa's appearances at Fountain Park, visit

<http://www.westgateaz.com/santa>.

Are you on the good list or the bad list? Come meet jolly Old St. Nick himself at Fountain Park and find out. Share wishes, snap pictures and every child who visits Santa will receive a free gift. Download a free digital photo or purchase a photo package or single prints.

### **Black Friday with the Arizona Coyotes**

Friday, Nov. 27

10am – 3pm: Enter to win 12 suite tickets to the Arizona Coyotes vs. Minnesota Wild game on Dec. 11 at Gila River Arena.

Noon – 1pm: Families can skate with the Arizona Coyotes' Howler and Paw Patrol during a special appearance on the Westgate holiday rink.

### **Chabad West Valley Menorah Lighting**

Sunday, Dec. 13

5:00pm at Fountain Park

Celebrate Hanukkah with a Grand Menorah lighting complete with activities, raffle prizes, games for children and live entertainment. Traditional light bites and latkes will be served.

### **Custom Ornaments from STAX3D Printing**

Nov. 24 through Dec. 24 (except for Thanksgiving Day)

Select weekdays: 4pm – 8pm; Friday and Saturdays: Noon – 8pm; Sundays: Noon – 6pm.

Take your Christmas tree ornaments to a whole new level with Stax3D personalized "3D Me" ornaments. This high-tech, 30-second process involves a 3D scan of a person (or pet!) from the neck up and then graphically placing the image on a pre-designed body of a male or female elf or snowman. The result is a fun custom ornament to cherish for years to come. The scan process takes less than a minute and orders will be fulfilled within 24 hours (\$40 per ornament).

For more information about the holiday season at Westgate Entertainment District, visit

[www.westgateaz.com/holiday](http://www.westgateaz.com/holiday).

### **About Westgate Entertainment District**

Located in Glendale, Westgate Entertainment District is the premier entertainment destination of the West Valley and a place where people come together for dining, nightlife, shopping, community events, business, concerts, sporting events and celebrations of all kinds. Offering a vibrant outdoor setting with a dancing water fountain and jumping fountains for kids, Westgate delivers an interactive experience day or night. Located just east of the Loop 101 on Glendale Avenue, it encompasses more than 20 restaurants, retailers and entertainment venues including Buffalo Wild Wings, Yard House, Saddle Ranch, McFadden's, Kabuki Japanese Restaurant, Johnny Rockets, IT'SUGAR and the state's largest AMC Theatres featuring 20 screens. More than 250 events take place here a year ranging from live music every Friday and Saturday night

at Fountain Park to Bike Nights, Hot Rod Nights, Fitness in the District, a holiday ice rink and fan experience events. No matter the season, there is something fresh, fun and exciting always happening at Westgate. Westgate is also anchored by Gila River Arena, home to the NHL's Arizona Coyotes, headlining concerts and major events, and is adjacent to the University of Phoenix Stadium, home to the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. For more information, a tenant directory or to see what's happening, visit [www.westgateaz.com](http://www.westgateaz.com).

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