

Peoria Area Holiday Events

Santa Claus is Coming to Town... with His Cat® Motor Grader! **November & December** (visitcaterpillar.com)

The Caterpillar Visitors Center welcomes you to take your holiday photo in front of their festive, fully-decorated Cat® motor grader, starting Nov. 1. Santa will be visiting Nov. 25 from 1pm to 3pm after the Peoria Santa Claus Parade.

PNC Winterfest

November 25 - January 15 (www.pncwinterfest.com)

Ice skate outside on the corner of Fulton St. and Jefferson Ave. in Downtown Peoria! Take a ride down the ice slide or warm up in the beverage tent!

Santa's Wonderland (Bass Pro Shops)

November & December (www.basspro.com)

Enjoy free crafts, games, activities and much more! Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and take a spin with toy trains and cars.

129th Annual Santa Claus Parade & Yule Like Peoria

November 25 (www.peoriaevents.com)

The nation's longest-running holiday parade! The Yule Like Peoria walk-about features refreshments and various forms of holiday entertainment in the beautifully decorated business area of downtown Peoria.

Pekin Winter Wonderland

November 27 - December 17 (pekinwinterwonderland.info)

Enjoy the parade, performances, fireworks and carriage rides. Mineral Springs Park remains lit throughout December for all to drive through and enjoy.

Naughty or Nice: A Doo-Wop Christmas

December 1-3, 7 p.m. (www.fivepointswashington.org)

Conklin's and Five Points Washington bring you music and comedy from the golden era of Doo Wop music with Christmas songs and hilarious sketches.

Washington Candlelight Stroll

December 1 (business.washingtonilcoc.com/events)

Caroling with refreshments and free carriage rides is a holiday tradition on the square in historic downtown Washington.

Santa's Wildlife Express

December 9-11 (wildlifeprairiepark.org)

Wildlife Prairie Park transforms into a Winter Wonderland! Take a train ride through the North Pole and enjoy games, crafts, cookie decorating, pictures with Santa and animal encounters!

FOLEPI River Trail Classic

November 26 (www.folepi.org)

A 4-mile competitive run and 2-mile non-competitive walk along the River Trail of Illinois.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis

December 3 (www.arthritis.org/get-involved/jingle-bell-run)

Tie jingle bells to your shoelaces and raise funds to help find a cure for arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability.

Santa Cause 5K

December 10 (www.peoriasantacause.com)

Strap on your Santa suit and join hundreds of other Santas in a stampede through Downtown Peoria to raise money for the area! Spectators are welcome!

Get Lit - New Year's Eve Fun Run

December 31 (www.folepi.org)

A fun way to "run" in the new year! This non-competitive run/walk takes you through Folepi's Winter Wonderland drive-through display!



Smile. Laugh. Be Delighted!

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For more information, visit: www.folepi.org



For information on these events and more:

www.EnjoyPeoria.com | www.folepi.org

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Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau



Celebrate the holidays with a million sparkles of excitement during the 32nd Annual East Peoria Festival of Lights! As one of the largest lighted, nighttime festivals in the midwest, the Festival of Lights will officially begin Thursday, November 24, 2016 and continue through December 31, 2016.



Parade of Lights

November 19

The Parade of Lights kicks off the start of the Festival of Lights and the holiday season at 5:45 p.m. Approximately 30 lighted floats will illuminate the streets of East Peoria along a three-mile parade route on Washington Street. Don't miss this one-night-only opportunity!

Folepi's Winter Wonderland

November 24 - December 31

Open Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. Drive-through this spectacular holiday attraction in an electric park featuring lighted displays and floats. Tune to 107.5 FM for festive holiday music while you drive! Hours: 5 - 9 p.m. Sun. - Thurs. and 5 - 11 p.m. Fri. - Sat. Admission: (Cash, Credit & Debit Cards Accepted) All vehicles - \$10, except for full-size charter buses which are \$150.

Reservations for individuals or groups, call 1-800-365-3743.

Tour guides for the Winter Wonderland are available for \$30 by advance reservation only.

Folepi's Enchanted Forest

November 26 - December 31

East Peoria's Levee District is home to this display featuring a 35-foot tall Christmas tree, real lighted trees and parade floats. Admission is free. Join us for the official lighting event at 5:45 p.m. Nov. 26 with carols by the Caterpillar Employees Mixed Chorus!

Narrated Nativity Scene

November 24 - December 31

This beautiful handmade attraction - maintained by a dedicated volunteer base - details the "reason for the season." Tune into 1610 AM to hear a two minute narration. Admission is free.

Holiday Cruises Aboard the Spirit of Peoria

*Lunch Cruise: Nov. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 3
Dinner Cruise: Dec. 2*

(Check website for times - www.spiritofpeoria.com)

Prairie Folklore Theatre celebrates the spirit of the holidays on the Spirit of Peoria with A Prairie Christmas. Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas with carols and stories about the songs and traditions.

The Nutcracker

December 2 & 3 (Check website for times - www.ciballet.com)

The Central Illinois Ballet is presenting The Nutcracker in conjunction with the 2016 Festival of Lights! This timeless ballet is a family favorite, featuring the music of Tchaikovsky and exquisite dancing.

Folepi's Gifts Galore Shop & Stroll

Saturday, December 3, 1-4 p.m.

Find the perfect gift at the participating shops in the Historic Four Corners District, featuring handcrafted items, vintage clothing and furniture, jewelry and more. Shop, eat, and take a free ride with Santa in a horse-drawn carriage!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Dec. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 & 10, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 4 & 11, 2 p.m.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat returns for the 26th year to Eastlight Theatre. This Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical tells the story of Joseph and his 11 brothers. It was created as a soft rock fantasy fit for the entire family. Thousands of people have enjoyed the magic that is Joseph, so be sure to enjoy this Central Illinois holiday favorite! Purchase tickets at www.eastlighttheatre.com.