

## OTHER PEORIA AREA HOLIDAY EVENTS

### **Santa Claus is Coming to Town... with His Cat® D6!**

**November & December** ([visitcaterpillar.com](http://visitcaterpillar.com) for tickets and information)

The Caterpillar Visitors Center welcomes you to take your holiday photo in front of their festive, fully-decorated track-type tractor, starting Nov. 14. Santa will be visiting Nov. 24 from 12pm to 2pm after the Peoria Santa Cause Parade.

### **PNC Winterfest**

**November 24 - January 14** ([www.pncwinterfest.com](http://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](http://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.

### **130th Annual Santa Claus Parade & Yule Like Peoria**

**November 24** ([www.peoriaevents.com](http://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.

### **A Gift of Christmas**

**November 30 - December 3** ([www.fivepointswashington.org](http://www.fivepointswashington.org))

Conklin's and Five Points Washington bring you another wonderful show full of holiday music, memories and comedy focusing on the gifts of the season.

### **Pekin Winter Wonderland Parade/Opening Ceremonies**

**November 26** ([www.pekinwinterwonderland.info/Events](http://www.pekinwinterwonderland.info/Events))

Enjoy a parade, family friendly activities, and then fireworks to end the night! Mineral Springs Park remains lit throughout December for all to drive through and enjoy.

### **Christmas on Court**

**December 1** ([www.enjoypeoria.com/ChristmasOnCourt](http://www.enjoypeoria.com/ChristmasOnCourt))

Kick off the holiday season in Downtown Peoria with carriage rides, a tree lighting ceremony, live entertainment, and demonstrations and giveaways at local businesses.

### **Santa's Wildlife Express**

**December 8-10** ([www.wildlifeprairiepark.org](http://www.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!

### **A Very Electric Christmas (By Lightwire Theater)**

**December 9** (<http://ArtsAtCC.com>)

Audiences of all ages will treasure this magical light show and captivating tale of family, friendship, and hope set to timeless holiday hits.

### **FOLEPI River Trail Classic**

**November 25** ([www.folepi.org](http://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 2** ([www.arthritis.org/get-involved/jingle-bell-run](http://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 9** ([www.peoriasantacause.com](http://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](http://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!

# EAST PEORIA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2017



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## WWW.FOLEPI.ORG

For information on these events and more:

[www.EnjoyPeoria.com](http://www.EnjoyPeoria.com) | [www.folepi.org](http://www.folepi.org)



**CELEBRATE** the holidays with a million sparkles of excitement during the 33rd 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 23, 2017 and continue through December 31, 2017.



## Parade of Lights

*November 18*

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 Washington Street, turning onto Taylor Street and ending at Springfield Road at the Post Office.

## Folepi's Winter Wonderland

*November 23 - 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 25 - 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. 25 with carols by the Caterpillar Employees Mixed Chorus!

## Narrated Nativity Scene

*November 23 - December 31*

This beautiful handmade attraction - maintained by a dedicated volunteer base - details the "reason for the season." Tune into 87.9 FM to hear a two minute narration. Admission is free.

## Holiday Cruises Aboard the Spirit of Peoria

*Lunch Cruise: Nov. 25, Nov. 29, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9 and Dec. 13-15*

*Dinner Cruise: Dec. 1*

*(Check website for times - [www.spiritofpeoria.com](http://www.spiritofpeoria.com))*

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

## The Nutcracker

*December 15-17*

*(Check website for times - [www.ciballet.com](http://www.ciballet.com))*

The Central Illinois Ballet is presenting The Nutcracker in conjunction with the 2017 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 2, 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, let the kids visit Santa and more!

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

*Dec. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, & 9 at 7:30 p.m.*

*Dec. 3 & 10 at 2 p.m.*

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat returns for the 27th 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](http://www.eastlighttheatre.com).