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Where A Small Town Celebrates with Big Christmas Spirit: Carefree Lights Up!



Carefree, AZ. (October 27, 2026) – Imagine a charming small-town glowing with Christmas lights, neighbors gathering around the tree, and familiar carols filling the air. It sounds like a scene straight out of a Hallmark Christmas movie, but it's exactly what you'll experience at Carefree Lights Up! On Saturday, November 28, beginning at 5 p.m., the Town of Carefree invites everyone to join us for an evening of holiday magic, music, and community spirit.

The festivities begin in the beautiful Carefree Desert Gardens, where families, friends, and neighbors will gather around the 20-foot Christmas tree near the Veterans Memorial. The Desert Hills Presbyterian Church Bell Ringers will fill the air with whimsical bells and Joyful Sounds, a talented local multi-community group of singers, will lead the crowd in beloved holiday carols. Mayor John Crane will share his holiday wishes before leading the countdown to illuminate the tree and officially welcome the Christmas season.

Following the tree lighting, stroll just across the street to the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion to continue the celebration. Festive melodies from the young string musicians of Jubilate Conservatory of Music will provide the perfect background music as you grab a free cup of hot chocolate, courtesy of the Town, and settle into your seats for a heartwarming Christmas concert beginning at 6 p.m.



The concert features incredible talent from within our community, including performances by the Desert Cactus Kickers, a dynamic senior tap troupe known for their high-energy, and POP (Performing Outreach Project), an inclusive dance group made up of performers with physical and learning disabilities. Young vocalists from Jubilate Conservatory of Music and Desert Hills School of Music will bring your favorite Christmas songs, like "White Christmas", to life.

A special addition to this year's celebration is a magical retelling of the Christmas story, presented by Desert Hills Presbyterian Church. Through heartfelt readings and traditional carols performed by a collaborative choir of local voices, this performance will capture the timeless spirit of the season.

But what makes Carefree Lights Up! truly special isn't just the twinkling lights or festive music. It's the familiar faces, hometown talent, and neighbors coming together to celebrate the joy of the season. It's the kind of small-town Christmas magic you see in the movies, brought to life right here in Carefree.

About the Town of Carefree

Carefree, a picturesque community of over 3,700 residents nestled in the serene Sonoran Desert Foothills, is known as one of Arizona's friendliest small towns. Since its incorporation in 1984, Carefree has embraced a unique desert lifestyle, blending harmonious architecture with a vibrant culinary scene, a thriving art community with numerous galleries, and a commitment to health, wellness, and sustainability.

The town hosts a variety of events year-round, from art festivals and farmers' markets to outdoor concerts and non-profit fundraisers, all fostering a welcoming and engaged community. Whether you're looking to live, visit, or explore, Carefree offers a peaceful yet enriching experience.

Learn more about Carefree's culture, events, and opportunities by visiting carefree.org or calling 480-488-3686.