

## Happenings in and around Maricopa



### Mesa Santa Express

December 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 5:00PM – 9:00PM ;440East Main Street in Mesa, Az.

In the tradition of that magical train, carrying children to meet Santa Claus in our special Light Rail car as we zoom down Merry Main Street., we will sing songs, enjoy cookies, and best of all meet Santa!

A free event. Tickets are on a first come first serve basis.

They are distributed each night of service at 4:00pm. The ticket table is located at the front of the Mesa Christmas Market located in the same parking area.

For more information about this event and the ride schedule go to: [HOME | mesasantaexpress](https://www.mesasantaexpress.com)

### Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade & Holiday Market

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for 4:00PM to 9:00PM; Tempe Beach Park 264w. Rio Salado Pkwy in Tempe, AZ.

Shopping will be available at the holiday market. Live entertainment. A boat parade and fireworks complete the event. Santa will also be there for photos.

For more information go to: <http://www.downtowntempe.com/events/holidayfun24>

### World of Illumination -Tempe Location

Friday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A drive-thru light show featuring a milelong light display with 500 installations each with a different theme opens in Tempe Diablo Stadium, 2200 W. Alameda Drive.

Hours are 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays (also Mondays, Dec. 9, 16 and 23).

This year's theme at World of Illumination Tempe is Enchanted Safari. Guests will follow their guide, Toukie Toucan, to "discover the jingle of the jungle" as they trek over land, sea and air to experience a host of exotic animals from peacocks to piranhas, reindeer to Trexes, and travel through the Tunnel of Tentacles filled with sharks and jellyfish.

: World of Illumination tickets cost \$39.99-\$49.99 depending on the date of your visit. One admission ticket per carload. More information or to buy tickets go to: [worldofillumination.com](http://worldofillumination.com).

### Yuletide at Old Tucson

On going thru January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Featuring an old-fashioned Christmas as Old Tucson is transformed into a western winter wonderland we call The West Pole. Featuring live shows, horse drawn carriage rides and more.

Located at [201 S Kinney Rd, Tucson, AZ 85735](https://www.oldtucson.com) For more information go to: [www.oldtucson.com](https://www.oldtucson.com)

## Merry Copa Holiday Festival Light Up Your Holidays: Drone Show Spectacle and Festive Fun at Merry Copa

December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm at Copper Sky.

You're invited to the biggest holiday celebration of the year and to make this event even more magical, we're bringing back the popular kids zone with inflatables, an obstacle course, and a trackless train ride. You can enjoy them all for only \$5 per person (Free for all Copper Sky Annual Members)!



And be sure to stay until the end of the event for our first ever holiday drone light show!

Visit [www.MerryCopa.com](http://www.MerryCopa.com) for all of the latest information  
Merry Copa 2024, a Festival in Maricopa, Arizona From the City of Maricopa's website

## JOY TO THE HERD - Shamrock Farms

December 7<sup>th</sup>-at 8:00am & December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM, 2024 A unique holiday event that combines a glimpse into a working dairy farm with festive and fun activities.

Shamrock Farms transforms its large Welcome Center Barn into a winter wonderland with holiday crafts, face painting and more!

Shamrock Farms 40034 Clayton Rd in Standfield, Az

For more information go to: <https://www.shamrockfarms.net/event...>

