

CHRISTMAS IN CAREFREE

You can almost hear the sleigh bells and smell the roasted chestnuts..!

The first annual Carefree Christmas Festival is right around the corner, and shaping up to be a merry time for town residents and visitors alike. Sponsored by our town merchants, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Carefree, the weekend of December 12-14 promises to be a festive and memorable occasion!

Santa kicks off the celebration by opening the Parade of Lights on Easy Street in a snow-filled beginning of the weekend's events. The Parade begins Friday the 12th at 6:00 p.m. sharp, winding through Easy Street, with lots of musicians, dancers, and proud local merchants all celebrating the season with lighted floats and music - watch out for Cinderella's Pumpkin Carriage and Santa on the Vintage Fire Truck!

Festivities continue through Sunday, with scheduled performances each day, and stores & restaurants open late each night. Musical features throughout the weekend range from carolers to local school choirs and scenes from the Nutcracker Ballet being performed by talented young dancers. Street performers, yummy holiday treats, and traditional Christmas decorations will enhance our downtown in a way reminiscent of the small town holiday times so many of us remember. Have your family's photo taken aboard a holiday decorated horse and carriage before a relaxing ride through Easy Street and Spanish Village!

In the spirit of goodwill, there will also be opportunities to help others by adopting a pet in need of a home, donating food and toys to those less fortunate, and supporting our own Foothills Caring Corps while they gift-wrap your holiday treasures. You can even designate your own charity when you sponsor a tree in the Festival of Trees silent auction (entry deadline is November 14th).

If you have out-of-town visitors, plan to spend some quality time here in your downtown enjoying the festivities! Remember, our Town's merchants and restaurants offer many one-of-a kind gifts and foods unique to Carefree. Come be a part of a Town event you'll be proud of! For more information, go to www.carefreechristmasfestival.com