



DOWNTOWN TEMPE

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MEDIA ALERT

FANTASY OF LIGHTS BOAT PARADE AND FIREWORKS CELEBRATE “OH, WHAT FUN” HOLIDAY SEASON AT TEMPE BEACH PARK ON DEC. 11 and 12

*Free Saturday Parade and Fireworks Kick Off Weekend Festivities that Lead into
Second Sundays on Mill’s Family-Friendly Holiday Market Featuring Art, Crafts, Foods and Gifts*

WHAT: Holiday spirit sets sail in the desert as the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade and Fireworks Show kick off on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 4-9 p.m. at Tempe Beach Park.

As part of Downtown Tempe’s “Oh, What Fun” holiday event series, the FREE Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade and Fireworks Show is the Valley’s most anticipated and unique holiday tradition.

While the parade officially sets sail at 6 p.m., the area will be open for pre-parade shopping opportunities from area shops featuring local handmade goods from various vendors. As well, those hoping to scout out the best seats can grab dinner or hot chocolate to sip from a range of food vendors in the area.

The skies will light up with a colorful display of post-parade fireworks beginning at 8 p.m. Following the spectacular show that celebrates the holiday season with a bang, visitors will have a chance to stroll around enjoying the sights, sounds and shopping opportunities in the area. For additional details and schedule of events, please visit: downtowntempe.com/events/boat-parade

The Saturday evening event kicks off a chock-full weekend of holiday fun that continues into Sunday with Tempe’s iconic Second Sundays on Mill, which brings a family-friendly holiday market to life featuring arts, crafts, foods and gifts for all ages and interests. Additional details, including the full list of event dates, market vendors, and a rotating list of musicians and performers is available at: downtowntempe.com/SecondSundays.

WHY: The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade and Fireworks show is a much-loved holiday tradition in the Valley that gives families the chance to explore downtown, while celebrating the holidays with the quintessential sights, sounds and shopping of the season. Information about Downtown Tempe’s “Oh, What Fun” events, including parades, art, holiday experiences and more, can be found at downtowntempe.com/events/holidays-2021

With a reputation as a destination for unique experiences and events throughout the year, the start of Second Sundays on Mill provides a wide range of opportunities for families seeking to enjoy shared experiences, while helping support small businesses, artists, musicians and vendors. Plus this is the perfect opportunity to find those perfect and locally-made holiday gifts!

The event has been carefully evaluated and modified, where possible, to incorporate safety measures that help reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Downtown Tempe is also incorporating educational awareness into the events this fall/winter to encourage safe participation.

WHEN: **The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade and Fireworks Show**
Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 from 4-9 p.m.

4 p.m.: Tempe Beach Park Opens for Shopping, Eats, And Drinks

- Scope out the best parade viewing spots while exploring downtown
- Grab a snack, light dinner or hot chocolate from one of dozens of food vendors at Tempe Beach Park
- Eat, drink and shop local handmade goods from various vendors just steps away from Tempe Town Lake

6 p.m.: Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade Begins

8 p.m.: Fireworks and Shopping at Tempe Beach Park

- Fireworks light up the night sky in celebration of the holidays

9 p.m.: Event Concludes

**Second Sundays on Mill Holiday Market
Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

WHERE: Mill Avenue, Downtown Tempe

For a full listing of event locations, please visit: downtowntempe.com/events.

WHERE: The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade and Fireworks Show

Tempe Town Lake and Tempe Beach Park – 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281

**Second Sundays on Mill Holiday Market
Mill Avenue, Downtown Tempe**

WHO: The award-winning Downtown Tempe Authority is a private, nonprofit organization that works in partnership with the City of Tempe to increase the value of Downtown Tempe through enhanced management, safety, marketing, and promotional services on behalf of DTA members and other downtown stakeholders.

INFO: More information about Downtown Tempe's holiday festivities this season, including a complete lineup of events, is available at downtowntempe.com/events.

VISUALS: To access and download visuals from the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade and Fireworks in previous years, click here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ywmr7kvdimeevch/AAD1Me9sh3tAOCuRuHmarzz6a?dl=0>

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