

Fall Event *Guide* 2024



**FOUNTAIN
HILLS**



AUG 24-
SEPT 28

4th Annual FH Peach Market

8:00 am – 11:30 am | Saturdays

Tractor Supply Company | 17130 E. Shea Blvd, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

Free Event

Discover the essence of Utah's finest peaches and seasonal fruits right here in Fountain Hills, AZ. Immerse yourself in a culinary extravaganza with over 20 food vendors and trucks, complemented by live music that will keep you grooving! This special event spans six Saturdays in town and welcomes everyone with free admission.

Mark your calendars for September 21 when the market hosts a unique "Children's Entrepreneur Market,"

showcasing young entrepreneurs selling their goods. Bring your reusable bags and don't miss the chance to savor hand-delivered peaches from Utah!

Fun Fact: Utah is the 14th largest Peach grower in the US and has a reputation for offering a vast variety of peaches!

Please visit experiencefountainhills.org/events for additional information.

SEPT 6-
MAR 7

Happy Hour Wine Walk On The Avenue

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm | First Friday of the Month

Avenue of the Fountains

\$20 (Includes wine tastings, food pairings, and souvenir glass)

\$10 (Food pairings and nonalcoholic offerings)

Celebrate life and savor global flavors! Join us for an unforgettable wine walk where every sip transforms into a celebration of joy and camaraderie. Stroll through businesses along the Avenue and discover a curated selection of exquisite wines, from bold reds to refreshing whites, all while embracing the "all is well" spirit.

With limited spots available, this extraordinary event is not to be missed! Your ticket includes delightful wine pairings, delectable food pairings, and a commemorative wine glass. Upon check-in, you'll receive a menu with details on all the delicious tastings and locations.

Please visit FHChamber.com for additional information.



BEGINS
SEPT 6



Fountain Hills Theater

For over 35 years, Fountain Hills Theater has been committed to delivering exceptional theatrical and educational experiences. Explore their upcoming performances below.

September 6 – September 22

Ragtime, the Musical

November 8 – November 24

Biloxi Blues

September 27 – October 6

The Little Princess, Sara Crewe

December 6 – December 22

Every Christmas Story Ever Told

October 11 – October 27

Triple Threat

December 6- December 22

Elf the Musical JR.

Please visit fhtaz.org for additional information and tickets.

SEPT 14

Observe The Moon Night

7:30 pm – 9 pm

Centennial Circle

(next to Community Center)

Free Event

Step into a world of lunar wonder at Centennial Circle for Observe the Moon Night! Experience thrilling telescope views, an inspiring talk by NASA's Ted Blank, and engaging activities for all ages. Don't miss this chance to explore the Moon and connect with fellow sky enthusiasts. This NASA- sponsored event is free and open to everyone.

TIP: Bring a chair to relax and enjoy the lunar talk!

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SEPT 19

7:00 pm

Fountain Park | Fountain Hills Community Services

Free Event

Ballet Under the Stars

Step into an enchanting evening under the Sonoran skies with Ballet Arizona's "Ballet Under the Stars." This unique event invites you to immerse yourself in an unforgettable evening showcasing a charming blend of classical ballet and contemporary masterpieces, all presented free of charge. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the outdoors, you'll experience the magic of dance in a setting that enhances the beauty and artistry of each performance. Join us for an evening where the elegance of ballet meets the splendor of nature, promising an experience that will transport and inspire.

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OCT 9 -
APR 26

Milestone Sculpture Tours



10:00 am
2nd Wednesdays & 4th Saturdays of the Month
River of Time Museum & Exploration Center
\$12 (Members), \$15 (non-members)

The "Milestone Sculpture Tours," launched in Spring 2024, celebrate the legacy of former Mayor Jerry Miles and his wife Jackie Miles, who were pivotal in establishing Fountain Hills Public Arts. This tour showcases the world-renowned art installations in Centennial Park, located just outside the main entrance to the River of Time. With an impressive collection of 150 sculptures, this guided walking tour provides a fascinating look at the artists, their techniques, and the captivating stories behind these notable works.

Please visit [RiverOfTime.Center](https://www.riveroftimecenter.com) for reservations and additional information.

BEGINS
OCT 17

Night Sky Tourist

Experience breathtaking night skies in Fountain Hills! With clear desert air and minimal light pollution, Fountain Hills offers stunning views of the Milky Way and constellations. Embrace the tranquility of the desert night and let the dark skies captivate your imagination. Check out these stellar events below for a memorable stargazing experience!

Full Moon Fitness Walk

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Oct. 17 (Falcon Trail)
Nov. 15 (Civic Center Trail)
Dec. 15 (Sunridge Trail)
\$15

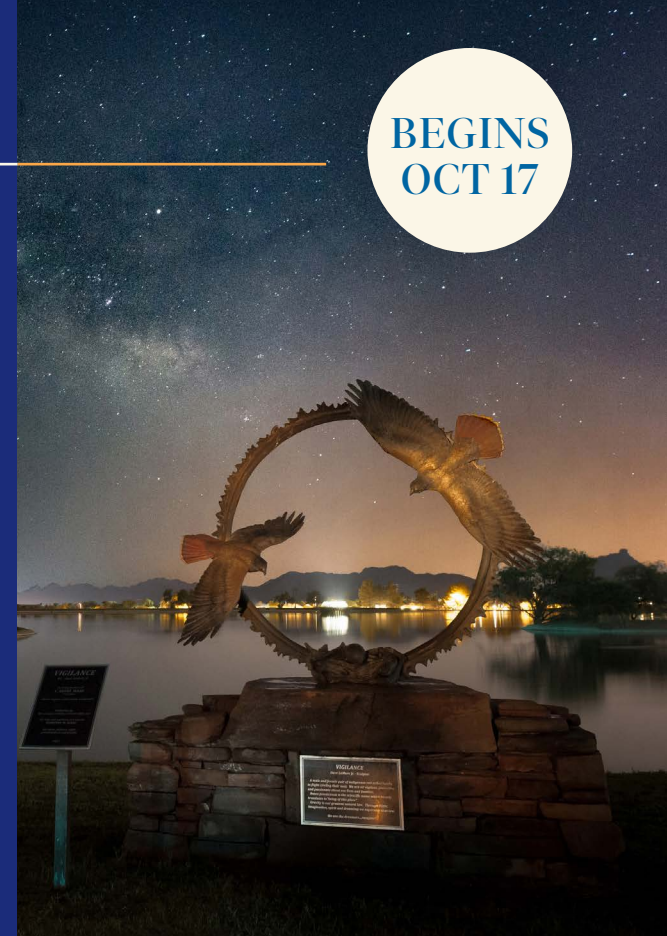
Please visit [NightSkyTourist.com](https://www.nightskytourist.com) for tickets and additional information.

Stargazing Hike

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Oct. 23, Nov. 7, Dec. 31*
**(Special Event: New Year's Eve)*
Free

Adero Canyon Trailhead
14800 N. Eagle Ridge Dr.

Please visit [FountainHillsAZ.gov/REC](https://www.fountainhillsaz.gov/REC) to register and for additional information.



OCT 12

Fountain Hills Health Walk



9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Avenue Of the Fountains
Free Event

Experience a morning of wellness and community at the Fountain Hills Health Walk! This FREE event is open to all residents and offers a fantastic opportunity to connect with local health professionals and businesses while enjoying a leisure stroll through Downtown Fountain Hills. Collect stamps from health professionals and local vendors, then turn in your passport to earn your raffle ticket for a chance to win! No pre-registration required. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please visit [FHChamber.com](https://www.fhchamber.com) for additional information.

BEGINS
OCT 24

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tours

8:00 am – 1:30 pm | Dates Vary
River of Time Museum & Exploration Center
\$125 (Members), \$130 (Non-members)

The highly anticipated Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation/River of Time Exploration Tour will kick off its sixth season this fall. This immersive, four-hour guided tour of the Fort McDowell Yavapai reservation features visits to the FMYN Cultural Center, the H'man 'shawa Early Development Center, a look at the tribal industries, and a delightful lunch at the WeKoPa Resort's Ahnala restaurant.

Please visit [RiverOfTime.Center](https://www.riveroftimecenter.com) for reservations and additional information.



Spooky Blast

OCT 26

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Four Peaks Park
Free Event

Prepare for the ultimate Halloween thrill at Fountain Hills Spooky Blast! Explore the Halloween Spectacular at Four Peaks Park with over 20 booths packed with activities and candy delights. Conquer inflatable slides, be amazed by Magic Matt's funny magic for kids, navigate tricky obstacle courses, and venture through a twisting corn maze with surprises around every corner.

Don't forget your costume for the ultimate costume contest! Show off your creativity for a chance to win fantastic prizes. But that's not where the fun stops... There will be a live DJ with spooky tunes and thrilling beats, ensuring a night of non-stop fun and excitement for all ages!

Experience the most spooktacular Halloween celebration in town! Mark your calendars, gather your best costume, and prepare to create lasting memories at Fountain Hills Spooky Blast!

Please visit experiencefountainhills.org/events for additional information.



Farmers Market & Art on the Avenue

Wednesdays, 10 am – 3 pm, Farmer's Market
Wednesdays, 10 am – 3 pm, Art on the Avenue
Avenue of the Fountains
Free Event

Step into an extraordinary blend of shopping delights and culinary delights at the vibrant junction of the Fountain Hills Farmer's Market and Art on the Avenue. This one-of-a-kind event seamlessly integrates local artistic mastery with a diverse array of culinary offerings, promising an unforgettable experience. Discover over 100 exceptional art vendors showcasing their talents, alongside a wide selection of food vendors presenting a tantalizing range of flavors and dishes. Whether you're browsing for unique artworks, sampling gourmet treats, or simply soaking in the lively atmosphere, prepare for a sensory journey that celebrates creativity and community.

Please visit experiencefountainhills.org.



BEGINS
NOV 6



Indigenous Food & Culture Day at the River of Time

10:00 am – 3:00 pm
River of Time Museum & Exploration Center
Free Event

Join us for a vibrant celebration honoring the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's rich history and culture. Experience live performances by FMYN tribe members and explore a range of vendors, including Alana Yazzie ("The Fancy Navajo"), Blue Corn Custom Designs, Navajo Mike's, and Native Grounds Coffee. Enjoy native foods, craft beaded bracelets, and delve into petroglyph stories—all at no cost. This event is open to all and offers a unique opportunity to engage with Indigenous culture.

Please visit RiverOfTime.Center for additional information.



NOV 2

Fall Fountain Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts

NOV 8-
NOV 10

10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Friday and Saturday
10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Sunday
Avenue of the Fountains & Saguaro Blvd.
Free Event

The Fountain Festival of Fine Arts & Crafts stands as a premier arts and crafts event in the southwestern United States. Featuring hundreds of booths showcasing original fine artworks across all price ranges, the festival continues to grow and evolve each year. Artists display their talents in diverse mediums including sculpture, painting, clothing, jewelry, and crafts, ensuring there's something for every taste.

Enjoy the perfect blend of dining and shopping with a wide array of breakfast, lunch, and snack options available. Whether you prefer to dine indoors or relax in shaded seating areas outdoors, you'll find ample choices to suit your preferences. Live music further enhances the vibrant atmosphere of this already lively event, making it a memorable experience for all attendees.

Please visit FHChamber.com/ArtFairs-Fall-Fountain-Festival for additional information.





Touch A Truck

NOV 16

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Desert Vista Park
Free Event

Put your imagination in gear and join us at Touch A Truck! This thrilling event lets kids climb aboard their favorite vehicles and meet the heroes who keep our community running. Explore an impressive lineup of vehicles, from police and fire trucks to construction equipment and buses. The fun continues with inflatables, yard games, and a variety of food trucks. It's a day packed with excitement and adventure!

Please visit FountainHillsAZ.gov/TouchATruck for additional information.



Holiday Mart

NOV 19-
DEC 14

10:00 am – 4:00 pm (or until sold out)
Tuesday – Saturday
River of Time Museum & Exploration Center
Free Event

Get ready for an unforgettable shopping experience at Holiday Mart, the beloved annual fundraiser, back bigger and better than ever thanks to the generosity of the Fountain Hills community! Beginning in January, our dedicated Holiday Mart elves (a passionate team of volunteers) spring into action, curating a dazzling array of high-end holiday decorations. Donations are cleaned and repaired to twinkle like they are new. Explore and discover vintage and specialty items alike.

Please visit RiverOfTime.Center for additional information.

NOV 28

34th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run and Fitness Walk



7:15 am
Downtown Fountain Hills
\$35 (5K), \$20 (5K-12 & under), \$20 (Fitness Walk)
\$5 late fee after 11/3, \$10 late fee after 11/17, includes t-shirt

Get ready to kickstart your Thanksgiving morning with a burst of energy and festive fun at the highly anticipated 34th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run & Fitness Walk, hosted by Fountain Hills Community Services. This beloved valley-wide event will take you on a voyage around the iconic world-famous fountain, nestled in the picturesque Fountain Park.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or prefer a leisurely walk, we have something for everyone to enjoy! Lace up your sneakers and choose between the exhilarating 5K timed run or the refreshing 1-mile fitness walk.

As a participant, your registration includes a traditional long sleeve T-shirt, serving as a cherished memento of this memorable event. Show off your Turkey Trot pride and let the world know you conquered the challenge with style. New this year, all participants

will have their hard work rewarded with a premium finisher medal!

Join us as we celebrate community, wellness, and gratitude at the 34th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run & Fitness Walk. It's not just an event—it's a cherished tradition that brings people together, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and sets the tone for a day of gratitude and joy.

Don't miss this opportunity to kick off your Thanksgiving in the most invigorating and festive way possible. Visit our website or contact Fountain Hills Community Services to learn more about registration and be part of this exhilarating experience. Let's trot together and make this Thanksgiving one to remember!

Pre-Registration is required. No on-site registration allowed. Please visit experiencefountainhills.org/events for more information.

NOV 28

Thanksgiving Day Parade

9:30 am – 10:45 am
Downtown Fountain Hills
Free Event

Come together with your community for a grand Thanksgiving tradition—the largest Thanksgiving Day Parade west of the Mississippi proudly presented by the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce. For the past 40 years, Fountain Hills has hosted this beloved annual event, becoming a cherished local tradition that draws spectators from across the state. It's the perfect way to kick off Thanksgiving Day with festive flair and community spirit.

This hometown favorite parade features a colorful procession of floats, local businesses, service organizations, classic car clubs, troops, school groups, and vibrant dance routines that promise to captivate and entertain. It's a celebration of gratitude and togetherness, providing an opportunity for families and friends to gather and reflect on all that they are thankful for.

Join us as we come together to celebrate Thanksgiving and create lasting memories with loved ones. Let the spirit of the parade fill your hearts with joy and gratitude as we revel in the warmth of the community and the festive atmosphere of this special day.

Please visit FHChamber.com for additional information.



Breakfast with Santa

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Community Center

\$12 per person

(advance registration essential to ensure attendance)

Start your morning off right with a delightful breakfast buffet, perfect for you and your family to enjoy before diving into a variety of festive activities. These include cookie decorating, engaging crafts, and a special visit from Santa Claus himself.

Please be aware that we cannot accommodate drop-ins on the day of the event, so be sure to secure your spot in advance. Our breakfast buffet features a delectable selection of morning treats. This event is tailored for children from preschool through 3rd grade, promising a magical event that will enchant young hearts.

Presented in collaboration with the Town of Fountain Hills and Noon Kiwanis, this event embodies the holiday spirit of joy and celebration, uniting the community. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so arrive early to ensure you don't miss out on the festive fun!

Please visit ExperienceFountainHills.org/Events for additional information.



11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Community Center
Free Event

We warmly welcome families with autistic and special needs children/ loved ones to a special Holiday gathering at the Community Center. This event provides a calm and welcoming environment for everyone to visit with Santa Claus.

Join us for this free drop-in event from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, where you can capture cherished moments with Santa through photos. Enjoy a light snack together and engage in relaxing activities such as coloring stations and crafting, ensuring a joyful experience for all attendees.

Come and create lasting memories in a supportive setting designed to celebrate the Holiday spirit with your loved ones.

Please visit [experiencefountainhills.org/events](https://ExperienceFountainHills.org/events) for additional information.

Sensitive
Santa

NOV 30



Desert Valley Winds Holiday Concert

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Fountain Hills Community Center

Free Event

Celebrate the holidays with us at our FREE festive concert! Enjoy an evening of wonderful music from Desert Valley Winds and learn all about the exciting benefits of our Community Center Membership programs. It's open to everyone and no registration is required. Just come, enjoy the music, and get into the holiday spirit!

Please visit experiencefountainhills.org/events for additional information.

DEC 7

Stroll in the Glow

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Avenue of the Fountains

Free Event

Come and join us as we celebrate the holiday season with a delightful stroll along the glowing Avenue of the Fountains! This festive event has something special for everyone, from live music and entertainment to exciting inflatables and a chance to meet Santa Claus. Engage your creativity at our cookie decorating stations and explore unique gifts at our pop-up shopping stalls, all set amidst the magical glow of holiday lights lining the Avenue.

For more information and to register please visit: FHChamber.com/Stroll-In-The-Glow.



DEC 13-
DEC 31



Light Up the Town Holiday Tour

Locations to be announced
Free Event

Deadline to enter: December 8

Illuminate your home for the 2024 Light Up The Town Holiday Tour! Decorate with festive flair and compete for prizes in Brightest, Most Creative, and Most Traditionally Elegant categories.

Visitors are invited to drive through and enjoy the sparkling displays. Join us in spreading holiday cheer and making this season bright!

Please visit FountainHillsAZ.gov/REC for map (available December 13th) additional information.

Season's Celebrations

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Fountain Hills Community Center
Free Event

Join us for a delightful evening brimming with Holiday cheer, perfect for guests of all ages! Explore a dazzling array of 25 Holiday Tree Displays at the Community Center, each adorned with festive splendor. Capture a memorable photo with our jovial "Dancing" Santa Claus. Unleash your creativity at our Holiday Craft Stations, where you can make delightful seasonal crafts.

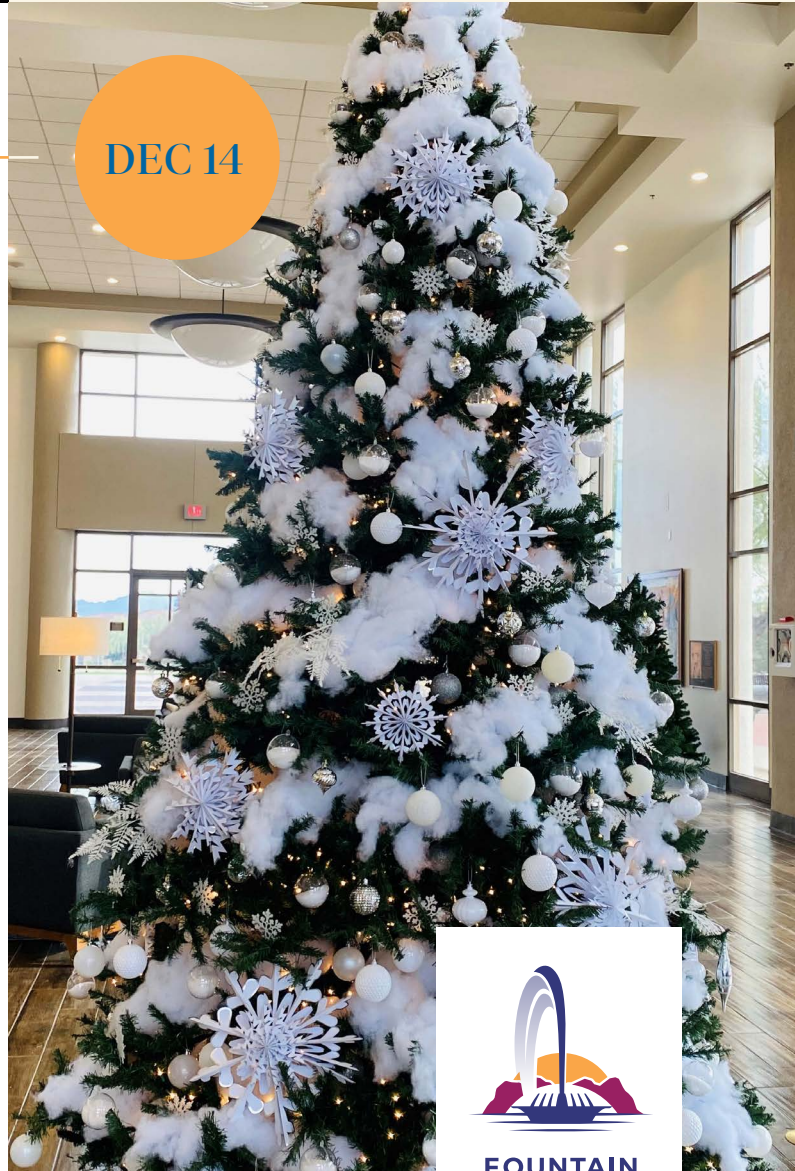
Little ones can look forward to fun at the Outdoor Kids Play Zone, where Holiday Bounce House and a Train await. Indulge in the festive spirit at our Cookie Decorating Station and Hot Cocoa Bar, offering delectable treats that are sure to sweeten your evening.

Throughout the event, the Community Center will resonate with the lively sounds of the Fountain Hills Saxophone Quartet, serenading you with energetic Holiday music.

This FREE Community Event promises to be a celebration you won't want to miss!

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DEC 14



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