

# Holiday Lights Spectacular to celebrate 22 Years

*Midwest City hosts one of the largest light displays in a five state region*

Holiday Lights Spectacular returns to Midwest City Nov. 17 - Dec. 30, Sunday - Thursday 6 to 10 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 6 to 11 p.m. This free, time-honored family tradition is located at SE 15th and Century Boulevard in Midwest City.

This family tradition began in 1995 with just 44 displays and has grown to be the largest animated lights display in a five state region with more than 100 animated light displays. The 1.5 mile long drive is sprinkled with light displays and over one million lights that will captivate the whole family in the heart of Joe B. Barnes Regional Park. Enjoy the amazing 118 foot Christmas tree illuminated with over 9,000 LED bulbs, the impressive tunnel of lights, Santa fly fishing in a 15 foot waterfall, elves baking in the candy factory and so much more!

Illumination Celebration has been delighting families for the past seven years with dancing lights choreographed to all-time favorite classic Christmas tunes. Be sure to see the full show by pulling over and tuning in to the advertised FM station.

The 2017 Holiday Lights Spectacular marks the 22nd

## Midwest City shining bright!

**WHAT:** Holiday Lights Spectacular

**WHEN:** Nov. 17 - Dec. 30

**WHERE:** SE 15th Street and Century Boulevard

**DETAILS:** Drive through a variety of holiday displays, including a 118 foot Christmas tree illuminated with more than 9,000 LED bulbs.



year of this ever popular event. For one night only, guests could see the light displays from an entirely new perspective and Walk the Lights on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. This special event served as a fundraiser for Holiday Lights Spectacular, thus the \$5 entry fee for guests 13 and older helps to keep the lights shining year after year.

The official opening of Holiday Lights Spectacular to drive through traffic was celebrated with an Opening Night Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Guests enjoyed the Presentation of Colors by



the Midwest City High School Jr. ROTC, national anthem sung by Carl Albert High School Junior Miss Ella Stout, Christmas carols sung by Barnes Elementary Blue Jay Jazz, a special appearance by Santa Claus and complimentary hot chocolate provided by the Underground.

Light seekers can access this extraordinary display from I-40 by exiting Douglas Boulevard North and following the snowflakes heading west on S.E. 15th street to the entrance at Century Boulevard.

Holiday Lights Spectacular has always been free to enter and donations are



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**Midwest City's Holiday Lights Spectacular features more than 100 animated lights along a 1.5 mile stretch.**

graciously accepted to help keep the lights on. The budget for this self-funded event is approximately

\$52,000 which covers non-labor costs only; therefore donations are crucial to help sustain this family tradition.