

The Best Light Show on the Oregon Coast happens in Brookings, Oregon

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Nature's Coastal Holiday - Festival of Lights, in beautiful Azalea Park

It's a leisurely 45 minute stroll to enjoy the dazzling light show, sculptures and accompanying music during the month of December.

Visitors are treated to both traditional displays of Christmas and sea theme displays while enjoying hot chocolate, cookies or cider.



Over 3 Million LED Lights

- Dozens of volunteers coordinate and operate this nonprofit event with costs of electricity and lights paid by donations and sponsorships
- \$3.00 for Adults, Kids under 12 are free and there's no charge for parking
- Open 5-9pm every night, opens the day after Thanksgiving
- Check our website or Facebook for more information

We have donated over \$70,000 to projects in Azalea Park. We have pledged \$30,000 in 2022 for the rebuild of KidTown. Plus, we donate to other non-profits each year to support our community.



Santa stops by for a few nights to greet young and old alike

- Over 30 - 3D Lighted Sculptures
- 100's of 2D Decorations
- Avenue of the Arches Light Show
- Under the Sea Garden
- Dancing MEGA Tree



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For 25 years, locals and visitors alike have shared in the wonder and beauty of Nature's Coastal Holiday Festival of Lights in picturesque Azalea Park. The annual event began with a mere 22,000 lights in 1997 and it has grown to over 3,000,000 dazzling led lights. In 2021, over 22,000 people enjoyed the holiday enchantment of the various displays compared to 7,120 people in 1997. Over the years, visitors have come from dozens of states and more than 8 foreign countries making this nightly show a truly international event.

The brain child of past volunteers, Olivia Abbott and Keith Pepper, the 25 year old Festival of Lights is a completely volunteer coordinated and staffed event. In the early years, there were only a few dozen people to help string the lights in the park. A few more individuals baked cookies and the local schools helped by designing and distributing posters. That same spirit of volunteering is still at the core of the event. A small group of individuals plan and organize the event each year, but the Brookings-Harbor community is the main component when it comes to stringing lights and hosting the month long event.

During the month of November, weekends find volunteers in the park decorating the trees, shrubs and walkways. There are over 30- 3D light sculptures erected. In the Undersea Garden, there's a 7 foot tall sea horse, a 9 foot tall mermaid, and a giant octopus that takes 8 hours just to place the lights on one of its eight arms. Volunteers place 100's of 2D sculptures, both traditional and nature themed, throughout the park. In addition, the 55 foot Avenue of the Arches and Dancing MEGA Tree run a 15 minute looping programmed light show.

Most of the sculptures have been hand made by various high school students, public works employees and local individuals and feature brilliant LED lighting. Over 90 local businesses and individuals help offset general costs by sponsoring their signs, allowing for just a \$3.00 donation for adults with children under 12 admitted free. Showcased during the Festival of Lights is various holiday entertainment and music including visits from Santa on select dates. Volunteers provide hot cocoa, hot apple cider and cookies. Donations are always welcome in return for a sweet treat and a warm drink.

The Festival of Lights isn't only in the park. Over the last few years, volunteers have refurbished the old 9 feet tall lighted bells that hung on the light poles in the downtown district decades ago. They again adorn the downtown area at street level to bring back the tradition that is so important to the Brookings-Harbor area. Visible at street level, are two giant refurbished 4x42 foot "Happy Holiday" signs decorate the street at the north and south entrances of Brookings.

It would be hard to find another month-long community sponsored event which has become such a popular experience. The Brookings-Harbor community comes alive with the spirit of giving as its citizens string each light. Each child's face stares in amazement during their visit to the Festival of Lights making Brookings an excellent family get-a-way during December!

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