

# 2023 SAFFORD SPECIAL EVENTS

\* THIS EVENT MAY REQUIRE DOWNTOWN STREET CLOSURES

## APRIL

### SAFFORD PARK EVENTS – MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

- i** • **Date:** April 1
- **Sponsoring Organization:** City of Safford – Parks & Rec Committee
- **Location:** Glenn Meadows Park
- **Time:** TBD
- **Description:** Outdoor movie in the park
- More dates to come at City Hall Lawn or City Park.

### \* SAFFORD SPRING FESTIVAL

- i** • **Date:** April 21-22
- **Sponsoring Organization** Chamber of Commerce
- **Location:** City Hall Lawn, 700 block of Main Street & front of the Courthouse
- **Time:** 4/21 @ 5pm to 4/22 @ 10pm
- **Description:** Celebrating the Art, History and Wine of our community. Street Food, Vendors, Painting classes, history talks and tours, a pop-up art gallery, live music, wine tastings and a beer garden.
- **Event Organizer:** Vance Bryce 928-428-2511

### \* WEDDING & EVENT FAIR

- i** • **Date:** April 22
- **Sponsoring Organization:** The Venue on Main
- **Location:** 400 block of Main Street
- **Time:** 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **Description:** Wedding & event fair to show off local vendors of our community. Combining with Safford Spring Festival. DJs, Vendors, Food Trucks
- **Event Organizer:** Kym Gifford 928-965-8091/ 928-965-0270 [Kym.Gifford@outlok.com](mailto:Kym.Gifford@outlok.com)

# JULY

## \* GILA VALLEY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE



- **Date:** July 4
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Safford Lions Club
- **Location:** Safford Main Street Parade Route. Lining up behind Courthouse, Patriotic Flag Raising Ceremony in front of the Courthouse before parade. Starting at the Courthouse and proceeding down Main Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, turning right, then onto 7<sup>th</sup>, turning left.
- **Time:** 9am -12pm
- **Description:** Patriotic Flag Raising Ceremony and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- **Parade Chairperson:** Mike Andazola
- For information on entering parade, contact Pam Frost at [pfrost@saffordaz.gov](mailto:pfrost@saffordaz.gov)

## SAFFORD 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION



- **Date:** July 4
- **Sponsoring Organization:** City of Safford PC&D
- **Location:** Safford City Hall or Safford Park
- **Time:** After Parade
- **Set up:**
- **Description:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July family picnic with summer games and activities. Attendees bring own tables and chairs to sit on. Hot Dogs, Nachos, Cold beverages, Watermelon Eating Contest, Watermelon Roll Race, Summer game booths (Fishpond, Duck pond, Face Painting and other summer carnival games).
- **Event Contact:** Pam Frost 928-432-4143 / 928-965-3121 [pfrost@saffordaz.gov](mailto:pfrost@saffordaz.gov)

# SEPTEMBER

## \* SALSA FEST



- **Date:** July 4
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Chamber of Commerce
- **Location:** Safford City Hall Lawn, 700 block of Main Street & front of Courthouse
- **Time:** 9/22 @ 5:00 pm – 9/23 @ 10:00 pm
- **Description:** Annual celebration of the culture of Southeastern Arizona which raises money for scholarships to EAC. Celebrates our Salsa Trail Restaurants, Amateur Salsa maker competition, live music, food rucks and vendors.
- **Parade Contact:** Vance Bryce 928-428-2511

## SHS HOMECOMING PARADE

- i** • **Date:** TBD Pending SHS football schedule in September or October
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Safford High School
- **Location:** Parade Route starting from SHS to SMS
- **Time:** 10am – 12pm
- **Description:** Safford High School Homecoming Parade
- **Event Contact:** Tad Jacobson

## \* GRAHAM COUNTY FAIR PARADE

- i** • **Date:** October 6
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Graham County Fair Office
- **Location:** Safford Main Street Parade Route
- **Time:** 10am – 12pm
- **Description:** Parade to kick off Graham County Fair weekend
- **Event Organizer:** Trey Andrews 928-965-8180

## SAFFORD AIRPORT FLY IN

- i** • **Date:** Saturday, October 14
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Safford Airport
- **Location:** Safford Airport
- **Time:** TBD
- **Description:** Fly-in for pilots to fly to Safford. Pancake breakfast, airplane, and car show
- **Event Contact:** Cameron Atkins 928-435-4235 [catkins@saffordaz.gov](mailto:catkins@saffordaz.gov)

## \* OKTOBERFEST

- i** • **Date:** October 20
- **Sponsoring Organization:** City of Safford Employee United Way Committee
- **Location:** 400 block of Main Street
- **Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm
- **Description:** Fundraiser for United Way of Graham & Greenlee Counties. Beer Garden, Entertainment, Corn Hole, Food Vendors and other activities. More details to come.
- **Event Organizer:** Matthew Hoshal

## \* HARVEST FESTIVAL

- i** • **Date:** **October 21**
- **Sponsoring Organization:** City of Safford PC&D
- **Location:** City Hall Lawn & Main Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Time:** 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **Description:** Vendors, Live local entertainment, Activities including Pumpkin Carving Contest, Costume Contest, Pumpkin Rolling Race, Sack Race, Stick Horse Race, Pumpkin Racer Derby, Fall Carnival Booth games for kids.
- **Event Organizer:** Pam Frost 928-432-4143 / 928-965-3121 [pfrost@saffordaz.gov](mailto:pfrost@saffordaz.gov)

## NOVEMBER

### DIA DE MUERTOS

- i** • **Date:** **November 1 or November 2**
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Eastern Arizona Hispanic Heritage Committee
- **Location:** To be determined – Possibly Safford Cemetery
- **Time:** TBD
- **Description:** Procession, food, more details to come
- **Contact:** Mike Andazola

## \* FIELD OF HONOR, VETERAN'S DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

- i** • **Date:** **Field of Honor: November 4 – November 13**
  - \* **Veteran's Day Parade & Ceremony – November 11**
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Safford Lions Club
- **Location:** Flags on City Hall Lawn all week, Parade starting at 3<sup>rd</sup> and proceeding down Main St. to courthouse. Ceremony in front of Courthouse.
- **Time:** Nov. 11 Parade begins at 10:10 am and Ceremony begins at 11am
- **Description:** Field of Honor: Flags displayed on City Hall Lawn representing veterans. Veteran's Parade and Veteran's Ceremony honoring veterans.
- **Event Organizer:** Ed Lopez/ Marion Hastings

## \* MERRY MAIN STREET & TREE LIGHTING

- i** • **Date:** November 24
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Safford Downtown Association
- **Location:** City Hall Lawn and Main Street
- **Time:** 5:30pm – 8pm
- **Description:** Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall. Santa, Christmas activities on Main Street, Stores open for holiday shopping, food vendors.
- **Event Contact:** Jon Stewart 928-651-2406

## DECEMBER

### \* HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE

- i** • **Date:** December 9
- **Sponsoring Organization:** SDA
- **Location:** Safford City Hall Lawn and Main Street Parade Route
- **Time:** 4:00 pm Santa & Food Vendors 5:00 pm Entertainment 6:00 pm Parade
- **Description:** Holiday Light Parade. Santa, Food vendors and entertainment before parade.
- **Parade Chairperson:** John Howard 928-651-2406

### NEW YEARS EVE BALLOON EXTAVAGANZA

- i** • **Date:** December 31
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Air Ventures
- **Location:** Safford School Field
- **Time:** TBD
- **Description:** Balloon launches will be at the grass field just east of the SUSD Transportation Dept. and west of Lafe Nelson School. Glow will be on 12/31/23 (dates pending)
- **Event Organizer:** Susan Lindsey