

2020 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR

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NORTHWEST



NOV. 20–DEC. 31 – Lights Before Christmas, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Sun.–Thur. 3–8 p.m., Fri./Sat. 3–9 p.m. Over 1 million lights, the award-winning Big Tree, and more than 200 illuminated animal images. 419-385-5721 or www.toledozoo.org.

NOV. 25 – Holiday Lights Grand Illumination, downtown Sidney, 6 p.m. www.sidneyalive.org/events.

NOV. 27–JAN. 3 – North Pole Express, 12505 Co. Rd. 99, Findlay, Fri./Sat. 5:30–9:30 p.m., Sun. 5:30–8:30 p.m. \$4; under 13, \$3. Hop on board our quarter-scale locomotive for a trip through a winter wonderland of

sparkling lights and festive decorations. See operating model trains and hundreds of decorated trees, plus a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on select days. 419-423-2995 or www.nworrp.org.

NOV. 28–JAN. 1 – Blaze of Lights Festival, N. Main St., Bluffton, 5–8 p.m. Free. Celebrate the season with holiday lights and vintage folk art displays, food and shopping, entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides, and train rides for the kids. Opening parade on Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. 419-369-2985 or www.explorebluffton.com.

DEC. 5 – Winter Wonderland Parade and Christmas of Yesteryear, downtown Sidney. The downtown is all dressed up and lit up for your enjoyment, with shopping, horse and carriage rides, and an evening parade, complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Reason for the Season lighting ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m., parade at 7:30 p.m. 937-658-6945 or www.sidneyalive.org.

DEC. 5–6, 12 – Christmas Open House, Logan County History Center, 521 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, 1–5 p.m. Free; donations accepted. The 1906 neoclassical Orr Mansion is beautifully decorated

for the holidays, and the hallways are lined with decorated Christmas trees. Musical entertainment and kids' crafts. 937-593-7557, www.loganhhistory.org, or www.facebook.com/logancountyhistorycenter.

DEC. 10 – A Presidential Christmas, Hayes Library and Museums, Spiegel Grove, 1337 Hayes Ave., Fremont. Outdoor tree lighting at 5:30 p.m., with refreshments to follow (free). Horse-drawn sleigh rides 5:30–7:30 p.m. (\$5.50 for ages 3 and over). Museum and the "Hayes Train Special" model train display will be open till 8 p.m. (\$5–\$13, under 6 free). 419-332-2081 or www.rbhayes.org.

DEC. 10–23 – Winter Wonderland Light Display, Sandusky Co. Fgds., 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 6–8 p.m. Display is drive-through only this year. \$5 per vehicle. Food items accepted for donation to food pantry. 419-332-5604 or www.sanduskycountyfair.com.

DEC. 12 – "Bells, Brass, and Bows," 7 Town Square, Lima, 7:30 p.m. The Lima Symphony Orchestra and Chorus present their beloved holiday concert featuring traditional favorites and holiday singalongs, 419-222-5701 or www.limasymphony.com.

NORTHEAST



NOV. 12–15 – Northeast Ohio PierogijFest, Cuyahoga Co. Fgds., 19201 E. Bagley Rd., Berea, Thur./Fri. 5–9 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Polish food and music festival featuring a selection from the area's best places for authentic Polish cuisine, Polish beer, authentic Polish dancers, shopping bazaar, and kids' activities. Find us on Facebook.

NOV. 16–DEC. 31 – Holidays at the Mansion, Victorian House Museum, 484 Wooster Rd., Millersburg, Sun.–Fri. 1–4 p.m., Sat. 1–8 p.m. Tour the 28-room mansion, transformed into a holiday wonderland. 330-674-0022, www.holmeshistory.com/events, or www.facebook.com/VictorianHouseMuseum.

NOV. 20 – Window Wonderland, downtown Wooster, 6:30–9 p.m. Free. Horse-drawn carriage rides, decorated storefront windows, Santa descending from the rooftop, hot chocolate, live reindeer, lights, and holiday activities. 330-262-6222 or www.mainstreetwooster.org.

NOV. 20–22 – Medina Candlelight Walk, downtown Medina. Community Christmas tree, lights and decorations, shopping, visits with Santa, photo ops, and over 2,000 luminaries. "Run, Santa, Run!" 5K fun run Nov. 22. www.mainstreetmedina.com.

NOV. 24–JAN. 9 – Steubenville Nutcracker Village and Advent Market, Historic Fort Steuben, 120 S. 3rd St., Steubenville. Free. Over 150 unique, life-size nutcrackers in an outdoor display with lights and music. Market open on weekends. 740-283-1787 or www.steubenvillennutcrackervillage.com.

NOV. 27–DEC. 30 – Deck the Hall: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, 714 N. Portage Path, Akron. Over 1 million lights illuminate the estate in a spectacular display, and the historic Manor House is decorated in style for the season. See website for times and updated event information. 330-836-5533 or www.stanhwywet.org/events.

NOV. 27–DEC. 27 – Drive-Thru Holiday Lights, Medina Co. Fgds., 720 W. Smith Rd., Medina, Fri.–Sun. 6–10 p.m. www.mainstreetmedina.com.

NOV. 28, DEC. 5 – Christmas in the Alpaca Barn, 16800 Cowley Rd., Grafton, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Come enjoy an up-close and personal look at these wonderful peaceful creatures. Shop for unique gifts at the Farm Store. 440-477-4300 or www.ourlitteworldalpacas.com.

NOV. 29 – Reverse Holiday Parade of Lights, Medina Co. Fgds., Community Center parking lot, 735 Lafayette Rd., Medina, 6–9 p.m. The annual event has been altered because of coronavirus precautions: The parade floats will be parked and stationary, while the audience drives past. www.mainstreetmedina.com.

DEC. 3 – "Women and Philanthropy: The Monied Women of Cleveland and Their Impact," presented by Cleveland History Center, 7–8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Dr. Einav Rabinovitch-Fox, visiting professor at Case Western Reserve University, will examine the role of the Wade family women and their milieu in shaping late 19th-century Cleveland. RSVP information available at www.wrhs.org/events/cleveland-civics-history-series-women-philanthropy.

DEC. 4 – Historic Downtown Church Walking Tour, 377 W. Liberty St., Wooster, 5–8 p.m. Start the tour at your leisure; no reservations required. At each church, participants can sing a Christmas carol, hear a bit of the church's history, and admire their Christmas decorations. 330-262-6222 or www.mainstreetwooster.org.

DEC. 4–13 – Candlelight Holiday Tours of Malabar Farm, 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas, Fri./Sat. 4–8 p.m., Sun. 1–4 p.m. Tour Louis Bromfield's Big House, all decked out for the holiday. Enjoy freshly baked cookies and hot cider. You might even see Santa himself! 419-892-2784 or www.malabarfarm.org/events.

DEC. 5 – Christmas Down on the Farm, Tis the Season and Schrock's Amish Farm, 4363 St. Rte. 39, Berlin. Bring the family out for sleigh rides, gingerbread house decorating, Christmas cookies, and more. 330-893-3604 or www.schrocksvillage.com.

DEC. 5 – Sights and Sounds of Christmas: Nutcracker Magic Parade, downtown Steubenville, noon–1 p.m. Many floats and dancers will feature nutcracker-themed decorations and characters, and some of our life-size Village Nutcrackers will be making special appearances! www.facebook.com/SteubenvilleChristmasParade.

DEC. 5–23 – Holiday Lantern Tours, Hale Farm and Village, 2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath, 5:40–9 p.m. \$12–\$20. Take a lantern-lit tour of the Village and visit the historic houses, decorated for the season. Experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of Christmas as celebrated in the 19th-century Western Reserve. Tours depart every 20 minutes. Dress appropriately for this indoor/outdoor activity. Reservations required! 330-666-3711 ext.1720, halereservations@wrhs.org, or www.wrhs.org/events.

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NOV. 11, 18, 25, DEC. 2, 9 – Bluegrass Wednesdays, Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner, wine, and an evening of lively bluegrass music by Vernon McIntyre’s Appalachian Grass. Restricted seating because of COVID precautions, early reservations are recommended. 513-385-9309 or vinokletwinery@fuse.net.

NOV. 20–22 – Christkindlmarkt, Germania Park, 3529 West Kemper Rd., Cincinnati, Fri. 5–10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun. 12–5 p.m. \$3, under 13 free. The oldest and most authentic German Christmas market in the region. <http://germaniasociety.com/christkindlmarkt>.

NOV. 21 – Hometown Holiday Horse Parade, S. Broadway, Greenville, 7 p.m. The lighted parade

includes horse-drawn carriages, wagons, riders, and buggies. Voted Best Community Parade for 2019 by readers of *Ohio* magazine. 937-548-4998 or www.downtowngreenville.org.

NOV. 22 – Farm Toy Show, Champaign Co. Fgds., 384 Park Ave., Urbana, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. \$2. 937-826-4201.

NOV. 26–DEC. 31 – Light Up Middletown, Smith Park, 500 Tytus Ave., Middletown, 6–10 p.m. daily. A drive-through fantasy light display. See Santa and Mrs. Claus every Friday and Saturday evening, 7–9 p.m. www.lightupmiddletown.org.

NOV. 27–DEC. 27 – Holiday Lights at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 St. Rte. 41, Troy, Fri./Sat. 6–10 p.m., Sun. 6–9 p.m. \$10 per car, \$15 per van. Be transported into a winter wonderland filled with over 60 animated light displays. The 1.25-mile driving tour takes you through the woods, down charming farm lanes, and past the historic Knoop Homestead aglow with lights. www.homegrowngreat.com.

NOV. 27 – Hometown Holiday and Grand Illumination, downtown Troy, 5–8:30 p.m. Children of all ages enjoy visits with Santa in the Santa House, carriage rides, holiday music, hot cocoa and refreshments, shopping at our local merchants, and, of course, the lighting of the

Christmas tree (6:45 p.m.). 937-339-5455 or www.troymainstreet.org.

DEC. 4 – Christmas on the Green, downtown Piqua, 6–9 p.m. Community caroling, horse-drawn carriage rides, children’s activities, and live entertainment. 937-773-9355 or www.mainstreetpiqua.com.

DEC. 4–6 – Christmas in the Village, downtown Waynesville. Shopping, dining, horse-drawn carriage rides, carolers and choirs, costumed characters, a heated entertainment tent, and daily visits from Santa Claus. 513-897-8855 or www.waynesvilleohio.com.

DEC. 5 – Lebanon Horse-Drawn Carriage Parade and Festival, downtown Lebanon, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Parades at 1, 4, and 7 p.m. Find us on Facebook: @lebanoncarriageparade.

DEC. 5 – Piqua Holiday Parade, downtown Piqua, 2–3 p.m. Celebrate the holiday season with an old-fashioned hometown parade. Kids can visit with Santa afterward in the lobby of the Fort Piqua Plaza. www.mainstreetpiqua.com.

DEC. 12–13 – Dayton Christkindlmarkt, 1400 E. Fifth St., Dayton, Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. 12–4 p.m. Celebrate the centuries-old Christmas market tradition that originated in Germany. 937-223-9013 or www.daytongermanclub.org.



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CENTRAL



NOV. 8 – Echoes in Time Theatre Drive-In: “Military,” Ohio History Center and Ohio Village parking lot, 800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, 1 and 3:30 p.m. \$10 per car. Enjoy back-to-back performances from the safety and comfort of your car! Featuring “The Truth About Hangar 18,” “Courage in the Skies: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen,” and “The ‘Meat Grinder’ War – The Korean Conflict.” 614-297-2300 or www.ohiohistory.org/participate/event-calendar.

NOV. 14 – Holiday Artfest, Welcome Center, 205 N. 5th St., Zanesville, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Art for display and sale includes glass, sculpture, paintings, photography, mixed media, collage, wood, felt, fabric, and other handmade art items. 919-621-9732, artsupplystore@gmail.com, or www.artcoz.org.

NOV. 28 – Small Business Saturday, Pickerington, 9 a.m.–11 p.m. Support your local businesses by shopping at the Village. 614-321-8221 or www.pickeringtonvillage.com.

NOV. 28–29 – Scott Antique Market, Ohio Expo Ctr., Bricker and Celeste Bldgs., 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission; \$5 parking. 800 exhibit booths. info@scottantiquemarket.com or www.scottantiquemarkets.com.

DEC. 5, 12 – Christmas Candlelighting Ceremony, Roscoe Village, Main Stage, 600 N. Whitewoman St., Coshocton, 6 p.m. Free. Begins at the base of the 35-foot tree. Light your candle and sing “Silent Night”

with other guests as you celebrate this heartwarming holiday tradition. 740-622-7644, 800-877-1830, or www.roscoeovillage.com.

DEC. 8 – Inventors Network Meeting, Rev1 Ventures for Columbus, 1275 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, 7 p.m. The focus this month is “When NOT to Apply for a Patent.” 614-470-0144 or www.inventorscolumbus.com.

DEC. 11 – Care Train of Union County Auction, McAuliffe’s Ace Hardware, 1299 W. Fifth St., Marysville. Begins at 9 a.m. online. Proceeds go toward the purchase of food vouchers for financially needy families, seniors, and disabled adults in Union County at Christmastime. 937-303-9453 or www.caretrain.org.

DEC. 12 – Annual Holiday Cookie Walk, Fairfield County Genealogical Research Library, 503 Lenwood Dr., Lancaster, 1–4 p.m. Select from a great variety of cookies for \$6 a pound. Stock up for the holidays! 740-653-2573.

SOUTHEAST



THROUGH JAN. 1 – Dickens Victorian Village, downtown Cambridge. Stroll the streets to view scenes depicting life in 1850s England, featuring life-sized, handmade mannequins wearing real vintage clothing. Many Village activities have been curtailed due to coronavirus concerns; check website for updates. 800-933-5480 or www.dickensvictorianvillage.com.

THROUGH JAN. 1 – Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Light Show, Cambridge, 5:30–9 p.m. nightly. Four different light and music shows performed each evening. 800-933-5480 or www.dickensvictorianvillage.com.

NOV. 14 – Virtual Gingerbread House Workshop, <http://mariettacastle.org>, 10 a.m.–noon. \$12.50–\$20. Suggested for ages 8 and up. Kits can be purchased Nov. 12–13 at The Castle’s Carriage House Gift Shop, 418 Fourth St., Marietta. Call 740-373-4180 or visit our website for more information.

NOV. 28 – Holiday Parade, Wheeling Ave., Cambridge, begins at 5 p.m. The theme is “Home for the Holidays.” 740-439-2238 or www.downtowncambridge.com.

NOV. 28–DEC. 20 – Santa Train, Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, Nelsonville Depot, 33 W. Canal St., Nelsonville, every Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and every Fri. at 6 p.m. beginning on Dec. 4. \$16–\$21, under 3 free. www.hvsry.org/trainlist/#santa.

DEC. 5 – Lancaster WinterFest and Tree Lighting, downtown Lancaster, 12–4:30 p.m. Enjoy shopping and giveaways, dining, music, entertainment, and horse-drawn carriage rides; visit with Santa; and stay for the tree lighting. <https://visitfairfieldcounty.org>.

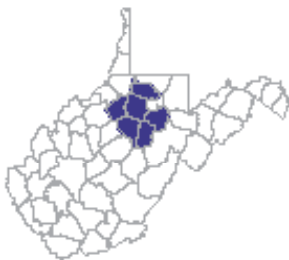
DEC. 5 – Logan Christmas Parade, Main Street, Logan, begins at 2 p.m. Come see Santa and cheer on this year’s floats! 740-385-6836 or <http://explorehockinghills.com>.

DEC. 5–20 – Santa House, Logan, Fri.–Sun., 6–8 p.m. Visit Santa in the newly built warm house in Worthington Park. 740-385-6836 or <http://explorehockinghills.com>.

DEC. 12 – Christmas in Ash Cave, St. Rte. 56, Logan. Free. Step away from the hectic holiday season and come bundled for the weather while enjoying a lighted stroll back to Ash Cave. Once you arrive at the cave, warm up with refreshments by an open fire. Listen to our holiday music, have the kids visit with an old-fashioned Santa, or help to decorate our Christmas tree for wildlife. 740-385-6841 or www.explorehockinghills.com/festivals-events/christmas-in-ash-cave.

DEC. 12 – Deerassic Park’s Winter Giveaway, 6 p.m. online. Aims to provide funding to complete the final stages of the Ohio Whitetail Hall of Fame and open it to the public in the spring of 2021. The event will be live-streamed on the website and our Facebook page. For tickets, call 740-435-9500, visit www.deerassic.com, or write to/stop by the office at 14250 Cadiz Rd., Cambridge, 43725.

WEST VIRGINIA



THROUGH JAN. 1 – Winter Festival of Lights, Oglebay Resort, Wheeling. Featuring 300 acres of twinkling lights over a 6-mile drive. 3D holographic eyewear transforms every point of light into a magical display. Per-car donation requested; valid for the entire festival season. 877-436-1797 or <https://oglebay.com/events/festival-of-lights>.

NOV. 14–DEC. 27 – Celebration of Lights, Morris Park, Fairmont, Fri.–Sun. 6–10 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10 per car. See over 475 holiday light displays in this drive-through tour. New: Walkers Nights every Thursday, Nov. 19–Dec. 17, 6–10 p.m. 304-366-4550 or www.celebrationoflightswv.com.

Submit listings **AT LEAST 90 DAYS** prior to the event to *Ohio Cooperative Living*, 6677 Busch Blvd., Columbus, OH 43229 or events@ohioec.org. *Ohio Cooperative Living* will not publish listings that don’t include a complete address or a number/website for more information.