



Season Kickoff Events - Friday, November 28

More details at DaytonHolidayFestival.org



Nov 28 events begin at 4 p.m., leading up to the tree lighting & parade at 6:30 p.m.

The Grande Illumination Tree Lighting
holiday tree sponsored by Premier Health
Courthouse Square, Third & Main sts.; 6:30 p.m.
Watch the holidays light up during Dayton's traditional tree lighting. At 6:30 p.m., approximately 50,000 lights will brighten the big tree on Courthouse Square! Free. 224-1518. Media sponsor: iHeartRADIO.

The Grande Illumination Parade presented by White-Allen Chevrolet
Along Main Street, 6:30 p.m.
(Slightly new route this year - visit daytonholidayfestival.org for details.)
Immediately following the tree lighting, watch seasonal floats, horses, drill teams and bands, and some special holiday treats - all illuminated by more than 100,000 lights. Free. 224-1518.
LED parade lights sponsored by NECA/IBEW Electrical Professionals.

Main Stage Entertainment sponsored by Sinclair College
Courthouse Square, Third & Main sts.; 4:05-6:25 p.m.
Enjoy holiday songs and other live entertainment on the Courthouse Square Main Stage leading up to the tree lighting.

Junior League of Dayton's Holiday Adventure
Courthouse Square; 4-7 p.m.
Kids will go on an adventure around the festival footprint. Children who visit all of the stops will receive a free book. Free.

Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays
Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Main sts.;
Fri. Nov. 28: 4-7 p.m., Sat. Nov. 29 & Sun. Nov. 30: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
View all the delicious contest entries and the award-winning houses, and vote for your favorite. All weekend long! Free. 224-1518.

Candy Cane Clubhouse
Stratacache Tower, 40 N. Main St.; 4-7 p.m.
Enjoy festive kids' entertainment, crafts, face painting, balloon twisting & more! Free.

Scheduled to Perform:
4:00-4:50 p.m. - Juggling by Crazy Craig Muhlenkamp
5:00-6:00 p.m. - Elsa & Anna Sing-a-Long and Meet & Greet from Fairy Godmother Events
6:00-6:30 p.m. - Roz Puppet Show

Street Fair & Food Trucks on Second
Second St. between Ludlow and Jefferson sts.; 4-7 p.m.
Don't miss all the free carnival games for kids! 224-1518.

Ongoing Festival Events through the Season

Nov. 28-Jan. 4 • Rike's Holiday Windows presented by Dayton Live
Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Main sts.;
Hours of operation vary - for the most up-to-date info, visit daytonlive.org/rikes. Closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.
Experience a reimagining of the Rike's department store holiday window displays that once stood at this busy downtown corner. (Not accessible during private events. Call 228-7591 to confirm hours.)

Nov. 29-Dec. 22 • Downtown Dayton Holiday Hop
Participating locations throughout downtown
New this year! Play, shop, and dine throughout downtown this holiday season and collect three stamps to receive \$25 in Downtown Dollars! Participating locations, rules, and more info at downtowndayton.org. 224-1518.

Dec. 5-29 • Whimsical Windows Contest & Elf Hunt sponsored by Dayton Daily News
Select businesses throughout downtown.
Enjoy shopping, dining and exploring downtown in a festive atmosphere where downtown Dayton's small businesses show off their creativity and decorate their storefront windows for the holidays. **Vote for your favorite window display online** - see downtowndayton.org for voting link. Find elves hidden in the windows for a chance to win Downtown Dollars!

Dec. 6, 13, & 20 • Family Movie Series sponsored by Dayton Children's & THE NEON
THE NEON, 130 E. Fifth St.; 11 a.m.
Bring the family for fun, festive films. Enjoy *The Polar Express* on Dec. 6 (with a pajama party!), *Jingle All the Way* on Dec. 13, and *A Year without Santa Claus* on Dec. 20. Free admission for kids 12 and younger, \$2 for adults. 222-7469. **Titles subject to change - call theater for confirmation.**

Dec. 6, 13, & 20 • Winter Wonderland at Rabbit Hole Books
Rabbit Hole Books, 27 W. First St.; 1-4 p.m.
Santa's workshop is coming to downtown Dayton! Little ones are invited to shop for gifts in a kid-sized store, enjoy tasty holiday treats, and **take a photo with the big man in red!** 999-4092.

Ongoing • Exhibit: The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art
Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; call for times.
Special exhibit featuring the refined, elegant curvilinear designs and nature-based motifs of Art Nouveau. daytonartinstitute.org. 223-4278.

Ongoing • Art Workshops & More at K12
K12 Gallery for Young People & TEJAS, 341 S. Jefferson St.; call for times.
Saturday art workshops for grades K-12 and adults. After school Artist in Training Program for grades 3-12 Mon.-Weds. Adult weekday classes Tues. & Weds. Friday Night Paint-ins every first Friday. More info at k12tejasgallery.org.

Thru Dec. 22 • Holiday Greenery Crafting
Now + Zen DIY Studio, 121 E. Third St.; Thurs.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Stop in for a jolly good time with whimsical holiday plant projects, including terrarium snowmen, air plant ornaments, and more! 813-7122.

Thru Feb. 28 • Polar Bear Express
Routes throughout downtown; call for dates, times, and cost.
Book a ride aboard the abominably decorated Pedal Wagon for a 2-hour pedaling adventure through the festive streets of Dayton and to the best bars and restaurants. Reservations required. pedalwagon.com/dayton. 388-3006.

Nov. 7 • Herbal Teas: How Herbs May Support Overall Health
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Learn about herbs available to support health and improve immunity. Tea samples will be available. All ages. Free. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Nov. 7 • The Life and Music of George Michael
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.
A concert-style tribute featuring hits from the four-decade career of George Michael. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 7 & 8 • Holiday Bazaar
Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Browse a wide variety of handcrafted goods from local artisans and merchants, discover unique treasures at the tag sale, and enjoy housemade meals, snacks, and baked goods. 228-1124.

Nov. 7-Dec. 13 • Small But Mighty Gift & Fine Art Exhibition
Dayton Society of Artists, 48 High St.; Fridays & Saturdays 12-5 p.m.
At the DSA's small works exhibition, all work is 12" x 12" or smaller and includes a wide variety of mediums and styles. The gift shop also is full of original and handmade ornaments, cards, jewelry and more. 228-4532.

Nov. 7-Jan. 15 • Holly Jolly Social: A Christmas Bar Pop-Up
Two Social, 123 E. Third St.; call for times.
A festive Christmas pop-up where holiday cocktails, sparkling décor, and cozy seasonal vibes transform the space into a winter wonderland. 789-0508. 2socialdayton.com.

Nov. 8 • Dayton Literary Peace Prize: A Conversation with the Authors
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 4 p.m.
The Victoria Theatre stage will play host to national and international authors whose works are recognized as advancing the cause of peace through literature. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 8 • Queens of Soul
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.
From Aretha and Tina to Whitney, Adele, and more, Queens of Soul brings iconic hits to life. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 9 • Let's Talk Electric Vehicles
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Check out EVs and meet representatives from Drive Electric Dayton. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Nov. 9 & 23, Dec. 7, 14, & 21 • Skinner Pipe Organ Performances
Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 2-3 p.m.
Hear the museum's restored Skinner pipe organ and see the beautifully renovated Mimi & Stuart Rose Auditorium. 223-4278.

Nov. 10-Jan. 26 • Mayhem & Mystery Dinner Theatre: Wassail, Wit, and Who Done It?
The Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W. Fifth St.; 7 p.m.;
Mondays & occasional Wednesdays & Fridays - call for dates.
Enjoy a fun, family event featuring a three-course dinner alongside a holiday murder mystery show. \$39.95. Call for reservations. 461-3913.

Nov. 11-16 • The Wiz
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; call for times.
The groundbreaking twist on *The Wizard of Oz*, packed with soul, gospel, rock, and '70s funk. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 12 • DLCA Broadway Studio: The Wiz
PNC Arts Annex, 46 W. Second St.; 4:30 p.m.
A unique opportunity for your student to immerse themselves in the world of Broadway. For ages 12-18. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 14 • Discovery: The Singing Zoologist
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Audiences get giggling and grooving while they learn about metamorphosis, wetlands, ocelots, and more. Best for PreK-5th grade. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 14 • Juice Journey: Juice Pulp Uses
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join Donna Wilson with Choice Juice Boxx as she takes you on a fresh squeezed juice journey. All ages. Free. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Nov. 14 & 15 • Space Three Turns 6
Space Three, 39 S. St. Clair St.; Fri. 4-7 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Join Space Three as they celebrate 6 years in business! Swing by Friday for an open house featuring health and wellness vendors, raffles, class/membership specials, new merch drops, and light refreshments. Saturday brings free classes - register at spacethreedayton.com/schedule.

Nov. 14-16 • CJ Fall Play - Alice in Wonderland
Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School, 505 S. Ludlow St.;
Fri. & Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
CJ's Performing Arts Department presents *Alice in Wonderland*. 461-3740.

Nov. 14 & 21, Dec. 12, 19, & 26 • Community Fitness at the Market
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 12 p.m.
Enjoy yoga classes on Nov. 14 & 21 and Dec. 12 & 26, and Tai Chi and Qigong on Dec. 19. All ages. Free. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Nov. 14-Jan. 3 • Deck the Diamond
Day Air Ballpark, 220 N. Patterson Blvd.; call for times.
Step into a winter wonderland at Day Air Ballpark and experience the enchantment of over 1.1 million dazzling lights. Create lasting memories and enjoy a festive lineup of holiday activities such as Letters to Santa, Train Rides on the North Pole Express, Ornament Decorating, Photos with Santa, and so much more! Get tickets at dragonsdeckthediamond.com. 228-2287.

Nov. 14-Jan. 31 • Exhibit: Xaviera Simmons: Figure Eleven
The Contemporary Dayton, 25 W. Fourth St.; Weds.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
The Co presents a major solo exhibition featuring works in photography, painting, video, and bronze sculpture. Artist talk and panel discussion
Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. codayton.org. 224-3822.

Nov. 15 • SHE-Roe 2025
The Human Race Theatre Company, 126 N. Main St.; 10:30 a.m.
The SHE-Roe Speakers Series honors the beauty, courage, strength, and vulnerability of women of color. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 15 • Classic Albums Live Performs Prince: Purple Rain
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.
Classic Albums Live performs the beloved Prince album in its entirety. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 15-Dec. 23 • Holiday Photo Sessions
Vogue Vision Photography, 120 W. Second St.; #810; call for times.
Get your holiday photos at Vogue Vision! Pj Deal with photo session. voguevisionphotography.com. 818-8634.

Nov. 16 • Hymn Festival
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson; 4-5 p.m.
Music featuring the Westminster Choir, Oakwood Brass with timpani, and Westminster Ringers. Freewill offering. 223-7285.

Nov. 18 • History Series: Remembering Dayton's Christmas Past
Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 5:30-7 p.m.
A local historian presents a nostalgic look at Dayton's Christmas past - from Rike's and Elder-Beerman's iconic displays to the holiday traditions that shaped our city's celebrations. Registration required. \$15. 228-1124.

Nov. 18-21 • Waffle Shop
Christ Episcopal Church, 20 W. First St.; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Waffle Shop returns! Enjoy made-from-scratch waffles with sausages, soups, sandwiches, salad, desserts, and drinks at reasonable prices for a good cause. daytonchristepiscopal.com.

Nov. 19-Dec. 24 • The CoSHOP Holiday Shopping
The Contemporary Dayton, 25 W. Fourth St. at The Dayton Arcade;
Weds.-Sat., 11a.m.-6 p.m.
The Contemporary Dayton's CoSHOP gets a holiday refresh of new handmade ornaments, cards, decor and all sorts of giftables from a selection of local artists and artisans. codayton.org. 224-3822.

Nov. 20 • A Drag Queen Christmas
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.
A fabulous remix of classic Christmas hits, dazzling themed variety performances, and interactive moments to share your Christmas cheer. Ages 18 & up. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 20 • Twilight in Concert
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.
As the original film plays on a full-size cinema screen, the stunning score is played live by a 12-piece ensemble. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 21 • Discovery: Stuntboy, In the Meantime
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Stuntboy follows a middle-schooler whose superpower is making sure his parents and best friend, Zola, stay safe. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 21 • Stroke Prevention
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Learn what a stroke is, prevention, treatment and how therapy helps recovery. All ages. Free. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Nov. 22 • Canadian Brass
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.
The world's premier brass ensemble reunites with the Dayton Philharmonic for a spectacular night of holiday cheer daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 22 • Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 8 p.m.
Three of Broadway's beloved leading ladies reunite for a spectacular night of laughter, heartfelt memories, and music with hits from your favorite musicals. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 23 • Global Artisan Market
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Enjoy music, culture sharing, and wares from artisans who recently arrived in this country. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Nov. 23, Dec. 10, 14, & 21 • Dayton Dinner Theater Movie Parties
The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 6-9 p.m.
Food, live music, trivia, costumes, and favorite movies! See *The Breakfast Club* Nov. 23, *Elf* Dec. 10, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* Dec. 14, and *A Christmas Story* Dec. 21. More info at daytondinnertheater.com.

Nov. 26 • Stock-Up Wednesday
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Market will be open to pick up your last-minute Thanksgiving needs or a one-of-a-kind gift from one of the Market's artisans. 228-2088.

Nov. 26 • Drinksgiving: Friends, Family & Cheers
The Trolley Stop, 530 E. Fifth St.; call for times.
Biggest hometown hang of the year - Wednesday before Thanksgiving at The Trolley Stop. Grab your crew, raise a glass, and kick off the holiday right. 461-1101. trolleystopdayton.com.

Nov. 26 • Such a Night: The Last Waltz Live
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 8 p.m.
More than 25 local musicians recreate the historic performances of The Band's *Last Waltz*. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 27 • Feast of Giving
Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
The Dayton Thanksgiving Day tradition returns. Experience a day of joy and community - enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal, live music, and fun family activities, absolutely free - no tickets required. feastofgiving.org

Nov. 28 • Christkindl Market at Front Street
Front Street Galleries, 1001 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Indoor shopping from hundreds of artists and artisans! Beer, food trucks, holiday activities for all ages, studios, boutiques, and more! [frontstreet.art](#).

Nov. 28 • MetroParks Ice Rink Opening Day Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Lace up your skates for the best day of the year - Opening Day at the MetroParks Ice Rink! Rink is open thru February. Admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607. [metroparks.org/ice-rink](#).

Nov. 28 • North Pole on South Ludlow
America's Packard Museum, 420 S. Ludlow St.; 12-5 p.m.
Stop by for pictures with Santa and other fun holiday activities. 226-1710. [americaspackardmuseum.org](#).

Nov. 28 • Meet Daniel Tiger & Katerina Kitty Cat
The International Peace Museum, 10 N. Ludlow St.; call for times.
Meet Daniel Tiger and Katerina Kitty Cat and create fun crafts during the Dayton Holiday Festival kickoff! [peace.museum](#).

Nov. 28 • Grande Illumination Make and Take Art Project
K12 Gallery for Young People & TEJAS, 341 S. Jefferson St.; call for times.
K12 will offer a holiday-themed make-and-take project. [k12tejasgallery.org](#).

Nov. 28 • Winter Welcome Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 6-10 p.m.
Enjoy holiday themed music while you skate, and play games in the comfort tent. Admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607. [metroparks.org/ice-rink](#).

Nov. 28 & 29 • McPherson Town Holiday Home Tour
McPherson Town Historic District; Fri. 4-8 p.m., Sat. 3-7 p.m.
Ring in the holidays with a tour of historic Dayton homes decorated for the season, plus a stop in a dessert house for refreshments. Tickets: [eventbrite.com](#).

Nov. 28 & Dec. 12 • Storytime at the Maket
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 1-2 p.m.
Hear a story, do a craft and have a fun activity. 228-2088.



Nov. 29 • Small Business Saturday
Various locations throughout downtown.
Keep your money local and “shop small” at downtown’s unique small retailers and businesses this Small Business Saturday and all holiday season long! Many downtown businesses will host specials and events. *While you’re out today, collect stamps for the Downtown Dayton Holiday Hop to win Downtown Dollars! See left panel for details.*

Nov. 29 • Record Store Day Black Friday
Omega Music, 318 E. Fifth St.; 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Omega opens early with the Dayton area’s largest selection of limited edition Record Store Day titles, in addition to hundreds of new and used albums.

Nov. 29-Dec. 20 • RTA Historic Christmas Trolley
Before nestling the children all snug in their beds, check out the Greater Dayton RTA’s Historic Christmas Trolley - #559! The 1948 Marmon-Herrington TC-48, famous for its simulated fireplace and plush seat for Santa, is back this holiday season for special events featuring photos with the trolley and Santa and a chance to ride through downtown on this piece of Dayton history. Now “dash away all” to [www.iritdta.org](#) to view the schedule of events.

Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14 • Learn to Ice Skate!
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., Children’s Course: 11-11:30 a.m., Youth Course: 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m., Teen/Adult Course: 12:20-12:50 p.m.
Learn the basics of ice skating during a three-week course. \$50 fee includes the use of skates. Registration required. [metroparks.org](#). 278-2607.

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21 • Breakfast with Santa
The Trolley Stop, 530 E. Fifth St., call for times.
Enjoy a cozy holiday breakfast, festive cheer, and plenty of smiles as the kids meet Santa and share their wishes. Reserve your spot today - seats fill up fast! 461-1101. [trolleystopdayton.com](#).

Dec. 1 • DLCA After-School Intensive: Back to the Future
PNC Arts Annex, 46 W. Second St.; 4:30 p.m.
Participants work with local theatre professionals, artists, and company members and create a performance for family and friends. For ages 12-18. [daytonlive.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 1-23 • Winter Gift Gallery (Local Artist Nook)
K12 Gallery for Young People & TEJAS, 341 S. Jefferson St.; Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Artists will showcase paintings, ceramics, blown glass, prints, and jewelry for sale. [k12tejasgallery.org](#).

Dec. 1-31 • RTA Holiday Bus
Santa is coming to town aboard the Greater Dayton RTA’s holiday bus! This year’s holiday bus will run along Dayton routes through Dec. 31 with holiday music, free candy canes, and appearances by the big man himself – Santa! For the holiday bus route and schedule information, visit [iritdta.org](#).

Dec. 2-7 • Back to the Future: The Musical
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; call for times.
The time-traveling cinematic classic is now a Broadway musical. [daytonlive.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 3, 10, & 17 • Guided Tours of The Dayton Woman's Club
Dayton Woman’s Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 1-2 p.m.
Take a guided tour of DWC’s historic Victorian mansion, circa 1850! Learn about the building’s history and the founding women who were community leaders and used the Club to promote music, art, education, civil rights, and suffrage. \$10. Reservations required. [daytonwomansclub.org](#).

Dec. 4 • Crochet 101: Star Ornament
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 6-7 p.m.
For adults and teens: Learn a few basic crochet stitches to create an ornament or gift wrap embellishment. Instructions will be given for both five or six pointed stars. [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](#). 463-2665.

Dec. 5 • Coffee Talk
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Chat & talk with a 2nd Street Market vendor about different types of coffees, how to prepare coffee and regional coffees. All ages. Free. [metroparks.org](#). 228-2088.

Dec. 5 • Soap Happens
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Netta’s Naturals teaches you how to make a bar of soap. Take six bars home with you. Registration required. [metroparks.org](#). 228-2088.

Dec. 5 • Holiday Open House
Square One Salon & Spa, 506 E. Third St.; 4-6 p.m.
Complimentary mini Aveda experiences, fairy hair, goodie bags, a gift with purchase, refreshments, and gift shopping assistance! [squareonesalon.com](#). 461-2222.

Dec. 5 • Special Holiday First Friday
Various downtown venues; 5-10 p.m.
Shop for unique holiday gifts, many of them handmade by local artisans, and enjoy special holiday-themed entertainment. This free monthly art hop also features art exhibit openings, sales events, and a variety of entertainment. Visit [downtowndayton.org](#) for details.



Dec. 5 • Good Grief! Themed Holiday Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 6-10 p.m.
Calling all Peanuts fans! Skate with the magic of Charlie Brown, featuring themed music and games that will make you feel like part of the gang. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 5 • In the Christmas Mood with The Glenn Miller Orchestra
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7 p.m.
An evening filled with the warmth of the holidays and the legendary sound of the world’s greatest orchestra. [daytonlive.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 5 & 6 • Handmade Holiday
Yellow Cab Tavern, 700 E. Fourth St.; Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Drinks, food trucks, and an art and craft bazaar that brings together dozens of local artisans and vendors selling unique, locally made goods. For more info, visit [facebook.com/handmadeholidaydayton](#).

Dec. 5-14 • Light Sensitive
The Dayton Theatre Guild, 430 Wayne Ave.; call for times.
Navigating loneliness and isolation, two souls find hope - and each other - just when they need it most in this DTG production. Call for tickets and info. 278-5993.

Dec. 6 • NOT a New Year's Resolution Class
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 12-1 p.m.
Guided journaling exercises, simple restorative practices like breathwork and meditation, and a sharing circle to reflect on the year’s bounty while we shift from an achievement mindset to one of appreciation. For Adults. [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](#). 463-2665.

Dec. 6 • Holiday High Tea
Dayton Woman’s Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 2-4 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of elegance and conversation with a selection of teas, scones, and other treats. Reservations required. Call for cost. 228-1124.

Dec. 6 • Slay Bells Ring - Dayton Gay Men's Chorus Concert
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 2 & 6 p.m.
Celebrate the season with holiday songs and frivolity, featuring the voices of area men who are sure to entertain. Tickets & info at [daytongaymenschorus.org](#).

Dec. 10 • Family Program: Time Capsules
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 4-5 p.m.
Decorate a box and make a tiny memory book of fun things you did and places you visited in 2025. For Families. [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](#). 463-2665.

Dec. 10-12 • Holly Days at The Dayton Arcade
The Dayton Arcade, 35 W. Fourth St.; 3-8 p.m.
Holly Days at the Arcade Presented by AES Ohio and the Dayton Daily News return, featuring holiday shopping from more than 50 vendors, dining at food trucks and restaurants, live entertainment, family-friendly activities and performances, a cash bar, and holiday surprises. More info, including full vendor list and entertainment schedule, at [arcadedayton.com](#).

Dec. 10-14 • Season's Greetings: A Holiday Cabaret
PNC Arts Annex, 46 W. Second St.; call for times.
The amazing voices of Gina Handy and Philip Drennen, with Deron Bell and his merry melody makers, combine for a festive cabaret experience! 228-3630.

Dec. 10-21 • Seasonal Shorts
The Human Race Theatre Company, 126 N. Main St.; call for times.
Six short plays celebrating seasonal memories, moments and silliness — **for adults only!** Featuring all the ups and downs of winter. [humanracetheatre.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 11 • Holiday Magic at the Market
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 3-8 p.m.
The Market will be open for an evening of holiday shopping and entertainment with carolers, special artisans, and market vendors. 228-2088.

Dec. 11 • Color Me Calm: Holiday Bookmarks
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Color a variety of seasonally themed coloring pages and/or bookmarks while we listen to relaxing music and unwind. For Adults. [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](#). 463-2665.

Dec. 11 • Christmas Concert
Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School, 505 S. Ludlow St.; 7 p.m.
Featuring the CJ concert choir, concert band, liturgical choir, percussion ensemble, string ensemble and a cappella groups. Free. 461-3740.

Dec. 11-14 • 'Twas: A Holiday Musical
Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, 444 W. Third St., call for times.
A family-friendly story of holidays explained by pets left alone on Christmas Eve. Call for cost. 512-2341.

Dec. 12 • Tinsel 2.0 Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 6-10 p.m.
Skate to original and remixed holiday hits from recent years. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 12 • Ekoostik Hookah & Subterranean
The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 8 p.m.
Annual holiday psychedelic rock night at The Brightside! More info at [thebrightsidedayton.com](#).

Dec. 13 • Victorian Christmas Ghost Stories
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wear your holiday finest and learn about an old holiday tradition as Local History Librarian Rachael Bussert shares stories from Dayton and around the United States that were told in gatherings and in local newspapers in the celebration of Christmas. Registration is required. For Adults. [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](#). 463-2655.

Dec. 13 & 14 • A Doll's High Tea
Dayton Woman’s Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 2-4 p.m.
Bring your favorite doll to DWC’s Victorian mansion decorated for the season for a high tea, featuring petite tea confections and desserts. There will be a meet and greet for all the dolls, and a doll parade through the club. Reservations required. Call for cost. 228-1124.

Dec. 13-14 & 19-22 • The Nutcracker
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts., call for times.
The Dayton Philharmonic will perform the musical score live during the Dayton Ballet’s production. This beloved story comes to life in this annual production that is more than just a ballet — it’s a tradition. Sensory-friendly performance Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m. [daytonperformingarts.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 14 & 21 • Breakfast with Santa
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 8:30 & 9:45 a.m.
Join Santa and his Elves for a tasty breakfast prepared by market vendors \$15. [metroparks.org](#). 228-2088.

Dec. 14 & 21 • Santa Walks the Market
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Meet the jolly old elf as he walks the Market, passing out candy canes! All ages. Free. [metroparks.org](#). 228-2088.

Dec. 16 • Handel's Messiah
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts; 7:30 p.m.
Join the Dayton Philharmonic and Chamber Chorus for one of the most glorious oratorios of all time. [daytonperformingarts.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 17 • Voctave: It Feels Like Christmas
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.
Voctave’s holiday spectacular includes a stocking full of holiday favorites from their chart-topping album and is sure to be a magical evening of music for the whole family. [daytonlive.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 19 • Fall Prevention
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Learn how to reduce the risk of falls and locate fall hazards in your home. All ages. Free. [metroparks.org](#). 228-2088.

Dec. 19 • Noonday Carol Sing
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson; noon.
Get into the holiday spirit with handbell music, choral music, and carol singing. Lunch follows. 223-7285.

Dec. 19 • The Taylor Party
The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 9 p.m.
Come shake it off at our enchanting evening of Swifties, singing and dancing through all TS iconic Eras. Tickets required. [thebrightsidedayton.com](#).

Dec. 19 & 20 • Annual Holiday Musicals
Black Box Improv Theater, 518 E. Third St.; call for times.
The Black Box theater pulls out all the stops with a musical medley, comedic scenes made up on the spot, and a completely improvised musical where even the songs are extemporaneous. 241-2002.

Dec. 20 • Santa Is Coming! Themed Holiday Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 6-10 p.m.
Lace up your skates and channel your inner Elf! Dress up as Buddy or don your favorite holiday sweater and enjoy music and decorations straight out of the movie. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 20 • An Evening with Peter Billingsley and A Christmas Story
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.
A screening of the beloved classic film followed by a moderated interview and audience Q&A with its iconic star. [daytonlive.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 20 & 21 • Candlelight: Christmas Carols on Strings
Dayton Masonic Center, 525 W. Riverview Ave.; Sat. & Sun. 6:15 p.m., Sat. 8:30 p.m.
Discover the music of Christmas Carols on Strings at Dayton Masonic Center under the gentle glow of candlelight. [daytonmasoniccenter.org](#).

Dec. 23 • Straight No Chaser: Holiday Road Tour
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts; 7:30 p.m.
The popular a capella group serves up an all-you-can-eat buffet of holiday music. [daytonlive.org](#). 228-3630.

Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Glide into Christmas with joy at the ice rink. It’s the perfect tradition! The cafe and comfort tent will be open. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Dinner
Lily's Dayton, 329 E. Fifth St.; 4:30-8:30 p.m.
Join Lily’s for festive holiday special appetizers, entrees, and desserts, including Lily’s Figgy Pudding! [lilysdayton.com](#) 723-7637.

Dec. 26 • Wizarding World Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 6-10 p.m.
Accio ice skates! Bring your house scarf and enjoy the enchanting music at this spellbinding evening. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 • New Year's Eve / Day Skates
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. New Year's Eve, 1-8 p.m. New Year's Day.
Start your New Year’s Eve party at MetroParks Ice Rink, or be the first to skate in 2026! Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.



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