

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

November 1

*Mona Shores
Holiday Craft Show
Henry & Seminole Streets,
Norton Shores*

November 6-12

*Krasl Art Center's HollyMarket 2009
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph*

November 10

*Wreath Making
Make and decorate your very own holiday wreath to hang on your door or decorate your house. Wreath frames and greens provided, as well as ribbons and cones. Please bring your own gloves and any extra decorating materials you wish to use.
Montague Tree Farm, Montague*

November 15

*Lake MI College Annual Holiday Bazaar
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor*

November 19

*Christmas on the Grand, 7 pm
Annual holiday display of trees and holiday lights. Also lighted will be the Children's Tree located inside the burial site of President Ford. A sing-a-long, refreshments and free admission to the Museum following the event will be included.
Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids*

November 19-22; 27-29;

December 3-6

*Muskegon Civic Theatre Presents: "Nun crackers"
Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts, Muskegon*

November 19-23

*Festival of Giving
The magic of the Christmas season is celebrated by the Holland Free Health Clinic's third annual Festival of Giving. Elegantly decorated Christmas Trees and Wreaths will adorn the halls of Claremont Court in downtown Holland.
Claremont Court, Downtown Holland*

November 19-29

*Festival of Trees
MMA fundraiser which features a large display of themed holiday trees, sponsored by area businesses and individuals. The professionally decorated trees, along with many other items of holiday décor and gift items, can be purchased through silent auction.
Muskegon Museum of Art,
Downtown Muskegon*

November 20

*Luminaria Festival
Enjoy over 800 luminaries lighting the downtown. Take a horse drawn trolley ride, listen to holiday music and enjoy refreshments from area businesses. Hours of the festival are dusk until 9pm.
Downtown St. Joseph*

November 20

*Mistletoe Market Preview Party
South Haven Center for the Arts annual preview party - tickets required. Local artists offer handmade items for your holiday shopping.
South Haven Center for the Arts, South Haven*

November 20-22

*White Lake Area Holiday Walk
A special weekend to purchase unique gifts, specialty foods and listen to holiday music at traditional Christmas Open Houses. Enjoy carriage rides and see the luminaries lining the sidewalks. Santa will be wandering the shops in both towns so be sure to bring the little ones to meet him.
White Lake Area*

November 21

*Mistletoe Market Opens
for Holiday Season
South Haven Center for the Arts' annual holiday event. Local artists offer handmade items and art for your holiday shopping.*

*South Haven Center for the Arts,
South Haven*

November 21

Holland Holiday Open House, 6 to 9 pm

Downtown Holland

Over 1,500 luminaries line the heated cobblestone sidewalks of Downtown Holland during this special night to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season!

November 21

Christmas Crafts Day

Christmas craft activities for all ages, from 10 to 2 pm. Small fees to participate.

White Lake Area

November 21

Saugatuck & Douglas Holiday Preview

Saugatuck/Douglas Area

November 27

Saugatuck's Sparkle 2009

Official holiday lighting ceremony. Witness thousands of lights turned on at Wick's Park Gazebo-Water Street. Visit with Santa, sing along with carolers, and enjoy free refreshments.

Downtown Saugatuck

November 27

Circle of Lights

Downtown Glenn

A magical holiday celebration held the Friday after Thanksgiving. Includes a tree lighting, Christmas caroling, arrival of St. Nicholas and a Holiday Walk of downtown businesses.

November 27

Hart's Annual Santa Parade, 6:30 p.m.

Meet Santa and enjoy cider and doughnuts at the Hart Historic District following the parade.

Downtown Hart

November 27-28

Festival of Lights Weekend

Pentwater

November 27-29

2009 Holiday Tours, 5 to 8 pm

Tour the homes of Muskegon's most famous lumber barons and experience the holidays of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Visit the nearby Scolnik House to see how the holidays were celebrated during the Great Depression. Tours of the Hackley & Hume Historic Site are \$3 for guests 13 and older and tours of the Scolnik House are free.

Historic Sites of the Lakeshore Museum Center, Downtown Muskegon

November 27-29

Habitat for Humanity's Festival of Trees

At the Benzie Historical Museum. This event showcases 50 Christmas trees and wreaths, all uniquely decorated by area charities, churches, businesses, and individuals.

Benzie Area Historical Museum,

Benzonnia

November 27 - December 13

Holiday Kerstmarkt

Bring your list and check it twice! This authentic, open-air European Christmas Market at the Eighth Street Market Place is an ideal place to shop for unique gifts and to enjoy authentic Dutch holiday treats.

Eighth Street Market Place The Holidays in Downtown Holland

November 27 - December 29

"A Polish Christmas in the Church, School, Family, and Community"

Manistee County Historical Museum, Manistee

November 27-28;

December 4-5; 11-12; 18-20

Carriage Rides

Downtown Douglas & Saugatuck

November 28

Holly Berry Arts & Crafts Fair,

10 am to 4 pm

Frankfort High School, Frankfort

November 28

*Hart's Annual Breakfast with Santa,
9 to 11 am
Hart Historic District*

November 28

*Silver Lake Tree Lighting
Tour of the homes that are participating in the Silver lake tree decorating contest. Maps given out at Silver Pointe General Store.
Hart/Silver Lake Area*

November 28

*Pentwater Tree Lighting
with the Arrival of Santa
Village Green, Pentwater*

November 28

*First Light Celebration
Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville*

November 28 - December 31

*Sparkle in the Park
Bear Lake*

November 28 - December 24

*Santa's House
Enjoy a favorite holiday tradition and visit Santa in his Downtown Holland home on Eighth Street! Each child will have a chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him all of their holiday wishes.
Downtown Holland*

November 30

*Magical Christmas Parade, 6:30 pm
Downtown Zeeland*

November 30 – December 22

*Annual Holiday Train Show
Presented by the Holland Modular Railroad Club, this train show is enjoyed by all ages. Hours are Mon. – Thurs., 6pm-8pm; Saturdays, 9am – 1pm.
Howard Miller Community Center, Zeeland*

December 1

*Parade of Lights, 6:30 pm
Santa arrives in Downtown Holland during the annual Parade of Lights escorted by bands, floats, vehicles, and individuals, all decked out in holiday lights!
Downtown Holland*

December 1

*Frankfort Tree Lighting, 7 pm
Rotary Park, Frankfort*

December 1-31

*Christmas in the Village
Downtown Pentwater*

December 3

*"Christmas in July"
Movie Presentation, 7 pm
Howmet Playhouse, Whitehall*

December 3, 4; 10, 11; 17, 18

*Feel the Zeel of Giving: TROLLEY RIDES
Horse Drawn Trolley Rides, December
Thursday & Friday evenings, before Christmas, from 5 to 8 pm.
Downtown Zeeland*

December 3-5

*Mona Shores Singing Christmas Tree
Frauenthal Theater for Performing Arts, Muskegon*

December 3-6

*Victorian Sleighbell Parade
& Olde Christmas Weekend
Manistee*

December 4

Sinterklaas Eve Procession

Downtown Holland

Reminiscent of years gone by, this special event celebrates Sinterklaas, the benevolent St. Nicholas. In true Dutch folk tradition, Sinterklaas arrives each December on his great white horse, surrounded by his mischievous Zwarte Piet helpers.

December 4

Manistee County Historical

Museum Open House

Manistee County Historical Museum, Manistee

December 4

It's Christmas in the Heartland with Peter Ostroushko & The Heartland Band

Orchard View High School, Muskegon

December 4

Ludington's Aglow on the Avenue Parade

Ludington

December 4

Welcome Christmas

Andrews University, Berrien Springs

December 5

Cool-Yule Your Downtown Experience

Enjoy chestnuts roasting outside the streets, carriage rides back and forth on Washington Street. Merchants will be celebrating the Christmas season.

Downtown Grand Haven

December 5

Jingle Bell Parade, 6 pm

Downtown Grand Haven

December 5

Wind Symphony Holiday Concert

Andrews University, Berrien Springs

December 5

Reindog Holiday Parade

State Street, St. Joseph

December 5

Santa's Christmas Open House, 1 to 4 pm

Round Barn Winery, Baroda

December 5

Chickadee Christmas Open House at Lake Bluff

Lake Bluff, Manistee

December 5

Santa Party

Scottville Optimist Hall, Scottville

December 5

Holidays in Lakeside

Visits from Santa, carriage rides, carolers, elves, community bake sale, gift basket raffle, holiday movies, plus great gifts at Lakeside specialty shops.

Lakeside District, Muskegon

December 5

57th White Lake Area Christmas Parade, Nearly 100 entries line up for this festive event starting at 2 pm

White Lake Area

December 5

Christmas Parade, 1 pm
Downtown Saugatuck

December 5

Christmas Craft Fair
Pentwater School Gym, Pentwater

December 5-6

Classic Holiday Home Tour
Grand Haven/Spring Lake/Ferrysburg
Tour homes that are classic and historical that are decorated with holiday decor.

December 5-6

Merchant Open Houses
Downtown Pentwater

December 5; 11; 12; 18, 19

Santa's House
Santa will be at his house in front of Montague City Hall on the corner of Spring Street and Ferry Street. He will be in the house from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday.
White Lake Area

December 5-6; 12-13; 19-20; 28-29

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Historic Sites of the Lakeshore Museum Center, Downtown Muskegon

December 6

Holiday Open House, 1 to 5 pm
The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum invites one and all to celebrate the holiday season with free admission from 1 to 5 pm. A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus is expected - along with a few of the reindeer! Holiday music will be provided throughout the afternoon by local choirs.
Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids

December 6-9

A Season Tribute to the Performing Arts
The White Lake Chamber Music Society is pleased to present this event. The event will feature vocal, dance, and chamber music.
Location TBA, White Lake Area

December 7

Moscow Ballet's
"Great Russian Nutcracker"
Frauenthal Center for the
Performing Arts, Muskegon

December 11-12

Holiday Pops - "Yuletide Spectacular"
Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts, Muskegon

December 11-13; 18-20

Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carol
The Saugatuck Woman's Club, Saugatuck

December 12

The Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra
Decks the halls with a very special "Swinging the Holidays" show. Including new arrangements of holiday favorites plus jazz standards, this is an evening of celebration you won't want to miss.
Saugatuck Center for the Arts, Saugatuck

December 12

Breakfast with Santa
Whitehall United
Methodist Church,
Whitehall

December 12

Carol Sing, 6 pm
William Ferry Park, Ferrysburg
Celebrate the holidays with Christmas carols, hot chocolate and donuts around the bonfire. There will be a special visit from Santa.

December 12 & 13

Victorian Christmas Tea • 1 - 5 PM

Cappon House Museum, Holland

See the stately Cappon House dressed in its authentic Victorian Christmas finery and sample dainty tea foods of Victorian Holland. (Limited Space; Reservations Required)

December 18

Holiday Trim-a-Tree Party

Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville

December 19

Tree Lighting Parade

Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville

December 19

Santa NASTAR

Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville

December 21-23

Christmas Week At The Holland

Museum • 10 AM - 2 PM

Holland Museum, Holland

Holiday crafts, activities and refreshments for families in the museum lobby.

December 31

Downtown Ludington

New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Ludington

December 31

New Year's Eve

on the Grand 2010

Rosa Parks Circle,

Grand Rapids

December 31

New Year's Eve Fireworks at Midnight

Saugatuck

December 31

New Year's Dance

St. Joe Kicker's Club, Berrien Springs

December 31

New Year's Eve

Celebration Crystal

Mountain Resort,

Thompsonville