

The Grande Illumination & Dayton Children's Parade Spectacular in Lights!

Friday, November 28
4-9 p.m.
Courthouse Square

For the first time, the tree lighting and the Dayton Children's Parade kick off the Holiday Festival on the same night!

Live entertainment

Children's crafts & games

Street Fair on Third and carnival rides sponsored by Fifth Third Bank

Horse-drawn wagon rides

The Tike's Shop sponsored by KeyBank

Wonderland Windows at the Schuster Center

Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays Contest at the Old Court House sponsored by Elder-Beerman/Bon-Ton

HollyLights on the Square light show sponsored by DP&L

Tree lighting at 8 p.m.

Dayton Children's Parade follows the tree lighting!

The Holiday Fun Continues!

HollyLights on the Square sponsored by Dayton Power & Light
Nov. 28-Jan. 4 ~ Courthouse Square

Wonderland Windows Nov. 26-Dec. 23 ~ Schuster Center

The Tike's Shop Nov. 26-Dec. 23 (selected days) ~ Schuster Center

Some Fun at the Schuster Center

Nov. 30, Dec. 6, 7, 14 & 21 ~ Schuster Center

Skate The 'Scape at RiverScape

Nov. 29-Feb. 22 ~ RiverScape MetroPark

Noontime Entertainment

Dec. 1-19 (selected days) ~ Downtown buildings

Family Movie Series sponsored by CareSource

Dec. 6, 13 & 20 ~ The Neon

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Calendar
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Thru Jan. 4 • Children In American Art

Premier Health Partners; Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park N.; call for times.

On loan from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, this exhibition includes 46 paintings by some of the greatest names in American painting of the 18th and 19th centuries: John Singleton Copley, Gilbert Stuart, James Abbott McNeill Whistler, Winslow Homer, Mary Stevenson Cassatt, and John Singer Sargent. Featuring children as their subjects, these masterful paintings reflect the changing position of children in American society. Call for cost. 223-5277.

Nov. 3-Dec. 31 • Mayhem & Mystery Theatre: Jingle Bell Jamboree

Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W. Fifth St.; Mondays & Fridays in Nov., Mondays & Wednesdays in Dec.; 7 p.m.

Polly and Lenny feel their careers are tanking because their agents, Carol and Lyrica, are not getting them the best songs. They have agreed to sing a duet for the holidays in hopes that this new song will catapult them to a top ten hit. Can the duo come up with a song in time for their performance? You will help Lenny and Polly write their next great hit as part of this entertaining evening. \$23.95 for dinner and show. 461-3913.

Nov. 7-Dec. 5 • Sensory Deprivation's Impact on the Creative Experience

Ryan McCullough; Goloka Gallery, 521 E. Fifth St.; Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.; during normal gallery hours

Sculptor and painter Ryan McCullough will seek to explore sensory deprivation in this three-week performance art piece. McCullough will be encased in one of his sculptures on Nov. 7, and he will create drawings and other art once inside. After living in the sculpture for five days, he'll emerge and create art on the walls of Goloka gallery for the following 16 days. Call for cost. 559-7810.

Nov. 7-Dec. 5 • YWCA Dayton Holiday Wish List

YWCA Dayton, 141 W. Third St.; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Make this season a little brighter for the fragile families we serve. Donations to the Wish List continue to provide comfort throughout the year: a cuddly stuffed animal for a frightened child arriving at the Domestic Violence Shelter; birthday presents for children in the shelter; toys for shelter playrooms. Free. 461-5550.

Nov. 7-Dec. 24 • Give Art!

Cannery Art & Design Center, 434 E. Third St.; Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Give Art!, the Cannery Art & Design Center's second annual holiday gift gallery, will open on First Friday, November 7, from 5-10 p.m. Featured artwork perfect for gift-giving includes pottery, jewelry, wood-turned bowls and clocks, photography, small paintings and small-scale sculptures. Gift certificates and a wish-list registry will be available to fill out. Call for cost. 228-2232.

Nov. 7-Dec. 27 • ARTtoBUY Holiday Gift Gallery

Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC), 118 N. Jefferson St.; Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (until 9 p.m. on Thurs.)

Annual exhibition and sale of giftable art created by 50+ area artists in a wide array of media including paintings, prints, fiber art, ceramics, glass sculpture, woodwork, ornaments, cards & more. Featured artist: Lisa Wolters. Free. 224-3822.

Nov. 8 • Holiday Bazaar

Dayton Woman's Club; 225 N. Ludlow St.; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping at the Dayton Woman's Club Bazaar. You will find gift items, baked goods, holiday decorations & cards, raffle items, outside vendors, and a flea market. Free parking in lot next door. Buffet lunch available. Call for cost. 228-1124.

Nov. 10-Dec. 31 • Memento

Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.; call for times.

Lessa Haapapuro will be installing a large cast paper sculpture, "Memento." It will be surrounded by hundreds of small round frames strung floor to ceiling holding "mementos" in a variety of media. The gallery will be an open studio in November. The public is welcome to make a memento to contribute. The mementos will be distributed at the Closing Celebration on Dec. 31 with music provided by DJ Dan Raridan. Call for cost. 426-6168.

Nov. 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 • Urban Hand Made

Cannery Building, 520 E. Third St.; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

A collective of independent artists and crafters will be showcasing the coolest handmade items around, including jewelry, accessories, handbags, sewn items, paper goods, clothing, bath & body, original art & more. Over 30 vendors will be present with good food, live music & entertainment, henna & body art, and raffle & door prizes. Visit urbanhandmade.wordpress.com for more details.

Nov. 18-21 • 79th Annual Waffle Shop

Christ Episcopal Church, 20 W. First St.; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

It's the 79th Waffle Shop at Christ Episcopal Church! Naturally delicious, made-from-scratch waffles with sausages are on the menu, which also includes soups, sandwiches, salad, desserts, and drinks--all at reasonable prices. In addition to the eat-in and carryout dining, the Waffle Shop includes a Craft Bazaar, Bake Sale, Rummage Sale and a raffle. Come and join in the fun! Call for cost. 223-2239.

Nov. 22 • Pre-Kwanzaa Workshops & Celebration

Sinclair Community College; Student Leadership Development Center, Bldg. 8, 444 W. Third St.; 5:30-9 p.m.

This event features student exhibits, African dance & drumming, hip hop, health promotion, disease prevention, and a healthy soul food dinner hosted by ABLE Youth Leaders & African-American & Cultural Diversity Committee. Free. 512-2913.

Nov. 21 • Ladies' Night Out Felted Ornament or Pin Making Class

Cathy Jeffers Quilt Workshops; Gallery 510 Fine Art, 510 E. Fifth St.; 6-8 p.m. Bring a girlfriend, enjoy a glass of wine and some cheese, and have fun creating a felted ornament or pin to give as a holiday gift or to keep for yourself. \$20 includes all materials. 672-6717.

Nov. 26 • Thanksgiving Service

St. John's Lutheran Church, 141 S. Ludlow St.; 7 p.m.

This worship service for Thanksgiving features traditional hymns and liturgy plus a celebration of Holy Communion. Sermon given by Pastor Jeffrey Campbell. Free. 223-4444.

Nov. 26 • Stock-up Wednesday

National City 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The National City 2nd Street Market will be open the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to help you with your last minute needs - homemade breads, fresh turkeys and hams, pies and cakes, flowers and more. Make sure to order from the vendors in advance for specialty items and large quantities. Free admission. 228-2088.

Nov. 27 • 40th Annual Beerman Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.; 12-2 p.m.

The Beerman Family is once again pleased to invite the Greater Dayton community to the 40th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. In addition to the preparation before hand, hundreds of community volunteers come forward to contribute their time at the event. The event is held for everyone who wishes to attend. Free round-trip RTA bus rides are available with dinner tickets, and free parking is available at the Transportation Center. Free dinner tickets are available beginning Nov. 12th at The Job Center. Free. 224-1518.

Nov. 27 • Thanksgiving Day Buffet

Stars Restaurant, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 33 E. Fifth St.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Don't feel like cooking this Thanksgiving? Treat yourself and your family to a delicious, gourmet dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The buffet includes pumpkin soup, assorted salads, fresh seasonal fruit, roasted turkey with gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, beef bourguignon, baked tilapia, pasta primavera, candied yams, green beans, whipped potatoes, smoked salmon, peel & eat shrimp, crab legs, prime rib, honey baked ham, assorted pies and cakes, assorted ice cream, and cherries jubilee. Reservations are required. \$25.95 adults; \$13.95 children 3-11; \$23.36 seniors. 229-9853.

Nov. 28 • Holiday Shopping Kick-off

National City 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Start off your holiday shopping at the National City 2nd Street Market where you can enjoy lunch, live music with Dan Rivers and shop for all those special gifts. Every half hour there will be a drawing for baskets filled with market goodies. Door prize tickets are free. Free admission. 228-2088.

Don't miss the holiday fun downtown!



Nov. 28 • The Grande Illumination & Dayton Children's Parade Spectacular in Lights

Dayton Holiday Festival; Courthouse Square, Third & Main; 4-9 p.m.

Join people from all over the community for the kick-off celebration of the 2008 Dayton Holiday Festival!

Free family activities will include carnival rides at the

Street Fair on Third (sponsored by **Fifth Third Bank**), crafts and other fun in the Holiday Village (sponsored by **Time Warner Cable**), horse-drawn wagon rides, the season opening of the Tike's Shop in the Schuster Center (sponsored by **KeyBank**), great entertainment on the Main Stage and of course, the traditional tree lighting (sponsored by **Rieck Services**). Plus, new for 2008, the Dayton Children's Parade follows the tree lighting! This downtown tradition becomes an illuminated evening parade full of your favorite floats, clowns, and even a peek at the man in red! Free. 224-1518.



Nov. 28-Jan. 4 • HollyLights on the Square

Dayton Holiday Festival; Courthouse Square; Mon.-Fri., 12-1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. (Fri. till 10 p.m.), Sat. & Sun., 12-10 p.m.

We're excited to bring back one of the most recent additions to the Dayton Holiday Festival! All of the trees on Courthouse Square will be illuminated with color and "dance" to the sounds of classic holiday tunes. A 15-minute light show will run every 30 minutes during scheduled hours.



Nov. 28 • The Holiday Village

Dayton Holiday Festival; Kettering Tower Lobby, 40 N. Main Street; 4-9 p.m.

Kids will enjoy carnival games and festive crafts in this fantasy village sponsored by **Time Warner Cable**. K12 Gallery for Young People will have a special craft, and kids can talk to Santa's helpers at the Time Warner Cable 'Dial-An-Elf' shop! Free. 224-1518.

Nov. 28 • Junior League's Holiday Hunt

Junior League of Dayton; Courthouse Square, Third & Main; 4-7 p.m.

Kids begin this fun scavenger hunt by checking in at the Junior League booth on Courthouse Square. Each participant receives a map of participating merchants and a goody bag for collecting their treasures. The Holiday Hunt begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. to allow all the kids to get back to the Square in time for the tree lighting ceremony. Participation is free but limited to the first 1,000 children. Free. 222-5541.

Nov. 28 • Sounds of the Season

Culture Works & the Dayton Holiday Festival; National City Center, 6 N. Main Street; 5:30-7:45 p.m.

Come and enjoy wonderful holiday music performed by local choirs and musical groups. The event will conclude before the tree lighting ceremony on Courthouse Square. Free. 224-1518.

Nov. 30 • Mannheim Steamroller

Victoria Theatre Association; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main; 7 p.m.

Christmas, no matter where and how it is celebrated, finds its heart and soul in holiday music. International favorite Mannheim Steamroller perfectly captures the spirit of the season this year when it arrives in Dayton for just one performance. This event will feature the band's unmistakable sound in an extravagant multi-media show. \$31-\$76. 228-3630.

Nov. 30, Dec. 6, 7, 14 & 21 • Some Fun at the Schuster Center

Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Main.; 12-4 p.m.

Crafts, entertainment and more from 12-4 p.m. Be sure to come for the special Wonderland Festival Dec. 6 & 7. 228-7591.

Dec. 2, 9 & 16 • Sunday FUNDamentals of Skating

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; 2-3 p.m.

Drop in for one lesson or attend each week. One-hour lessons are taught by seasoned professionals. Learn the correct way to fall, skate forward, stop forward, skate backwards and glide on two feet. \$3 for lesson and additional \$3 fee to skate includes skate rental. 278-2607.

Dec. 4 & 6 • Uniquely American

Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main; 8 p.m.

DPO Music Director Neal Gittleman welcomes guest pianist Everett Jones for the music of Dvořák and arguably America's finest African-American composer, William Grant Still. \$12-\$62. 228-3630.

Dec. 4-21 • A Christmas Carol

Human Race Theatre Co.; Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; call for times

The Human Race Theatre Company presents a new twist on the Dickens classic, complete with plenty of Christmas music. Holiday cheer overcomes Scrooge's bahs and humbugs. It's a holiday treat for the whole family. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Dec. 5 • First Friday

Oregon Arts District; Cannery Art & Design Centre; Dayton Convention Center Gallery; Dayton Visual Arts Center, 118 N. Jefferson St.; 5-10 p.m.

Start your holiday shopping at the December First Friday art hop. The unique art galleries, restaurants, bars and shops that make up the downtown mix will be open to get you in the holiday spirit. Brochures with detailed information are available at participating venues. Free. 224-1518.

Dec. 5-26 • WDTN Channel 2 Food For Friends

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; Fridays 3-5:30 p.m. & 7-10 p.m.

Every Friday in December, bring three non-perishable food items to the RiverScape Ice Rink in exchange for one free ice skate rental and admission. All food will be donated to The Food Bank. Free. 278-2607.

Dec. 10-12 • RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; call for times.

Experience what Beatlemania was all about, from Ed Sullivan to Abbey Road! They look like them, and they sound just like them! All the music and vocals are performed totally live! RAIN covers the Fab Four from the earliest beginnings through the psychedelic late '60s and their long-haired hippie, hard-rocking rooftop days. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Dec. 12-13 • Rhythm in Shoes: Holiday on Thin Ice

Gilly's, 132 S. Jefferson St.; 7 & 9:30 p.m. both nights

Don't miss the 10th and final "Holiday on Thin Ice," an irreverent take on the holiday season as only Rhythm in Shoes can provide: a little risky, a little wry! Come enjoy the holiday-themed music, dancing, theater and comedy, of course! \$20. 226-7463.



Dec. 12-21 • The Nutcracker

Dayton Ballet; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main; call for times.

The beloved story of a girl, a nutcracker, prancing little mice, and the Sugar Plum Fairy with a splash of Dayton history comes to life on stage once again. Don't miss this Dayton holiday tradition! Adult \$25-\$59; Child/Student \$25-\$40. 228-3630.

Dec. 13 • Handel's Messiah

The Dayton Philharmonic Chamber Chorus and Orchestra; Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 7 p.m.

Join us for this beloved holiday tradition. Neal Gittleman conducts, and Hank Dahlman is the chorus director. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Dec. 13 • Book Release & Poetry Reading

National City 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 12-2 p.m.

Four local writers known as Emily's Boys will release their first collection of poems, "Letters to the World." Authors Jim Hughes, David Dominic, Andy Bergeron and Tom Schaefer will read from their fresh collection and sign copies that will be on sale for the first time that day. Call for cost. 228-2088.

Dec. 17 • Noonday Carol Sing

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 12:10-12:40 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit with carol singing. Lunch will follow. Call for cost. 223-7285.

Dec. 19, 20, 26 & 27 • Horse-drawn Carriage Rides

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; 7-10 p.m.

Travel downtown in style while enjoying the sights and sounds in a beautiful horse-drawn carriage. Fee: \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. Children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children 2 and under are free provided they sit on the lap of a fare-paying adult. Tickets go on sale at 6 p.m. the day of the ride. Sorry, no presale tickets. 278-2607.

Nov. 28 • Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays Contest

Dayton Holiday Festival; Old Court House, Third & Main; Fri. 4-9 p.m. The Dayton Holiday Festival is looking for the best gingerbread houses! Anyone in the community can participate in the contest by making a gingerbread house to enter in one of four categories: kid, teen, adult or professional. Prize packages will be awarded to the winners of each category. One amateur house and one professional house will be selected as the "Best Houses on the Block" and each wins a \$500 cash prize. Entry forms are available at daytonholidayfestival.org. Be sure to come and view the delicious entries! Sponsored by: Elder-Beerman/Bon-Ton. Media sponsors: Mix 107.7 and Times Community Newspapers. Free. 224-1518.

**Nov. 28-Dec. 23 • The Tike's Shop**

Dayton Holiday Festival; Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Ludlow entrance; call for times.



A special shop run by kids for kids - and priced within a kid's budget! Also, visit Santa during special hours. The Tike's Shop is managed by Miami Valley Youth Career Services. Sponsored by **KeyBank**. Media Sponsor: **ABC 22/FOX 45**. Free admission. 409-5480.

Nov. 23-Dec. 23 • Wonderland Windows

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Experience the magical Rike's holiday displays in their new home in the Schuster Center Wintergarden! Free. 228-7591.

Nov. 29 • Ice Rink Grand Opening Celebration

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Be the first to enjoy the RiverScape MetroPark ice rink this season. Delight in light displays, fireplaces, entertainment and, of course, ice skating. Hot chocolate and other seasonal treats are available to warm you and your spirit at The Flying Dog food pavilion. Night owls, stay for the "Starlight Skate" from 7-10 p.m., which features two laser & music shows at 6:55 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. \$5. 278-2607.

Nov. 29-Dec. 27 • Starlight Skate

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; Fridays & Saturdays, 7-10 p.m. Skate under the stars this season on Friday and Saturday evenings. The \$5 admission includes skate rental and a spectacular laser & music show over the RiverScape MetroPark ice rink. \$5. 278-2607.

Nov. 29 • Pet Photos with Santa

National City 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Pets are family too! Get a beautiful professional portrait of your pet with Santa and help the Friends of the Humane Society who will receive the proceeds from the event. Call for cost. 228-2088.

Nov. 29 • Star Attractions: Boyz II Men

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main; 8 p.m. Boyz II Men have sold an estimated 60 million recordings in a spectacular 17-year career. Between 1992 and 1997, Boyz II Men recorded five Number One pop hits and twelve Top Ten R&B singles. At the same time, they also earned a host of awards, including four Grammy Awards. Tickets are available through Ticket Center Stage. \$61, \$56, \$46, \$38. 228-3630.

Dec. 5-27 • The Passion of Red

Visceral Gallery, 523 E. Fifth St.; Th-Fri. 5-8 p.m., Sat. 3-8 p.m. This exhibit, featuring the intensely colored canvases of painter Donna Rogers, kicks off with a First Friday celebration and opening reception. The works will then be on display during the month of December during normal gallery hours. (Gallery is closed Dec. 25.) Free. 409-0069.

Dec. 6 • Christmas Walk in Downtown Dayton

Ohio Wander Freunde; National City 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a noncompetitive walk for the health of it. Walkers have a choice of a 5km (3.1 miles) or 10km (6.2 miles) trail, which includes the holiday-decorated streets of downtown Dayton and St. Anne's Hill Historic District. Free. 890-0416.

Dec. 6 • Child & Adult Ornament or Pin Making Class

Cathy Jeffers Quilt Workshops; Gallery 510 Fine Art, 510 E. Fifth St.; 1-3 p.m. Kids, bring your favorite adult and spend a couple hours together learning how to make a beautiful felted ornament or pin. \$15 includes all materials. 672-6717.

Dec. 6 • Tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr. & Gregory Hines

IMPACT program, Victoria Theatre Association; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main; 8 p.m. Rather than portraying a pale imitation of the stars, Broadway veteran and native Daytonian Bruce Anthony Davis celebrates their beloved versatility and wit. The showcase includes one-liners, dancing and vocal favorites, including "The Candy Man," "That Old Black Magic," and "Mr. Bojangles." Call for cost. 228-3630.

Dec. 6 & 7 • Riders in the Sky: Christmas the Cowboy Way!

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main Street; 1 & 3:30 p.m. Calling all buckaroos and buckarettas to the Victoria Theatre! Grammy Award-winning Riders In The Sky have branded the genre of cowboy folk with their own mark, crafted from a well-balanced mix of both classic and original western songs, smooth harmony, hot licks and slapstick comedy. This show is full of great music, wacky antics and witty humor sprinkled with a dash of holiday spice. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Dec. 6, 13, & 20 • Uno's Pizza with Santa

Pizzeria Uno, 126 N. Main Street; 10:30-11 a.m. visit with Santa, 11 a.m. lunch. Have a special lunch with Santa and then visit the Tike's Shop at the Schuster Center! Reservations required. Call for cost and reservations. 910-8000.

Dec. 6, 13, & 20 • Family Movie Series

The Neon, 130 E. Fifth Street; 12 p.m. Bring the family for fun, festive films. Enjoy the following movies during this year's series: Dec. 6 - *A Christmas Story*, Dec. 13 - *Elf*, Dec. 20 - *Miracle on 34th Street*. Titles subject to change, call theatre for confirmation. Free for kids 12 and under, \$2 adults. Sponsored by **CareSource**. Media sponsors: **Dayton City Paper** and **Channel 945**. 222-7469.

Dec. 7 • Advent Dinner and Choral Program

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 5 p.m. dinner. Join us for a potluck dinner with an informal Choral Program to follow at 6 p.m. The program consists of Genesis Singers, Kinder, Cherub, Calvin and Knox Choirs, and the Junior High Bell Choir. Call for cost. 223-7285.

Dec. 20 • Santa Visits the Market

National City 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Santa will be distributing candy canes to all good boys and girls and men and women at the National City 2nd Street Market. Bring your camera to get a photo with Santa! Free. 228-2088.

Dec. 21 • The Elves Skate the 'Scape

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; 1-3 p.m. Skate with the elves at RiverScape MetroPark. Bring your camera and take pictures with this fun group of characters. Weather permitting. Free to meet elves; \$3 admission to rink includes skate rental. 278-2607.

Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Skate

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Start or continue a holiday tradition by skating with your friends and/or family today at RiverScape MetroPark. Enjoy splendid scenery, warm fireplaces and hot chocolate. Skate rentals \$3 per pair. 278-2607.

Dec. 25 • Christmas Day Skate

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; 1-8 p.m. Bring the entire family to RiverScape MetroPark on Christmas Day. Sip hot chocolate by the fireplace and admire the festive lighting display. \$5. 278-2607.

Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve Party

Human Race Theatre Co.; Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Laugh your way into the new year with a special celebratory evening at this fundraiser for The Human Race Theatre Company. We've got appetizers, a special arrival drink, champagne toast, cash bar and party favors, with entertainment by The Rubi Girls and The Human Race. \$100 including tax-deductible donation. 228-3630.

Dec. 31 • Family New Year's Eve Celebration

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.; 8 p.m.-midnight. Enjoy this alcohol-free family celebration including live musical entertainment, children's face painter, make-it-and-take-it art activity by K12 Gallery for Young People, and magician/comedian under the heated tent. Fireworks at midnight over the Great Miami River. Food vendor on-site. Free admission to park; \$5 fee to ice rink includes skate rental. 278-2607.

Dec. 31 • Dance in the New Year

Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main; 8 p.m. The DPO and Music Director Neal Gittleman present a festive program and one of the region's most famous traditions: the DPO's New Year's Eve Concert. \$13-\$65. 228-3630.

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