



2018
calendar
of events



Downtown's the place for holiday fun!

Dayton Holiday Festival events,
Grande Illumination, Family Weekends
and more — *inside!*

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Greater Dayton RTA; RiverScape MetroPark to University of Dayton with stops along the route; Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 4 p.m.-midnight.

The Flyer is a new, FREE shuttle service running from RiverScape to the University of Dayton. The Flyer provides easy access to offices, local dining, nightlife, entertainment, parks, hotels, parking, and all that downtown Dayton has to offer. Catch a ride on The Flyer every 10 minutes! More information at iriderta.org/TheFlyer.



Thru Nov. 18 • An Act of God

The Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; call for times.

The Human Race Theatre Company presents a comedy about humans trying to understand God's wishes. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Nov. 5 & 16 • Concert Band & Jazz Ensemble Performances

Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2, 444 W. Third St.; 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5, 8 p.m. Nov. 16.

Enjoy Sinclair's Concert Band's Fall Concert on Nov. 5, and music from the Jazz Ensemble on Nov. 16. Free admission. 512-2341.

Nov. 8 • Help Cubetto Build a Snowman

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 4-5 p.m.

Learn basic coding skills using Cubetto and directing him to gather all of the items needed to decorate a snowman. 463-BOOK.

Nov. 8, 15, & 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, & 27 • Tiny Thursdays

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

The popular child and caregiver program, Tiny Thursdays, features storytime, a fun gallery hunt, and a creative take-away art-making activity. Call for cost. 223-4278.

Nov. 9 & 10 • Dayton Woman's Club Annual Holiday Bazaar

Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; Fri. 12-6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Browse a variety of gift items, baked goods, holiday decorations, cards, jewelry, and raffle items. The Friday dinner & Saturday lunch are open to the public; reservations are required. Call for cost. 228-1124.

Nov. 10 • The Ugly Duckling

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 1 & 4 p.m.

Lightwire Theater and Corbian Visual Arts & Dance use incredible electroluminescent puppetry to tell a story based on the original Hans Christian Andersen tales. Ages 5 and up. \$16. 228-3630.

Nov. 10 & Dec. 8 • ARTventures

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 1-3 p.m.

Take your family on an ARTventure! Stop by the DA's Experientcenter for fun and creative art-making experiences. All ages. 223-4278.

Nov. 13-16 • 89th Annual Waffle Shop

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

Enjoy made-from-scratch waffles with sausages, soups, sandwiches, salad, desserts, and drinks at reasonable prices. In addition to the eat-in and carry out dining, the Waffle Shop includes a craft bazaar, bake sale, rummage sale, and raffle. Call for cost. 223-2239.

Nov. 15-18 • A Little Piece of Heaven

First Lutheran Church, 138 W. First St.; Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.

Undercroft Players presents a play about an unlikely relationship forged in a quirky tourist shop. Cost and info at undercroftplayers.weebly.com.

Nov. 15-Dec. 22 • Holiday Gift Gallery

The Contemporary Dayton, 118 N. Jefferson St.; Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Contemporary's popular holiday show returns with a fine art and fine craft gift-able gallery featuring 80+ local and regional artists. Opening reception Nov. 16. Open until 8 p.m. on Downtowner Nights Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, 13, & 20. 224-3822.

Nov. 16 & 17 • Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

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

The beloved TV classic soars off the screen and onto the stage, bringing all your favorite characters to life. All ages. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Nov. 16-18 • Sugarplum Festival of Trees

Dayton Masonic Center, 525 Riverview Ave.; see website for times.

TWIGS, an auxiliary of Dayton Children's Hospital, invites you to its Sugarplum Festival of Trees, featuring a holiday brunch and a Prince & Princess Ball on Saturday, Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, a Kids Korner, and much more. Info at childrensdayton.org/Sugarplum2018.

Nov. 16-25 • The Man Who Killed the Cure

The Dayton Theatre Guild, 430 Wayne Ave.; call for times.

A new play based on the life and death of Dr. Max Gerson, one of the fathers of natural healing. Call for tickets and info. 278-5993.

Nov. 16-30 • Thanksgiving Charcuterie

Crafted & Cured, 531 Wayne Ave.; during open hours.

Stop in for a Thanksgiving-themed charcuterie board featuring holiday-themed high end meats, artisanal and housemade cheeses, and accoutrements.

Nov. 16 & Dec. 14 • Homeschool Intersections

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 1:30-3 p.m.

Make the art museum part of your homeschool studies as students build a foundation for visual arts. Registration required. 223-4278.

Nov. 16 & Dec. 21 • Holiday Night Markets

Yellow Cab Tavern, 700 E. Fourth St.; 5-9 p.m.

Shop for the holidays with a variety of local vendors selling handmade items. 424-3870.

Nov. 16-18, 24, & 29, Dec. 1, 6-8, 14, 15, 20, 22, 23, 27-30 • Holiday Painting Parties

Picture Perfect Paint Parties, 123 N. Ludlow St.; call for times and themes.

Create your own special works of art at a wide variety of winter and holiday-themed painting parties. Call for details. 265-0619.

Nov. 17 • Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson St.; 6 p.m.

Free dinner for the LGBT community and families. Bring a dish to share; turkey and ham provided. All are welcome. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m.

Nov. 18 • The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Sensory Friendly)

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 2 p.m.

A "black light" adaptation of favorite Eric Carle stories, designed for children with autism spectrum/sensory processing disorders and other special needs. Ages 3 and up. \$16. 228-3630.

Nov. 18 • Harvest Dinner

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 5:15 p.m.

Join us for an informal choral program with a potluck dinner to follow. Reservations required; call or register online at westminsterdayton.org. Call for cost. 223-7285.

Nov. 19 • The Beach Boys - KMCF 30th Annual Heart to Heart

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8:30 p.m.

The Kettering Medical Center Foundation's 30th Annual Heart to Heart Gala features pop music legends The Beach Boys. \$53-93. 228-3630.

Nov. 21 • 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, including homemade breads, turkeys and hams, desserts, flowers, and more. Many vendors are accepting pre-orders. 228-2088.

Nov. 22 • Thanksgiving in Dayton: "A Feast of Giving"

Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The tradition of providing a free Thanksgiving Dinner for the less fortunate, anyone spending the holiday alone, or anyone who wants to attend continues. No tickets required. All are welcome. RTA bus rides available.

Nov. 22 • Thanksgiving Day Buffet

Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 11:30 a.m. -2 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to an elegant holiday buffet and let us indulge your tastes of the season. Reservations required. Call for cost. 228-1124.

Beginning Nov. 23 • Whimsical Windows Contest

Several businesses throughout downtown.

This annual contest shows off the creativity of downtown Dayton's collection of small businesses as they decorate their storefront windows for the holidays in their own unique ways. Enjoy shopping, dining and exploring downtown in this fun and festive atmosphere. **Vote for your favorite window display online at Dayton.com.**

For the most up-to-date listing of downtown events, visit downtowndayton.org.

Calendars are produced by the Downtown Dayton Partnership. For more information, call (937) 224-1518.

Information is subject to change without notice. Please call the corresponding venue for specific event details.



More details at DaytonHolidayFestival.org

Nov. 23 • The Grande Illumination
presented by DP&L, Main Stage sponsored by Sinclair College, magic glasses sponsored by CareSource
Courthouse Square, Third & Main Sts.; 4-9 p.m.
Watch the holidays light up during Dayton’s traditional tree lighting. At 7:45 p.m., approximately 50,000 colored lights will brighten the two-story-tall tree on Courthouse Square. Free. 224-1518. *Media sponsor: Big 106.5 FM.*

Nov. 23 • The Dayton Children’s Parade Spectacular in Lights
Along Second, Main and Fourth Sts., 7:45 p.m.
Immediately following the tree lighting, Dayton’s traditional holiday parade will round the corner of Second and Main streets. Watch decorative seasonal floats, horses, drill teams and bands, and some special holiday treats - all illuminated by more than 100,000 lights.
Kids - don’t miss parade Grand Marshal Daniel Tiger! (courtesy of ThinkTV) Free. 224-1518.

Nov. 23 • Live Reindeer
sponsored by DP&L
Courthouse Square; 4-9 p.m.
Come meet our North Pole ambassadors! Two of Santa’s reindeer will be available to meet on Courthouse Square. Don’t miss your chance to take your picture on Santa’s sleigh! Free.

Nov. 23 • Junior League of Dayton’s Holiday Adventure
sponsored by McAfee Heating and Air-Conditioning
Courthouse Square; 4-8 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.

Nov. 23 • Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays Contest
sponsored by B94.5 Hot Country & the Downtown Priority Board
The Old Court House, Third & Main Sts.; 4-8 p.m.
View all the delicious contest entries and the award-winning houses. Best in Show will receive \$500. Winners will be announced on the Main Stage before the tree-lighting ceremony. Free. 224-1518.

Nov. 23 • Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
Second & Main Sts.; 4-7:30 p.m.
Enjoy a wagon ride through downtown! Suggested donation, \$1 per person. 224-1518.

Nov. 23 • Holiday Village
sponsored by Dayton Children’s Hospital
Kettering Tower lobby, 40 N. Main St.; 4-9 p.m.
Enjoy festive crafts, games, live holiday music, and lots of surprises inside this fantasy village for kids. Free.

Nov. 23 • Street Fair on Third
sponsored by Fifth Third Bank
Third Street between Main and Ludlow; 4-9 p.m.
Don't miss all the free carnival rides for kids! 224-1518.

Nov. 23-Dec. 23 • The Tike’s Shoppe
sponsored by DP&L
Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Ludlow entrance; weekends and special hours (call to confirm hours).
A special shop run by kids, for kids — and priced within a kid’s budget. Also, visit Santa during special hours. YES! for Youth manages The Tike’s Shoppe. 545-1334. *Additional support from ABC 22/Fox 45 and the Victoria Theatre Association.*



Nov. 23-Dec. 31 • Wintergarden Wonderland
Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Main Sts.; Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat.: 12-4 p.m. Closed on non-performance Sundays.
Experience the magical Rike’s department store holiday window displays and other activities. **New this year, the redesigned windows have undergone a Merry Makeover!** (Windows not accessible during private events. Call to confirm hours.) 228-7591.

Nov. 23-Jan. 2 • Virginia Kettering’s Holiday Train Display
Kettering Tower lobby at the corner of Second & Main Sts.; lobby hours Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
View this one-of-a-kind model train display given to the community by Mrs. Virginia Kettering. Display may be viewed through the building windows at Second & Main anytime. 224-1518.

Dec. 4-7, 11-14 • Noontime Entertainment
Various downtown buildings; call for dates.
Enjoy free holiday performances by orchestras, vocal and dance ensembles, a cappella groups, concert bands, and show choirs in office buildings downtown. Visit daytonholidayfestival.org for group listings and performance locations. Free. 224-1518.

2018 Dayton Holiday Festival Family Weekends *presented by*



Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16 • Uno’s Pizza with Santa
Uno Chicago Grill, 126 N. Main St.; 11 a.m.
Have a special lunch with Santa, and then visit the Tike’s Shoppe at the Schuster Center. Reservations required. Call for cost and reservations. 910-8000.

Dec. 1, 8, & 15 • Family Movie Series
media sponsor Mix 107.7
The Neon Movies, 130 E. Fifth St.; noon.
Bring the family for fun, festive holiday films. Enjoy *Little Women* (1933) on Dec. 1, *The Man Who Invented Christmas* on Dec. 8, and *The Polar Express* on Dec. 15. Titles subject to change - call theater for confirmation. Free admission for kids 12 and younger, \$2 for adults. 222-7469.

Nov. 23-25 • Five Rivers MetroParks Ice Rink Opening Weekend
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.;
Nov. 23 & 24: 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Nov. 25: 1-5 p.m.
Spend the holiday weekend creating lasting memories with friends and family at MetroParks Ice Rink! \$7. 278-2607.

Nov. 23-Dec. 28 • Live Music Fridays
Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Enjoy live music from local musicians each Friday during lunchtime on stage at the library’s Eichelberger Forum. Presented by the Ohio Arts Council. 463-BOOK.

Nov. 23-Dec. 31 • RTA Holiday Bus
Watch for the special RTA Holiday Bus this season, featuring festive decorations and free candy canes for riders! The featured route can be found at facebook.com/IRideRTA.

Nov. 23-Jan. 3 • Polar Express Story Walk
Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; during open hours.
Families - take a walk through the pages of the beloved, award-winning holiday book and enjoy train- and bell-themed activities. 463-BOOK.

Nov. 24 • 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! Several downtown businesses will host special sales and events.



Nov. 24 • Link’s Free Ride Day
Link Bike Share stations throughout downtown; all day.
Take advantage of Link’s Free Ride Day on Small Business Saturday! To get a free Fun Pass, just visit any Link bike kiosk and follow the prompts on the screen to check out a bike. Normal usage fees apply for trips over 30 minutes. For station map, visit linkdayton.org.

Nov. 24 • The Last Waltz: Live with the Dayton Philharmonic
Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8 p.m.
Nearly 30 local musicians and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra will gather on the Schuster Center stage to recreate the historic performances of The Band’s *Last Waltz*. \$28-82. 223-4278.

Nov. 25 • Try Broomball
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., 6-8 p.m.
Let the Dayton Broomball Association take you through the broomball basics! Learn the rules, get on-ice instruction, and scrimmage with other participants. Ages 18 and up. \$10. Registration required. Call 278-2607 for more information.

Nov. 25, Dec. 2 & 9 • Learn to Ice Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., Children’s Course: 11-11:30 a.m., Youth/Teen Course: 11:30 a.m.-noon, Adult Course: noon-12:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of ice skating during a three-week course for children (ages 3-5), youth/teens (ages 6-17), or adults (18 and up). \$50 fee includes the use of skates. Register for a three-week session and receive two free skate admissions. Registration required. 274-0126.

Nov. 28-Dec. 30 • A Carillon Christmas
Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., 5-10 p.m.
See Carillon Park’s campus transformed into a winter wonderland of sparkle, magic, and holiday cheer, including the Carillon Tree of Light and much more! Adults \$8, seniors \$7, children \$5, under 3/members free.

Nov. 29 • Learn to Curl
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., 6-8 p.m.
Participants can choose between a Learn to Curl session led by Curl Troy or a recreational pickup game against other local curlers. \$25. Register as a team of four or an individual at curltroy.org.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, & 22 • Ride the Sugarplum Shuttle!
sponsored by PNC
Routes throughout downtown; 5:30-7:30 p.m.
For a fun and festive way to get around downtown, hop on the Sugarplum Shuttle! Downtown pedal wagons will deck their hauls with holiday music, lights, and more, and run routes through downtown. Yule have to pedal these ridings of comfort and joy, but yule have fun! Free.

Dec. 1 • Christmas Walk in Downtown Dayton
Meet at 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 8:30 a.m.-3p.m.
Ohio Wander Freunde Volkswalk Club presents a noncompetitive walk through the decorated streets of downtown. Start between 8:30 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Contact 878-8381 for details. Free.

Dec. 1 • DCDC’s The Littlest Angel
Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2-3 p.m.
Dayton Contemporary Dance Company brings this endearing holiday classic to life with excerpts from their full-length production. All ages can join in an interactive, creative movement session, and kids are invited to create an angel craft. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 1-22 • Holiday Art Sale
K12 Gallery for Young People, 341 S. Jefferson St.; call for times.
Local artists will have their artwork on display, perfect timing to acquire some new pieces for your collection. 461-5149.

Dec. 2 • A Doll’s High Tea
The 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. \$10 per child, \$20 per adult. Call 228-1124.

Dec. 2 • Advent Dinner, Choral Program, and Play
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 5 p.m.
Join us for a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. with an informal choral program and play to follow at 5:45. Call for info. 223-7285.

Dec. 2 • Straight No Chaser
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8 p.m.
The popular a cappella group brings its extraordinary music to the Schuster Center stage. \$37.50-65.50. 228-3630.

Dec. 2, 9, & 16 • Holiday Crafternoons
Crafted & Cured, 531 Wayne Ave.; 1-4 p.m.
Spend an afternoon making fun holiday crafts while enjoying your favorite beverage. Enjoy a cookie decorating party on Dec. 2, an ornament or bottle craft on Dec. 9, and gingerbread house decorating on Dec. 16.

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For more information, call (937) 224-1518.

Dec. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, & 28 • Mayhem & Mystery Dinner Theatre: Holiday Inn-Sanity
The Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W. Fifth St.; 7 p.m.
Enjoy a delicious dinner, holiday cheer, and a murder mystery!
Call for reservations and price. 461-3913.

Dec 4 • Backcountry Cooking
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 6-8:30 p.m.
Experiment with a variety of cooking methods from fast and light freezer bag meals to more elaborate gourmet entrees and desserts using different types of backpacking stoves. Ingredients and utensils provided. Ages 18 and up. \$15. Registration required. 228-2088.

Dec. 7 • 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. Free. 224-1518.



Dec. 7 & 8 • Handmade Holiday
Yellow Cab Building, 700 E. Fourth St.; Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
This art and craft bazaar brings together dozens of local artisans and vendors selling unique, locally made goods. For more info, visit facebook.com/handmadeholidaydayton.

Dec. 7 & 8 • Hometown Holiday
Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8 p.m.
Miami Valley musicians congregate to share music of the season, both sacred and celebratory. \$14-80. 228-3630.

Dec. 8 • Dayton Gay Men’s Chorus Concert
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 6 p.m.
Celebrate the season with holiday songs and frivolity, featuring the voices of area men who are sure to entertain. \$20. Visit daytongaymenschorus.org for info.

Dec. 8 • Noël: The Musical
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.
The heartwarming tale of a little girl who befriends a group of homeless characters while searching for her mother. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Dec. 8 • Wind Symphony Concert
Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2, 444 W. Third St.; 8 p.m.
Free concert with guest conductor Stanley DeRusha and guest saxophone soloist Joseph Lulloff. 512-2341.

Dec. 9 • Holiday Victorian Buffet
The Dayton Woman’s Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday and let the Dayton Woman’s Club prepare and serve you a beautiful buffet with some of the DWC’s favorite foods. Call for cost 228-1124.

Dec. 9 • Danny & Tosca Voris
Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 2-3:30 p.m.
Classical guitarist Danny Voris and his daughter Tosca perform popular Christmas selections for all ages - a beautiful blend of instrumental arrangements with a soothing vocal addition. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 9 • Winter Concert
Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra; Schuster Center; 3 p.m.
The DPYO presents their annual winter concert. \$10. For tickets, call the DPAA Education Department at 224-3521 ext. 1140.

Dec. 12 • Holiday Open House
Buckeye Laptop, 133 N. Ludlow St.; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Enjoy cookies, cocoa, and cute animated elves. Receive \$25 off any home movie transfers and discounts on laptop purchases. 985-2006.

Dec. 13 • Ebenezer Duke: A Musical Re-Telling of “A Christmas Carol”
Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 6:30 p.m.
A brand new mini-musical re-telling of “A Christmas Carol” through original songs, storytelling, acting, dance, and audience participation. Great for all ages. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 13 • Christmas Concert
Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School, 505 S. Ludlow St.; 7 p.m.
The CJ concert band, string ensemble, choirs, a cappella groups, and more come together to perform the sounds of the season. Free.

Dec. 13-16 • A Charlie Brown Christmas
Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2, 444 W. Third St.; call for times.
The holiday TV special comes to life when Charlie Brown tries to convince his friends that there’s no magic left in a Christmas that’s too commercial. \$8. 512-2341.

Dec. 14 • Bach’s Lunch
The Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; 10 a.m. and noon.
The Carillon Brass will play two free holiday concerts in a light-hearted, audience-friendly format. Complimentary coffee and donuts at 10 a.m. concert; box lunches available for purchase at noon performance. Call for details. 224-3521.

Dec. 14 • Noontday Carol Sing
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; noon.
Get into the holiday spirit with handbell music and carol singing. Lunch for a nominal fee will follow. 223-7285.

Dec. 14 • Christmas Candelight Dinner
The Dayton Woman’s Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 5:30 p.m.
Enjoy the company of friends and family in a beautifully decorated Victorian house. A fantastic dinner party is planned! Call 228-1124.

Dec. 14-16 • Americana Christmas
The Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; call for times.
A cabaret featuring classic Norman Rockwell holiday images from *Saturday Evening Post* and *Country Gentlemen*. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Dec. 14-16 & 20-23 • The Nutcracker
Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; call for times.
The Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra 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. \$18-73; call for availability. (a sensory-friendly version is offered on Dec. 20 at 2 p.m.) 228-3630.





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Dec. 15 & 16 • Santa Visits the Market

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.,

Dec. 15: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 16: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Santa will be taking time away from his busy schedule to visit the 2nd Street Market. Be sure to let Santa know what's on your wish list, including Market goodies! Bring your camera for this wonderful photo opportunity. Santa will be sure to have a treat for everyone who stops by. Free. All ages. 228-2088.

Dec. 16 • Sugarplum Tea

Dayton Ballet Barre; The Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 12:30-2 p.m.

Yummy snacks, hot beverages, and a few surprises! A wonderful way to expand on the tradition of seeing *The Nutcracker*. Presented by the Dayton Ballet Barre. \$20. Call 228-3630 or visit ticketcenterstage.com.

Dec. 16 • Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Dayton Masonic Center, 525 W. Riverview Ave.; 3 & 7 p.m.

Holiday concert with special guest Gem City Ballet. Free.

Dec. 18 • Teen Gingerbread House Workshop

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 4-5:30 p.m.

Create the delicious winter wonderland of your dreams out of candy, frosting, and crackers. For grades 7-12. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 19 • Handel's Messiah

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Westminster

Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 7 p.m.

Join the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra for this choral masterpiece at the gorgeous Westminster Presbyterian Church. \$14-31. 228-3630.

Dec. 21 • Solstice Concert Series

Yellow Cab Tavern, 700 E. Fourth St.; call for times.

A celebration of Winter Solstice, featuring an exciting surprise lineup to be announced. \$7 presale, \$10 at the door. 424-3870.

Dec. 24 & 25 • Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Skates

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.;

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Christmas Eve, 1-8 p.m. Christmas Day.

Enjoy the festive atmosphere as you skate and sip hot chocolate by the outdoor fireplaces. Admission includes ice skate rental. \$7. 278-2607.

Dec. 26-28 • Holiday Flash Sale

The Contemporary, 118 N. Jefferson St.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Missed out on the Holiday Gift Gallery? Here's your last chance to grab some local, handmade fine art and fine craft gifts! 224-3822.

Dec. 29 • John Denver Rocky Mountain Christmas

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster

Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8 p.m.

The Dayton Philharmonic and Jim Curry as John Denver present an unforgettable Rocky Mountain Christmas. \$14-80. 228-3630.

Dec. 31 • Annual New Year's Eve Dinner

The Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 5:30 p.m.

Invite your friends to ring in the new year with you at the beautiful clubhouse. Call for details. 228-1124.

Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve: Fiesta!

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster

Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8 p.m.

Dancers from the Dayton Ballet, vocalists from the Dayton Opera, and the instrumentalists of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra combine their talents for an artistic celebration of the New Year. Enjoy appetizers and sweets beforehand, champagne at intermission and a balloon drop at concert's close. \$18-75. 228-3630.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 • New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Skates

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.;

11 a.m.-10 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 2019! \$7 admission includes skate rental. 278-2607.

Special thanks to The Virginia W. Kettering Dayton Holiday Festival Fund

