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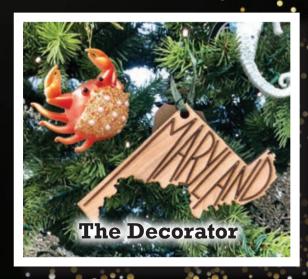


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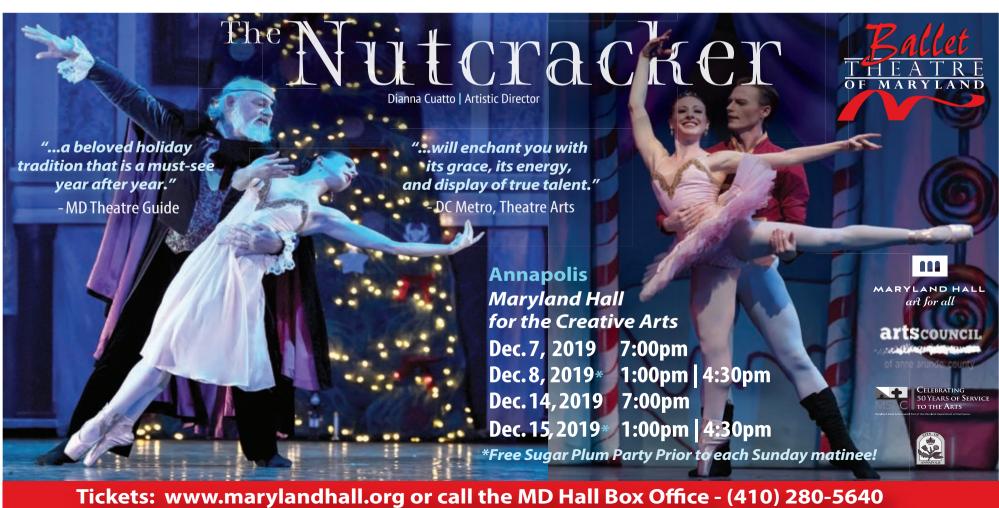




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Ease Your Holiday Hustle With Restaurant Catering

By Jane Seiss

Remove some of the stress from holiday preparations by relying on area restaurants to cater your event. These small businesses specialize in pleasing local customers, and they provide a range of options whether you are putting together a company breakfast or hosting a Christmas Eve feast for family and friends. All of these restaurants can customize menus, and they offer gluten-free and vegetarian selections.

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350 Mountain Road, Pasadena

410-255-9400, www.bellanapoli.us reat guests to authentic Italian cui-■ sine from Bella Napoli. Catered menu options include antipasti, like bruschetta and calamari, and main courses like New York or Sicilian pan pizza, baked ziti or homemade lasagna. The restaurant offers an award-winning cream of crab soup. Events may range from large pizza parties to full-service wedding receptions, and delivery is also available. Bella Napoli can accommodate private parties up to 55 people in Palma's Room at the restaurant, and the main dining room — accommodating up to 80 — is also a possibility. Please provide at least 48 hours of notice for catering requests and more time for large orders. Bella Napoli is closed on Mondays, but orders may be placed and picked up ahead of time.

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Glory Days is offering a 10% discount on holiday catering and will deliver orders that meet a \$100 minimum. Popular catered items include mac and cheese, wings, and ribs. Glory Days caters to vegetarian and vegan customers with its plant-based impossible burger. If needed, full service is available, including serving staff, paper products, linens, chafing dishes, and clean-up. Desserts are also on the menu, putting the finishing touch on a satisfying meal. Please provide 24 hours of notice for catering and more time for large orders.

GREEN VALLEY MARKETPLACE

1238 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold 8095 Edwin Raynor Boulevard, Pasadena

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For party planning made easy and delicious, try Green Valley Marketplace, which has steamed shrimp, loaded circle subs, chicken wings and tenders, meat and cheese trays, hummus and veggie trays, bread bowls and more. While 24 hours of notice is requested for those orders, desserts from the Lauer's Luscious Bakery can be picked up anytime. Try pumpkin rolls or pies

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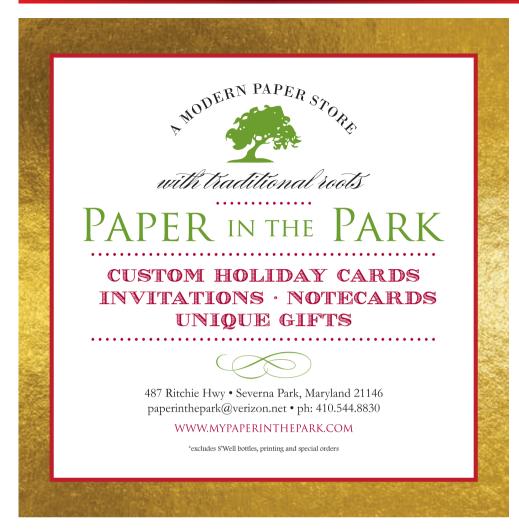
Whether you're hosting a simple cocktail party, a hearty buffet or an elegant plated dinner, Two Rivers offers many options to suit your unique needs. Here are some of the many items offered: Italian meatballs, steak bites, shrimp and grits, seared ahi tuna, spinach and artichoke dip, mini crab cakes, barbecue oysters, Tuscan chicken pasta, baked ziti, chicken Chesapeake, lobster pasta, garlic mashed potatoes, and sweet potato mash.





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Embrace Your Holiday Sweet Tooth With Locally Baked Treats

Bakeries and restaurants throughout Severna Park and Pasadena produce a variety of tasty holiday treats for Thanksgiving, Christmas and every other holiday. We've compiled a list of local shops to highlight some of the unique confectionary creations area bakers have to offer.



LISA'S CAKEPOPS

Lisa and her husband, Glenn, devote their days to creating edible art at Lisa's Cakepops. Every cake pop is made from scratch, handcrafted, and generously double-dipped in premium chocolate in their store behind Severna Park Lanes. Lisa's has candy-corn adorned turkeys for Thanksgiving, and a variety of Christmas-themed creations including Santas, snowmen and reindeer. And, if you have any ideas for unique cake pops for your holiday event, just ask — the answer is "yes," they can make it. These cake pops may look small, but they pack a punch of flavor underneath each uniquely-designed treat.

You can check out all of Lisa's Cakepops creations on the website www.lisascakepops.com or visit the store at 836 Ritchie Highway #16. If you have questions or ideas for your own cake pops, call Lisa at 443-346-3336.

CAKES AND CONFECTIONS BAKERY CAFE

Cakes and Confections Bakery Cafe is an old-fashioned gourmet bakery in Severna Park that offers a large assortment of delicious breakfast pastries, decadent individual desserts, and, of course, a delectable selection of cakes, pies, cookies, brownies and more. The bakery has a variety of holiday dessert specials including pumpkin rolls — pumpkin cake rolled with a rich cream-cheese filling; yule logs — sponge cake rolled with your choice of hazelnut or raspberry buttercream, covered with chocolate



buttercream, and decorated with a holiday design; and their own Smith Island cake — a 10-layer Maryland classic with vanilla cake and fudgy ganache icing, or a pumpkin cake with a buttery pumpkin icing. They also offer mini pastries, desserts, and sandwich platters for holiday parties and events.

Visit Cakes and Confections at 342 Ritchie Highway or online at www.cake-sandconfections.com. You can also reach out by calling 410-757-7100, or emailing baker@cakesandconfections.com.

KIRSTEN'S CAKERY

With nearly two decades of experience, Kirsten's Cakery in Severna Park provides a personal touch to designing specialty cakes. If you're looking for some perfectly-crafted cupcakes this holiday season, Kirsten's has you covered. Vanilla and chocolate cake cupcakes with buttercream or fudge icing are made fresh every day, and the shop will offer some special flavors throughout the holidays. In November, pumpkin spice, pecan pie,

and cranberry orange cupcakes are on the menu, while eggnog, gingerbread, white chocolate, and peppermint cupcakes will be available in December. Walk-in customers are always welcome, and Kirsten's has a daily supply of cupcakes, cakes, cake truffles, mini cupcakes, and cookies.

Visit Kirsten's Cakery at 541-C Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard or online at www.kirstenscakery.com. You can also call 410-431-5005 or email information@kirstenscakery.com.

LAUER'S LUSCIOUS BAKERY AT GREEN VALLEY MARKETPLACE

From specialty cakes to breads, Lauer's Luscious Bakery at Green Valley Marketplace in Pasadena continues to offer an assortment of holiday treats to the community. Whether you're looking for traditional favorites or seasonal selections, Lauer's mouthwatering made-from-scratch bread is always fresh from the oven.

Reach out to Lauer's Luscious Bakery at 410-255-0070 or visit Green Valley Marketplace at 8095 Edwin Raynor Boulevard in Pasadena.

GARRY'S GRILL - BAKERY

Garry's Grill in Severna Park also has a pastry chef. Pastry options from the Garry's bakery are all made in-house, and Michael Santos, the new pastry chef at Garry's, said the holiday pies — apple, pecan and pumpkin — should all be considered for any occasion. These seasonal holiday options compliment a diverse regular menu, which includes everything from a carrot cake to a chocolate peanut butter pie. Also, for any large parties or events, you can't go wrong with the freshly-baked brownie trays and mini cheesecakes.

Visit Garry's Grill at 533 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard in Severna Park or call 410-544-0499.

Place Your Order Soon

Delicious baked goods and desserts are not far away. Call or visit these shops soon to place a holiday order.

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Beer, Bourbon And Rouge: Your 2019 Holiday Beverage Guide

By Dave Topp

is the season, as they say. It's the season of holiday parties, visits from out-of-town relatives, and catching up with loved ones. During these times, though, there are plenty of important decisions to be made, such as how much turkey is too much turkey, selecting the best ugly sweater, and what drinks to serve your house guests.

Around town, several stores have stockpiled the best holiday beverages to help spice up your parties and get-togethers, as well as provide great gift options.

BEER

Craft beer drinkers rejoice. Troegs Mad Elf, with its flavorful combination of chocolate malt, cherries and honey — as well as Sierra Nevada's Celebration Fresh Hop IPA — continue to be favorites this time of year. For those with heavier tastes, Founders Brewing Company offers its CBS (Canadian Breakfast Stout), an imperial stout with hints of coffee and chocolate, aged in bourbon barrels and in honey.

If you want to play it safe with your selections, Ben Barrick at Goska's Liquors suggests a hazy IPA.

"It's an easier drinking beer overall. I think it's the types of hops they're using, and they're a little juicier. The hop profiles aren't as aggressive," Barrick said. "A lot of them have a good bit of fruit character to them, which adds the juiciness and drinkability to it. They've been a popular style all summer long, and I definitely see it continuing into the fall, and people are going to be drinking them all year round."

Another unique option, filled with the



Monument City Brewing Company's Bulls-Eyes Caramel Creams milk stout is inspired by Goetze's famous caramel cream candies.





Troegs Mad Elf has a flavorful combination of chocolate malt, cherries and honey.

Christmas spirit, comes from Anchor Brewing's Christmas ale magnums.

"Anchor Brewing is a company that has been around for a lot of years," said Matt Cross, the spirits manager at Dawson's Liquors. "Every year, they brew their special ale a little bit differently, but the same celebratory nature goes into brewing it. It's very rich, has a lot of spruce tips to it, very dark and very much captures the season compared to other Christmas beers."

If you support local breweries, RaR Brewing and Oliver Brewing Company come highly recommended. Another local option with a unique flavor combination is Monument City Brewing Company's Bulls-Eyes Caramel Creams milk stout, inspired by Goetze's famous caramel cream candies.

To get creative, swing by Annapolis Home Brew and make your own beer. Manager Steve Bolton said some seasonal flavors are available only during the holidays, but dozens are available year-round.

"Personally, I like darker beers in the winter, and as the days get shorter, I like beers to get darker and taller," Bolton said. "We have a pumpkin spice porter that comes in a premade kit. We also have our own pumpkin ale, which is based on an amber ale kit with pumpkin spice in it. The winter seasonal just replaced that. We also have the harvest wheat beer, the salted caramel porter. We have dozens of beer kits."

LIQUOR/SPIRITS

Eggnog remains a popular choice during the Christmas season, and if you're a fan of the eggnog recipe served at Severna Park's Brian Boru Irish Restaurant and Galway Bay Irish Restaurant in Annapolis, you can find their mixture for sale at Dawson's Liquors.

Jack Daniels Tennessee Whiskey is a mainstay, and the Winter Jack Tennessee Cider, which blends apple and cider liqueur, has been a popular pick since its October release. Continuing with the holiday fruit flavors, Koval Cranberry Gin Liqueur will present a tasty cocktail base with the aroma of Thanksgiving mixed in.

Elijah Craig is a premium and super-premium brand of bourbon whiskey produced by Heaven Hill Distilleries in Kentucky. The distillery has partnered with Goska's Liquors for a small batch single-barrel collaboration expected to be available toward the end of November.

Liquor bottles can be a great gift for dinner parties or gift exchanges. Kim Lawson, owner of Fishpaws Marketplace, said gift sets are great ideas for those occasions. Baileys Irish Cream, Maker's Mark and Patron are common choices.

If you're looking for a unique gift to pour drinks into, Fishpaws Marketplace is offering custom engravings on any wine or spirits bottle.

"Jenny is calligrapher and engraver. She can personalize any bottle of wine or spirit for you," Lawson said. "Customers just love it because they can personalize it and make it a one-of-a-kind gift if they are going to a housewarming party, or use it as a gift, or just to have something at the house. She does a beautiful job."

Custom engravings at Fishpaws will be available on November 30 from noon to 6:00pm, December 5 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, and December 11 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.

WINE

Wine bottles also serve as a great gift idea during the holidays and the options are endless.

For lovers of red wine, Château de Saint Cosme "Les Deux Albion" presents aromas and flavors of roasted game, mesquite, olive and plum.

The staff at Magothy Wine and Spirits suggests a bottle of Foris Rogue Valley Pinot Noir, a smooth, medium-body with flavors of tart cherry and orange zest, or a bottle of Lone Birch Pinot Gris as a dry white wine option.

Store general manager Peter Rutski also highly recommends a bottle of the Marques de Riscal.

"It's from central Spain. What's great about this wine is it's really versatile. It's a bottle that has good fruit, has good acids, so it's going to pair well with a lot of different things," Rutski said. "If it's something you want to drink right now, it's showing wonderfully. But also, if you want to lay it down for a few years, Rioja is known for their structure and their ageability. So if you're looking for a nice gift, that would also work as well."

Annapolis Home Brew carries a chocolate raspberry dessert wine that comes as a three-gallon kit of juice.

"You add the yeast to it, you follow the instructions and it makes three gallons of this rich, chocolaty, raspberry dessert wine," Bolton said. "It's a very well put-together kit as far as the balance between the chocolate flavor and the raspberry flavor. It's a port wine base, so it's rather high in alcohol as well. Generally with a dessert wine, you're having small portions, so it's the perfect wine for after the Christmas dinner when all the fighting has stopped and all the tears have dried up. You can bring out a bottle of wine, everyone can share a bit of this, and hopefully make everyone happy again."

Anyone looking for champagne to ring in the holidays should look no further than the crisp and bright flavors of Mumm Napa Brut Rosé.

"Mumm Brut Rosé is the best of both worlds," said Don MacMurrary of both Port Tack Wine & Spirits and Harbour Wine & Spirits. "It pairs well with any type of food or any kid of plates that people put out. It's celebratory for holidays and it's easy to share."

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Holiday Shows Promise Plenty Of Laughter And Thrills

By Zach Sparks

s Bill Murray's character Frank Cross so eloquently declared in "Scrooged," we all act a little nicer, we smile a little easier and we cheer a little more during the holidays. This season, there are plenty of plays, musicals, ballets and concerts to cheer for around town as you celebrate the occasion with the gift of entertainment.

"A CHRISTMAS STORY: THE MUSICAL"

Toby's Dinner Theatre

Now through January 5 A triple dog dare, a leg lamp and a quest for a Red Ryder BB gun — more than 35 years after its release, "A Christmas Story" continues to resonate with audiences. Now, theater-goers can catch the show live at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia to experience the beloved story in a new way.

Join the bespectacled Ralphie Parker in 1940s Indiana. Along the way, encounter yellow-eved bully Scut Farkus, young Randy as he shows mommy how a piggy eats, and the other characters who proclaim, "You'll shoot your eye out."

Showtimes are 8:00pm Tuesday through Saturday evenings, 12:30pm for Wednesday matinees and Sunday brunches, and 7:00pm Sunday evenings. For tickets, visit www.tobysdinnertheatre.com or call 410-730-8311.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Annapolis Shakespeare Company

November 30-December 29

As the Annapolis Shakespeare Company website states, "Charles Dickens' original story was written to inspire people to give to others less fortunate with a charitable heart. This production, updated for the 2019/2020 season, is a perfect way to share the holiday with friends and family."

For an updated version of a timeless classic, adapted by Sally Boyett and Donald Hicken, plan to see the show. Tickets go from \$39 to \$59. Go to www. annapolisshakespeare.org or call 410-415-3513 for details.

"Scrooged For Christmas"

Pasadena Theatre Company

December 5-8

This comedic retelling of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens focuses on a self-centered businessman who lacks compassion for his colleagues, subordinates and family members. Is there hope for him? To find out, join Pasadena Theatre Company's cast of 32



Photo courtesy of Jeri Tidwell Photography

Be transported to 1940s Indiana during "A Christmas Story," open now through January 5 at Toby's Dinner Theatre.

as they take the stage in the humanities building at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold for a five-show run. Shows are at 7:30pm December 5-7 and at 3:00pm on December 7 and 8. General admission is \$15. Purchase tickets at www.ptcshows.com.

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"A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS"

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts December 6

The Annapolis Chorale, the Annapolis Chamber Orchestra, and Artistic Director J. Ernest Green will join forces for an evening of music to get attendees in the holiday mood. Tickets range from \$18 to \$58. The show starts at 8:00pm. To learn more, or to find details on student discounts, visit www.marylandhall.org.

"THE NUTCRACKER"

Ballet Theatre of Maryland

December 7-8, 14-15

The possibility of dreams and the magic of Christmas merge through young Clara's adventures to rescue her beloved Nutcracker from the Rat Queen's evil spell. Audiences are invited to share in the romance, vision and triumph of the show as they rediscover the magic of this timeless holiday tradition through Artistic Director Dianna Cuatto's award-winning choreography. BTM's professional dancers will bring these characters to life on December 7, 8, 14 and 15 at Maryland Hall in Annapolis.

Nicole Kelsch, Emily Brennan, Lynne Bellinger and Hayley-Ann Vasco head BTM's cast as Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy, with Alexander Collen, Jackson Kettell, Chang-Hyun Seo and Mark Andrew McCormack sharing the role of the Nutcracker Prince.

Performances are at 7:00pm on December 7 and 14, and are at 1:00pm and 4:30pm on December 8 and 15.

"I can't think of a better way to spend the holidays with family or friends

than by attending a live performance of Tchaikovsky's beloved 'Nutcracker,'" Cuatto said. "This season marks my 16th year of presenting this 'Nutcracker' to BTM audiences, and I still get chills whenever I hear Tchaikovsky's famous overture for the ballet!"

For tickets, go to www.marylandhall. org or call 410-280-5640.

"THE NUTCRACKER"

Chesapeake Ballet Company

December 14-16, 20-22

Here's another opportunity to witness a Christmas party at Clara's house, as Herr Drosselmeyer gifts her with a Nutcracker. After the guests leave, the magic begins as Clara witnesses a fierce battle between the mice, their Mouse King, and Clara's brave Nutcracker. Follow Clara and her Nutcracker Prince through the magical snow forest to the land of the sweets, where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Showtimes are 1:00pm and 4:00pm at Children's Theatre of Annapolis. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for children under 12. For more information, visit www.chesapeakeballetcompany.com.

"THE HOLIDAY POPS"

The Broadway Tenors and Annapolis Symphony Orchestra

December 13

Tis' the season! The Broadway Tenors join the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra at Maryland Hall to bring the greatest holiday songs to life. With classics like "The Christmas Song" and newer favorites like "All I Want for Christmas is You," this concert offers the perfect way to make a spirit bright.

The show starts at 8:00pm. Tickets go from \$50 to \$100. Learn more by calling 410-263-5544 or going to www.marylandhall.org.

"AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS"

Chesapeake Christian Center

December 13-14

Chesapeake Christian Center's new pastor, the Rev. Jonathan Fuson, and his wife, Missy, will take the lead roles in "An Unexpected Christmas." The show takes place in an airport terminal where people gather as they wait to return home for Christmas and face an unexpected delay.

Performances are at 7:00pm on December 13 and at 2:00pm and 7:00pm on December 14. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Dinner includes salad, choice of pork loin

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Where To Find Santa This Holiday Season, In Severna Park And Beyond

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HOMESTEAD GARDENS SANTA VISITS

Starting November 30, Santa will make visits to Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville on weekends through December 22 for photo opportunities. Families can register at the store for one of the slots from 10:00am until 4:00pm on Saturdays, and noon through 4:00pm on Sundays. While there, people can experience the store's holiday shop, train display, hot chocolate and decorations. For more information, visit www.homesteadgardens.com or call 410-384-7966.

PASADENA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

On December 3, Santa will arrive in his magic sleigh at Lakeshore Plaza to visit kids at the Pasadena Business Association's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The event will also feature fire apparatus from Lake Shore and Riviera Beach volunteer fire companies, Christmas carolers and hot chocolate. The event is free, but attendees are encouraged to make donations to A Child's Christmas at the event.

Festivities will start at 5:30pm, and the tree lighting will happen at 6:30pm. A rain date is scheduled for December 4. For more information, contact the Pasadena Business Association at 410-360-4722 or visit www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com.

CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFASTS WITH SANTA COW

Santa Cow will come to town Saturdays starting December 7 for his Breakfast with Santa Cow parties. Be sure to come to Chick-fil-A Severna Park from 8:00am until 10:00am for a chance to meet him. For more information, call 410-647-6232.

TALENT MACHINE'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Saturdays between December 7 and 21, head to Buddy's Crabs and Ribs to see Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Santa's elves, and a host of familiar Christmas characters at Talent Machine's Breakfast with Santa party. The event will feature a lively performance with singing, dancing, and audience participation. There will also be an oppor-



tunity for photographs with Santa, so guests are invited to bring their cameras. Doors open at 8:30am and tickets are \$13 per person. For more information and to make reservations, visit www.tal-entmachine.com or email talentmachine1@gmail.com with questions.

KINDER FARM PARK'S HOLIDAY HAYRIDES

Santa and Mrs. Claus will join kids on festive hayrides from 10:00am until noon at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville on December 7. After the **» Continued on page 28**



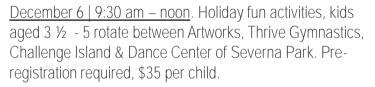




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<u>December 14 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm</u>. An evening of fun, food & a holiday classic movie! Ages 2^{nd} grade up, bring pillows, blankets & PJ's. Pizza, drinks & popcorn, just \$35 per child, or \$40 per family.



<u>December 13 | 5:00 – 8:00 pm</u>. Choirs, bells, cookies & cocoa, and of course, Santa! Enjoy a free concert followed by a special reading of *Twas the Night Before Christmas* by the jolly old elf himself! All ages, free.

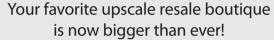
Join us this season for a fun line-up of family-friendly events for all ages! Bring this ad with you to the center when you register for the **Kidz Club** or **Grinch Movie Night**, and get **\$5 off** your registration fee! One discount per family, not valid on prior registrations. Expires 12/14/19.



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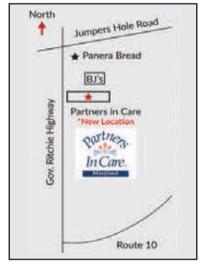


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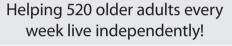
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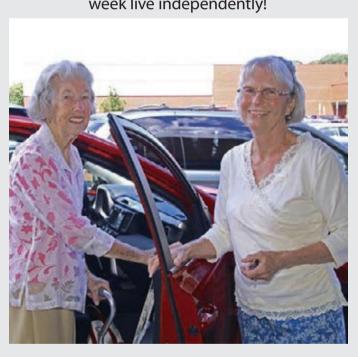


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Meaningful Gift Ideas Beyond The Big-Box Stores

By Megan Ruge and Zach Sparks

Then it comes to the holidays, shopping for the perfect gift can be stressful. If you're looking to get someone the latest multi-cooker or robot vacuum, the item has likely been paid for and hidden in your closet for weeks. But if you're still on the hunt for meaningful gifts, our shopping guide can help. Not only will these recommendations take the stress out of where to go and what to buy; they will show you why shopping local can take your shopping experience from ordinary to unique.

ZACHARY'S JEWELERS

If you're looking for high-end jewelry, look no further. With two locations, one in Severna Park and one in Annapolis, this jewelry store is far from ordinary when it comes to customer service and overall presentation.

The Annapolis store sets up a selfie station for guests to enjoy, documenting their shopping experience in a fun and creative way. In the Severna Park location, Zachary's provides treats for customers. In both locations, employees wrap gifts for children who come to the store and allow them to pick one from under the tree. Zachary's also has goodies for kids of all ages to pick from and pet treats for furry friends that come in with their owners.

As far as gifts go, you can never go wrong with diamonds. The top three gifts at Zachary's Jewelers this holiday season are diamond stud earrings, the diamond pendant necklace and a diamond eternity ring.

Also try: For more jewelry ideas, check out Mercado Jewelers in Severna Park or Traynham's Jewelers in Arnold.

PARK HOME

Want to complement the homes of everyone on your list? Park Home is a one-stop shop. It's not just a furniture store but also has a collection of unique home décor and more. All of the items in the store are carefully chosen, offering a variety of new and vintage finds

Park Home isn't lacking in the gift department either. Co-owner Heather Summers said that the store carries a great selection of ornaments that are popular around the holiday season. The store also carries unique items from businesses around the area, including signs and decorative towels. Summers noted that the candle collection with "sassy quotes" on the label is a fan favorite. Proceeds from the candle sales support suicide prevention organizations.

When it comes to finding the perfect gift, Summers' advice is to dig deep.



"The perfect gift is a reflection of the person you are giving to," Summers said. "It isn't necessarily what is needed but something that made you think of them."

SIDE STREET FRAMERS & GIFT GALLERY

Creating a custom gift is always a win, and Side Street Framers gives you the opportunity to do just that. The store has helped costumers create special gifts for 30 years.

"We specialize in framing items that have special meaning," said Dawn Wilson of Side Street Framers. "You name it, we can frame it."

The shop's staff is happy to create oneof-a-kind items from any two-dimensional projects you may have, as well as three-dimensional projects.

Along with its custom framing service, Side Street Framers also offers many handmade and unique gifts: gourds decorated like snowmen, Santas and angels, glass candles, a translucent candle filled with an assortment of berries, seashells and other items that can be burned from the top or illuminated from the bottom.

Also try: Benfield Gallery in Severna Park has fine art, pottery, jewelry and custom framing.

THE COTTAGE

When shopping for loved ones, think about what makes them happy. Do they love to be warm and cozy? How about a pair of soft pajamas, a candle and some hot cocoa? Are they stylish? Grab a new dress or top and some trendy jewelry. If you're not sure what to get, the staff at The Cottage can act as personal shoppers, getting to know the personalities of those you are shopping for and making suggestions within your budget.

Want to know more about the selection of apparel, jewelry, decor and gifts? The Cottage's merchandise ranges from uber-preppy to boho chic. "We have something for every style and every age," said

Sarah Bender of The Cottage. "Even better, we carry the brands people are looking for, such as Simply Southern, Brighton, Scout, Free People, Vera Bradley, Kendra Scott, Alex and Ani, Hobo, Corkcicle, Pura Vida, Vineyard Vines, Spartina and so much more so you can skip the hassle of the mall and the impossible downtown parking!"

ALPACA INTERNATIONAL

If you're shopping for the fashionista or stylish man in your family, you may want to browse the garments and accessories at Alpaca International. The clothing is all-natural with no synthetic blends. Items include jackets, sweaters, coats, capes, dresses, hats, gloves, ponchos, scarves, shawls, socks and more.

ANNAPOLIS HOME BREW

The folks at Annapolis Home Brew don't just hand you a bottle of wine and call it a day. They encourage adults to bond this holiday season by engaging in the activities of brewing or winemaking. Not sure where to start? Cider is the easiest beverage to make, according to store manager Steve Bolton.

"It is criminally easy," Bolton said. "If you watch a 30-minute sitcom, you can make cider during the commercials. It takes six or seven minutes to mix up, two weeks to ferment out.



"It is a really quick turnaround time and it's a nice finished product because it's low in alcohol, it doesn't have gluten – for all the people who don't like beer because they are gluten-intolerant. I consider it a serving of vegetables," he joked.

More experienced brewers or winemakers can try the chocolate raspberry dessert wine or a dark beer. Annapolis Home Brew occasionally has classes to help people learn.

"It's a hobby, and enjoying the process is part of the fun," Bolton said. "If you're just doing this to save money or just to drink, it will save you money in the long run, especially with the climbing expense of craft beers at the liquor store — at least that I've noticed — but you have to enjoy the craft itself."

BLENDED ESSENTIALS

Here's another way to give the gift of a great experience instead of a material item. Schedule a visit to The Blended Essentials in Severna Park, where your loved one can create candles, bath bombs, soaps or other items. A grandparent and grandchild can spend time creating unique, handmade products while siblings can enjoy making special gifts for each other or mom and dad.

MASSAGE ENVY, GLEN BURNIE

The holidays are a time of joy and merriment, but all of the shopping and shuffling between family houses can get a little stressful. Help someone unwind and relax by giving a gift card from Massage Envy in Glen Burnie. Choose from three holiday gift card bundles. The "good bundle," offered at \$100, covers a 60-minute service and comes with a \$25 promo gift card. A "better bundle," offered at \$170, covers a 90-minute service, \$20 gratuity for service, and comes with a \$40 promo gift card. For \$210, the "best bundle" includes three 60-minute services and comes with two \$25 promo gift cards.

Also try: Christina Josephs Salon Studio in Millersville also has gift packages including 20% off all retail items and 15% of all services with Sam and Megan. Image Creators Salon and Spa in Severna Park also has deals.

BULLDOG SCHWINN & SPORTS

Are you shopping for a family member or friend who spends time outdoors? Bulldog Schwinn & Sports has a selection of bikes, kayaks, standup paddleboards and other items to keep people active and engaged.

Also try: Soccer Post in Severna Park has authentic jerseys, cleats and indoor shoes, balls, training apparel and equipment, customization and more.



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Volunteering: Spread Holiday Cheer To Those In Need



Toys for Tots is an organization led by Marines who collect unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less-fortunate children.

By Abigail Gilbert

Ith the holidays coming up, now is a great time to give back to the community. Finding a way to volunteer can be difficult, but there are several organizations in Anne Arundel County dedicated to helping those in need. Collecting food, clothes and toys — there are many ways to make a difference.

GIVING BACK, LINDA'S LEGACY (GBLL)

Giving Back, Linda's Legacy (GBLL) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization. The group is "dedicated to helping the homeless and inspiring everyone to get more involved with volunteering," according to its mission statement.

GBLL has many collection drives occurring throughout November and December, including a toiletry drive. Volunteers are collecting travel-sized soaps, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, feminine-hygiene products, etc. The orga-

nization will have several collection days in December at the Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market in Annapolis.

For those interesting in baking, GBLL needs homemade cakes to be delivered on December 22. To volunteer, visit www. homelessdrive.org. For more information, contact info@homlessdrive.org, and to sign up for the cake drive, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/6obo84ea4af2aa2o-2019.

SERVING PEOPLE ACROSS NEIGHBORHOODS (SPAN

Serving People Across Neighborhoods (SPAN) is a faith-based organization in Severna Park. The primary mission of SPAN is to provide food and financial assistance to qualified individuals and families and to help them through emergencies.

One way to help SPAN is through the Holiday Caring Program. Volunteers are assigned a family to sponsor during Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, and they will be asked to donate food and toys. For information on SPAN, email *spanhelps@yahoo.com* or call 410-647-0889. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00am-2:00pm. To sign up for the Holiday Caring Program and more, visit *www.spanhelps.org*.

ARUNDEL FEDERAL TOY DRIVE

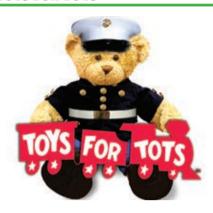
With locations in Severna Park and Pasadena, Arundel Federal Savings Bank offers two convenient drop-off sites for new and unwrapped toys. Visit 50 West McKinsey Road in Severna Park or 4179 Mountain Road in Pasadena by December 13 to make a child's holiday brighter.

ADMIRAL CLEANERS COAT DRIVE

The staff at Admiral Cleaners believes they have a responsibility to improve the community. With that in mind, they collect coats during the holiday season to be given out to those in need. There is a Severna Park location at 40 West

McKinsey Road. To donate, call 410-267-8381 or email customerservice@admiral-cleaners.com.

TOYS FOR TOTS



Toys for Tots is a national organization led by Marines whose mission is to collect new and unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less-fortunate children at Christmas. Boxes are placed throughout the community to collect donations from the general public. These gifts are then given to families in need for Christmas. The Anne Arundel division, led by Major Peter Smith, is still accepting toys at drop-off locations until November 27. For additional information, email <code>info@aatft.org</code>.

CENTRAL MARYLAND SALVATION ARMY

The Central Maryland Salvation Army is another faith-based organization seeking volunteers. There are many volunteer opportunities available through the Salvation Army, including becoming a bell ringer. To volunteer, call the volunteer coordinator, Samantha Bowman, at 443-573-3291, or go to www.salvationarmycm.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

One way to have an international impact this holiday season is by volunteering with Operation Christmas Child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. The organization sends a shoebox filled with toys and necessities to children in need around the globe. To find a drop-off location near you, and to learn how to pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, visit www.samaritanspurse.org. The group is accepting shoeboxes through November 25.

No matter how big the contribution — and whether the impact occurs locally, nationally or internationally — consider giving back this holiday season.

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Holiday Worship Services

or many families, the holidays would not be complete without attending church. These local churches offer a variety of traditional, family and candlelight services to accommodate any schedule.

PASADENA

Galilee Lutheran

4652 Mountain Road, Pasadena Christmas Eve: 3:00pm, 5:00pm and communion services at 7:00pm and 10:00pm Info: 410-255-8236

Jenkins Memorial Church

133 Riviera Drive, Pasadena

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm family
service and 8:00pm candlelight service
Info: 410-437-2846

Lake Shore Baptist Church

4613 Mountain Road, Pasadena Christmas Eve: 3:00pm, 5:00pm and 7:00pm Info: 410-255-5413

Lighthouse Church (two locations)

Pasadena Elementary School, 401
Pasadena Road, Pasadena
Christmas Eve: 5:00pm and 7:00pm
6691 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie
Christmas Eve: 5:00pm and 7:00pm
Info: 443-517-6042

Mount Carmel United Methodist Church

4760 Mountain Road, Pasadena

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm children
and family service, 6:00pm cantata
communion service, 8:00pm musical
meditation and 9:00pm regular service
Info: 410-255-8887

Our Lady of the Chesapeake

8325 Ventnor Road, Pasadena
Christmas Eve: 3:30pm high
school student service in the
Gathering Place and the church,
5:30pm, 7:30pm and 10:00pm
Christmas Day: 10:00am
Info: 410-255-3677

Pasadena United <u>Methodist C</u>hurch

61 North Ritchie Highway, Pasadena

Christmas Eve: 6:00pm family service and 10:30pm candlelight service **Info:** 410-647-3090

St. Jane Frances de Chantal 8499 Virginia Avenue, Pasadena Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm Christmas Day: 9:00am and 10:30am

SEVERNA PARK AND THE BROADNECK PENINSULA

Anchor Baptist Church

Info: 410-255-4646

320 West Pasadena Road, Millersville Christmas Eve: 7:00pm Info: 410-647-9614

Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church 235 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold Christmas Eve: 6:30pm

Christmas Eve: 6:30pm family candlelight service **Info:** 410-626-8122

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

461 College Parkway, Arnold Christmas Eve: 4:00pm children's service, 8:00pm and 10:00pm candlelight services Info: 410-544-3799

Severna Park United Methodist Church

731 Benfield Road, Severna Park
Christmas Eve: 3:00pm and
5:00pm family services, 7:00pm
contemporary service, 9:00pm and
11:00pm traditional services
Info: 410-987-4700

Severna Park Baptist Church 506 Benfield Road, Severna Park

506 Benfield Road, Severna Park Christmas Eve: 6:30pm Info: 410-647-0765

St. John the Evangelist

689 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park
Christmas Eve: 3:00pm,
3:15pm in the parish activity
center, 5:00pm and 9:00pm
Christmas Day: 8:30am,
10:00am and noon
Info: 443-261-0106

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church

611 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard
Christmas Eve: 3:00pm and
4:00pm family pageants and brief
retelling of the Christmas story,
6:00pm contemporary service,
8:00pm traditional service with
choir and candlelight, and 10:00pm
traditional service with communion
and candlelight (child care offered
at 6:00pm and 8:00pm services)
Info: 410-647-2550

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

375 Benfield Road in Severna Park **Christmas Eve Times:** 4:30pm family service with pageant and 8:30pm

Eucharistic service

Christmas Day Times: 10:00am **Info:** 410-647-6248

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7. Investment In Your Community

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6. KEEP OUR COMMUNITY UNIQUE

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4. GET BETTER SERVICE

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Small, local businesses are the largest employers nationally and in our community, providing the most jobs to residents. Locally owned businesses are far less likely to pull up stakes and move operations to another city, state or country, taking their jobs with them.

2. LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES SUPPORT COMMUNITY GROUPS

Nonprofit organizations receive an average of 350% more support from local business owners than they do from non-locally owned businesses.

1. KEEP MONEY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

For every \$100 spent in locally owned independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. This purchasing choice vs. other purchasing options keeps the most money in the area, and these dollars continue to flow through our community!

Create New Family Traditions



By Monica Resa

Thether you and your family celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa or another holiday, there is always room to create new and meaningful ways of celebration.

Yes, hot cocoa by the fire while unwrapping gifts is tried and true, or lighting the menorah and exchanging gifts is how it's always been done. Turkey and ham with sides from grandmother's cookbook are prepared and eaten around the table with extended family. But, just because it's always been done doesn't mean the next generation can't create a new tradition to pass down. Here are some ideas for you and your family to expand upon.

How about ice skating? It's cold enough outside, and while we don't live in an area where you can skate in your backyard, some venues are open. Quiet Waters Park offers ice skating outside in a serene environment and even sells hot cocoa when you need to warm up. The park is located in Annapolis and is open weekdays except for Tuesday from 1:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 9:00pm. The park is closed on Christmas day but is open Christmas Eve. So this year, before or after attending service, load your family into the car and take the easy drive to Quiet Waters for some family fun. This still gives you time to tuck in the kids early as they await the arrival of Santa Claus. Glen Burnie Town Center also has outdoor ice skating, and the Naval Academy has an indoor option.

If ice skating doesn't sound appealing, how about movie night? Hunker down with a bowl of popcorn and a cold drink and put on a movie marathon. Invite the neighbors over to watch "It's a Wonderful Life," "The Polar Express" and "Miracle on 34th Street." See who is game for "How

the Grinch Stole Christmas." This could easily be a bonding experience for adults and children. And, after the kid's movies are out of the way and the children are playing with toys and games, the adults can unwind and watch some of their favorite classics.

The holidays are always a great way to give back and count your blessings. There are plenty of organizations to volunteer with or support. Consider doing a food drive and delivering it to SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) in Severna Park. This could be the price of admission to your movie night. Make a competition of which family can collect the most food and then deliver it to SPAN, the Salvation Army or to a church. Focus on the giving aspect of the holiday instead of the getting. You could also make this an opportunity to clean out your closets. Collect those clothes you're no longer going to wear and deliver them to Goodwill in Pasadena off of Ritchie Highway.

Do you enjoy singing? How about caroling in a retirement home? Spring Arbor, HeartLands, Brightview, Sunrise, and PearTree House are all nearby retirement communities and would welcome some holiday music.

If you prefer to work with your hands and get crafty, you could host a holiday card- and ornament-making party at your house. Have everyone bring a small dish and materials. Construction paper, fancy pens, and stickers are all that are needed to create some holiday cards, and felt, scissors and a small sewing kit are enough to make ornaments to hang on the tree. It's a great way to have some creative fun with friends and dress the tree at the same time.

No matter how many holiday traditions you have or how long you've had them, there's always room to add more.

Get Treasures At Christmas Mart

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church will hold its annual Christmas Mart on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at 375 Benfield Road in Severna Park. The Christmas Mart will host 35 local artisans and crafters in both Heck Hall and the parish hall. The church's popular decorated boxwood trees will be available in the church

narthex. The basement of Heck Hall will house the treasures of the white elephant sale. Doughnuts and lunch will be offered in the parish hall, and Korean food will be available in Heck Hall. Admission and parking are free. For more information, email *stmartinschristmasmart@gmail.com* or call the church office at 410-647-6248.

Where To Find Santa This Season

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ride, families can visit the decorated farmhouse and enjoy snacks, warm drinks and roasted marshmallows. The cost is \$5 per person, plus a small processing fee. Children under 3 can ride for free but may be required to sit on an adult's lap. To purchase tickets, visit www.kinderfarmpark.org.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE OF ANNAPOLIS' BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Santa will join Elsa and Anna to mingle and take photos with kids at Children's Theatre of Annapolis' third annual Breakfast with Santa event on December 8. Tickets range from \$10 for babies under 12 months to \$25 for kids under 12 and \$15 for people over 14 for two time slots: 9:00am until 10:30am and 11:00am until 12:30pm. Tickets include a light breakfast, crafts and photo opportunities. Tickets can be purchased at www.childrenstheatreofannapolis.org/breakfastwithsanta and people can contact 410-757-7281 with questions. Parents, please be sure to read the special message from Santa when purchasing tickets!

SEVERNA PARK TAPHOUSE PUPPY PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Severna Park Taphouse will host Santa for a Puppy Photos with Santa event with Healing Paws Veterinary Wellness Center. People can bring their pets to meet Santa and take pictures from noon until 4:00pm.

EARLEIGH HEIGHTS VFC LUNCH WITH SANTA

Santa will visit the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company station on December 8 for lunch with Santa. From noon until 2:00pm, kids can have their pictures taken with Santa and participate in crafts. Visitors can also tour the station. Food is free for kids and will consist of a hot dog, chips, a drink and a treat. Adults can purchase a hot dog and drink for \$2. Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras for photos, but cameras will be offered for \$5. Contact Pat Sohn at 410-437-6013 or *Psohn12@comcast.net* with any questions.

SANTA VISITS ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER PEDIATRICS

Santa will be at Anne Arundel Medical Center Pediatrics on December 10 to spread cheer and present a check for \$2,500 from Westfield Annapolis Mall. The money was raised from events that the mall has held throughout the year. Santa will be at the center from 1:00pm until 2:00pm.

PET DAY WITH SANTA AT ANNAPOLIS MALL

Santa will take some time for photos with pets from 10:00am until 9:00pm on December 11 at the Westfield Annapolis Mall's Crate and Barrel court. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) will also set up a table near the event and will be there from 2:00pm until 6:00pm. Visit www.westfield.com/annapolis/holiday for more information.

CAROLS AND COOKIES AT SEVERNA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Santa will make an appearance at a Carols and Cookies event hosted by the Severna Park Community Center from 5:00pm until 8:00pm on December 13. Kids can get their pictures taken with Santa and participate in crafts. There will also be holiday treats and music. Contact 410-647-5843 with any questions.







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Where To Celebrate New Year's Eve

By Laura McElwain Colquhoun

s the year winds down, holidays and celebrations abound. Several local businesses and organizations are providing opportunities to end the holiday season right on New Year's Eve. Whether it's a family night out, or night out with friends, there are plenty of places from which to choose to ring in the new year close to home.

SEVERNA PARK LANES

Severna Park Lanes will host its New Year's Eve 2020 Gala Celebration from 9:30pm to 2:00am. For a ticket of \$30 per person, guests receive unlimited bowling, shoes, galaxy bowling, party favors, noise makers and door prizes. Visit www.gobowlingsevernapark.com for more information.

TWAIN'S TAVERN

Twain's Tavern in Pasadena will welcome the new year with live music from KleptoRadio, a band that plays a variety of hits from the '90s to today. The restaurant will be open from 3:00pm until 2:00am, and the band will play from 10:00pm to close. Some \$10 bottles of champagne will be available, and there will be special New Year's Eve food specials, which will be posted

online closer to the date. Tickets are \$15 for one person or \$20 for two people and can be purchased online in advance. For more information, visit www.twainstavern.com.

TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE

For those interested in the arts, Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia offers special tickets for New Year's Eve. In addition to the usual dinner and show, the \$110 ticket also includes a midnight champagne toast, two buffets and a cabaret after the show. The ticket price is the same for both adults and children. For more information, visit www.tobysdinnertheatre.com

RAM'S HEAD

All Rams Head locations, including Rams Head On Stage in Annapolis and Rams Head Dockside in Glen Burnie, will be open from 11:00am to 2:00am. New Year's Eve parties will be held from 9:00pm to 1:00am. For more information, www.ramsheadgroup.com.

NEW YEAR'S ANNAPOLIS

There is something for everyone at New Year's Annapolis, and all of the activities are free. Festivities begin at 3:00pm and conclude with midnight fireworks. From 3:00pm to 5:15pm,

families with children can enjoy special events at Weems Whelan Fields behind Maryland Hall. Entertainment includes performances by kids' rock bands, face painting, moon bounces and more. A fireworks display is set for 5:30pm at Weems Whelan Field.

The festivities continue at 8:00pm at City Dock, with live music and dancing. The evening concludes with midnight fireworks. For more information, visit www.visitannapolis.org.

Two Rivers Steak & Fish House

Two Rivers Steak & Fish House in Pasadena will offer a special menu for New Year's Eve, and TVs will show countdowns to midnight. Check the website closer to the day for menu details. For more information, visit www.tworiverssteak.com.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DECK PARTY ONBOARD THE USS CONSTELLATION

Onboard the USS Constellation in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, guests have a unique vantage from which to watch the midnight fireworks over the harbor. The all-inclusive ticket includes appetizers and desserts, along with local ale, wine, mulled cider and

coffee. Also included are party hats, noisemakers, special tours and canon firing demonstrations. The event goes from 10:00pm to 1:00am. Tickets prices are \$25 for children, \$50 for teens and \$85 for adults. For more information, visit www.historicships.org/new_years_eve.html.

New Year's Eve Annapolis Fireworks Cruise

While cruising on the Severn River aboard the Catherine Marie vessel, guests will watch the Annapolis fireworks display. Tickets include appetizers, dancing, DJ entertainment, and a complimentary champagne toast. A cash bar will be available. The cruise sails from 10:00pm to 1:00am. Ticket packages begin at \$90. For more information, visit www.watermarkjourney. starboardsuite.com.

NYE LIVE! BALTIMORE

Power Plant Live! at the Inner Harbor is set to again host one of the area's biggest and liveliest New Year's Eve parties. Ticket packages begin at \$115 and include access to nine bars and nightclubs, buffets, party favors and a champagne toast. The event goes from 8:00pm to 3:00am. To learn more, go to www.nye-live.com/baltimore.

Holiday Shows Promise Plenty Of Laughter And Thrills

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or stuffed breast of chicken, with curry roasted sweet potatoes and Italian-style green beans.

To learn more, call 410-903-2420.

"RING IN THE HOLIDAY 2019"

Talent Machine Company

December 13-15, 19-22

This high-energy production will feature holiday classics with an Annapolis twist. Watch the Talent Machine kids, Rudolf, the elves, Frosty, and Santa's other North Pole friends in a holiday musical revue. Traditional holiday favorites will be performed as well as some new dance numbers that will delight audiences of all ages. Experience this 25-year Annapolis tradition, performed by a cast of 60 talented children ages 6 to 18. Gracing the stage from Severna Park are Olivia Blake, Anthony and Gianna Dicks, Kate Hibbard, Delainey Parker, and Abby Schemmel. From Pasadena are Aiden Smith and Jasmine Dominiguez-Taco.

Shows will be held at St. John's College Key Auditorium in Annapolis. Evenings and matinee show times are available. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door, online at www. *talentmachine.com*, or by emailing the box office at tmcholiday@hotmail.com.

"An Annapolis Christmas"

Annapolis Musicians Fund at Rams Head On Stage

December 16-17

Inspired by the popular holiday album "An Annapolis Christmas" 21 years ago, this event has become a tradition for music lovers who come to see hometown artists performing a mix of original and classic holiday songs. The concert is also a fundraiser for the Annapolis Musicians Fund for Musicians Inc. (AMFM).

The Monday lineup will have Matt McConville, The Geckos, Skribe, Meg Murray and Bryan Ewald, Angie Miller, The Remnants, Doug Segree, Dean Rosenthal, Gary and Leah and Friends, and East is East. Tuesday's show features Matt McConville, Higher Hands, The Hypnotic Panties, Dan Haas, The Unified Jazz Ensemble, Swampcandy, The Johnny Monet Band and The Big Money Band, Michael K and PJ Thomas, and David Majerowicz.

Both shows start at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$42 and are available at www.ramsheadonstage.com.

See the holiday calendar of events on page 36 for more performances.



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Ballet Theatre of Maryland will continue its holiday tradition of performing the "Nutcracker" during a two-weekend run from December 7-15.

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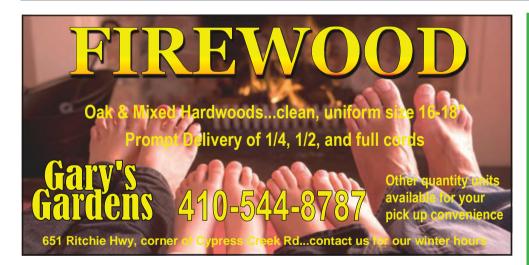
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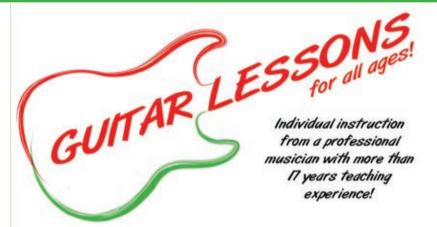
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ONGOING

THROUGH NOV: Admiral Cleaners hosts Call for Coats campaign. Donate coats to 40 West McKinsey Road in Severna Park. Info: 410-647-7510.

THROUGH DEC 8: Toy collection for Harmony House kids (boys ages 1 to 14 and girls ages 1 to 12). Drop off toys at Giant Food in Lakeshore Plaza.

THROUGH DEC 13: Arundel Federal Savings Bank toy drive. Bring new, unwrapped toys to any location (50 West McKinsey Road in Severna Park and 4179 Mountain Road in Pasadena).

THROUGH JAN 5: "A Christmas Story: The Musical" is running at Toby's Dinner Theatre. Info: www.tobysdinnertheatre.com or 410-730-8311.

THROUGH DEC 24: Santa will be at the Westfield Annapolis Mall's Crate and Barrel court for photos. Hours will vary. Info: www.westfield.com/annapolis/holiday.

Nov 30-DEC 22: Families can register to visit Santa at Homestead Gardens for one of the slots from 10:00am until 4:00pm on Saturdays and noon through 4:00pm on Sundays. Info: 410-384-7966.

Nov 30-DEC 29: The Annapolis Shakespeare Company presents "A Christmas Carol." Info: www.annapolisshakespeare.org.

DEC 7-21: Every Saturday between December 7 and 21, Talent Machine Company will host Breakfast with Santa at Buddy's Crabs and Ribs at 8:30am. Tickets are \$13 per person. Info: www.talentmachine.com.

NOVEMBER

Nov 22: Join Ellis Woodward for music and fun as Marley Station Mall welcomes Santa from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Info: 410-766-2033.

Nov 23: Hanging of the Greens from 7:30am-4:00pm. The Jaycees of Annapolis decorate storefronts of downtown businesses. Info: annapolisjaycees@gmail.com.

Nov 23: Woods Church annual bazaar from 9:00am-1:00pm at 611 B&A Boulevard in Severna Park. Info: 410-647-2550.

Nov 23: Marley Station train garden grand opening 10:00am-noon. Info: 410-766-2033.

Nov 23: Chesapeake High School Band Boosters are hosting their annual craft show from 10:00am-3:00pm. Info: *mail@chescougarband.com*.

Nov 23: Pardon Napoleon, the Tom Turkey, while sampling Beaujolais Nouveau 2019 release from noon-4:00pm at Fishpaws Marketplace. Info: 410-647-7363.

Nov 23: Tree lighting at Annapolis Towne Centre at 6:30pm. Info: www. visitatc.com.

Nov 27: Pasadena United Methodist Church Thanksgiving Eve community service at 7:00pm. Info: 410-647-3090.

Nov 29: Black Friday brunch hosted by Park Tavern. Skip the shopping and chaos for a bottomless brunch bar from 10:00am-3:00pm. Info: 410-793-5930.

NOV 30: Small Business Saturday. Shop local.

DECEMBER

DEC 1: Inaugural Cape St. Claire Tree Lighting at 5:30pm at 1223 River Bay Road with hot chocolate donated by Wawa. Info: 410-757-1223.

DEC 1: The Jaycees and the City of Annapolis kick off the holiday season with a tree lighting at Annapolis Market House at 6:40pm. Info: annapolisgrandillumination@gmail.com.

DEC 2: Christmases with the Princesses for kids 10 and under. 3:00pm-8:00pm at Rumors Salon and Spa in Pasadena. Info: 410-360-0707.

DEC 3: Annual Pasadena Tree Lighting in Lakeshore Plaza hosted by Mid-Atlantic Holidays will start at 5:30pm. The tree lighting will be at 6:30pm. The rain date is December 4. Info: 410-360-4722.

DEC 4: Homestead Gardens in Severna Park is hosting a Holiday Girls Night Out from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Info: 410-384-7966.

DEC 5: Calvert Vet hosts Hot Cocoa with Santa from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Info: 410-360-PAWS.

DEC 5: Holiday Taste and Sip, organized by the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce, at Chartwell Golf

and Country Club. 6:00pm-9:00pm. Tickets required. Info: www.gspacc.com.

DEC 5-8: The Pasadena Theatre Company presents "Scrooged For Christmas," a comedic retelling of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Info: www.ptcshows.com.

DEC 5-15: The Colonial Players present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Info: *tickets.thecolonialplayers.org*.

DEC 6: Troegs Tap Takeover from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Fishpaws Marketplace. Info: 410-647-7363.

DEC 6: Annual Tree Lighting and Chamber Open House at 1 Holly Avenue in Severna Park. 5:00pm-6:30pm. Info: 410-647-3900.

DEC 6: Park Plaza tree lighting, music and photos with Santa starting at 6:00pm in Severna Park.

DEC 6: The Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts presents "A Celebration of Christmas." Tickets range from \$18 to \$58. Info: www.marylandhall.org

DEC 6-7: The Hollyberry Garden Club of Severna Park sells handmade holiday greens, including wreaths and centerpieces, at the Severna Park Library on Friday from 1:00pm-5:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Proceeds go to local beautification projects. Info: mgsteffey@gmail.com.

DEC 6-7: O Holy Night – An Evening of Lessons and Carols in the Woods Church sanctuary at 7:00pm. Free event but tickets are required. Info: www.woodschurch.org/musicministry.

DEC 7: Santa Cow will be at Chick-fil-A in Severna Park from 8:00am-10:00am. Info: 410-647-6232.

DEC 7: Boy Scout Troop 441 annual Holiday Extravaganza 8:00am until sellout at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pasadena. Info: 443-312-9393.

DEC 7: Giving Back, Linda's Legacy toiletry drive 9:00am-noon at Severna Park Middle School. Info: *info@homelessdrive.org*.

DEC 7: St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church in Severna Park will hold its annual Christmas Mart from 9:00am-3:00pm. Info: 410-647-6248.

DEC 7: The Glen Burnie High School Band Boosters host a craft fair from 9:00am-3:00pm in the cafeteria, media center and gymnasium. Info: *gbhscraftfair@hotmail.com*.

DEC 7: Broadneck High School Craft Bazaar to benefit the athletic boosters will run from 9:30am-3:00pm. Info: *bhscraftbazaar@gmail.com*.

DEC 7: Kinder Farm Park will host its annual Holiday Hayride from 10:00amnoon. Ticket are \$5 per person, plus a small processing fee. Info: www.kinderfarmpark.org.

DEC 7: Mt. Carmel Child Development Center in Pasadena hosts its annual holiday vendor fair from 10:00am-2:00pm. Info: 410-255-2429.

DEC 7: Lakeshore Plaza holiday event with local choruses, the Baltimore Ravens and The Chesapeake High School robotics team. 10:00am-2:30pm. Info: 410-369-1268.

DEC 7: Lake Shore Baptist Church will host Pancakes and Pajamas at 10:00am complete with brunch foods, crafts and games for the whole family. Info: 410-255-5413.

DEC 7: Troop 442 in Severna Park is hosting a kids-only craft fair at the Berrywood Clubhouse from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Info: 410-940-9655.

DEC 7: Fire & Ice at Annapolis Towne Centre from 4:00pm–8:00pm. Info: www. visitatc.com.

DEC 7: Kids Yoga and Craft Night at Park Kids Yoga at StrongHER Fit Club from 6:30pm-10:00pm. Cost is \$45 per child and \$25 per sibling. Info: 410-279-8910.

DEC 7: The Maryland Concert Series presents "A Very Cher-y Christmas" at 7:30pm at North County High School in Glen Burnie. Info: www.mdconcert-series.org.

DEC 7-8: The Ballet Theatre of Maryland presents "The Nutcracker" at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. Info: *marylandhall.org*.

DEC 8: Breakfast with St. Nicholas at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Roman Catholic Church from 8:30am-11:30am in the parish hall. Info: 410-255-4646.

DEC 8: Children's Theatre of Annapolis is hosting breakfast with Santa from 9:00am-10:30am, and from 11:00am-12:30pm. Info: 410-757-7281.

DEC 8: California Pizza Kitchen in the Annapolis Mall is hosting breakfast with Santa from 9:30am-10:30am. Info: 410-573-2060 to RSVP.

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DEC 8: Christmas at Riehl Farm (8209 Varnedoe Lane in Pasadena) from 11:00am-2:00pm. Info: 443-324-1844.

DEC 8: Breakfast with Santa at Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company from noon-2:00pm. Free for children 12 and under. \$5 photos. Reservations encouraged. Info: info@ehvfc.org.

DEC 8: Annapolis Chocolate Binge Festival from noon-5:00pm at 55 West Street. Info: annapolisartsdistrict.ticketleap.com.

DEC 8: Night in Bethlehem fundraiser at Kurtz's Beach from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Local churches have recreated the streets of Bethlehem in the times of Jesus' birth. Info: 410-336-9809 or dlurz516@yahoo.com.

DEC 11: The Annapolis Mall is hosting Pet Day from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Santa will be available for photos with pets, and the APSCA will also have a table. Info: www. westfield.com/annapolis/holiday.

DEC 11: Maryland Yacht Club holiday party 5:00pm-8:00pm at Fishpaws Marketplace. Info: 410-255-4444.

DEC 13: Carol & Cookies with Santa at the Severna Park Community Center 5:00pm-8:00pm. Info: 410-647-5843.

DEC 13: Chesaepake Arts Center – Santa Sleigh MakerSpace Workshop at 6:00pm. Info: www.chesapeakearts.org.

DEC 13: The Broadway Tenors and Annapolis Symphony Orchestra present "The Holiday Pops" featuring holiday music for all generations. The show begins at 8:00pm. Info: www.marylandhall.org.

DEC 13-14: The Chesapeake Christmas Center presents "An Unexpected Christmas." The show is at 7:00pm on December 13 and 2:00pm and 7:00pm on December 14. Info: 410-903-2420.

DEC 13-15: Talent Machine Compa-» Continued on page 40



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ny presents "Ring In The Holiday 2019" at St. John's College Key Auditorium in Annapolis. Tickets are \$15. Info: www. talentmachine.com.

DEC 14: Santa Cow will be a Chickfil-A in Severna Park from 8:00am-10:00am. Info: 410-647-6232.

DEC 14: Breakfast With Santa at the Pasadena United Methodist Church. Breakfast begins at 8:00am and Santa will be there from 9:30am-10:30am. Info: 410-647-3090.

DEC 14: From 9:00am-1:00pm, the holiday shopping event at St. Jane Frances School will feature over 30 local vendors, music and food. Info: *carrieoconnor01@gmail.com*.

DEC 14: The 2019 Christmas Market, hosted by the Severna Park Farmer's Market, will take place from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Park and Ride by Ritchie Highway and Jones Station Road. Info: *aar9192@yahoo.com*.

DEC 14: Messiah Singalong at 3:00pm in the Woods Church sanctuary. Info: 410-647-2550.

DEC 14: Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church in Pasadena holds inaugural Winter Festival from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Tree lighting ceremony, music, food and crafts for sale, Santa visit and more. Info: 410-255-8887.

DEC 14: Chesaepake Arts Center winter dance concert and tree lighting at 6:00pm. Info: www.chesapeakearts.org.

DEC 14-15: The Ballet Theatre of Maryland presents "The Nutcracker" at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. Info: *marylandhall.org*.

DEC 14-15: Pasadena United Methodist Church will have a live nativity at 6:00pm, 6:30pm and 7:00pm on both days. Info: 410-647-3090.

DEC 14-16: The Chesapeake Ballet Company presents "The Nutcracker" at the Children's Theatre of Annapolis. Info: www.chesapeakeballet-company.com.

DEC 16: CeeLo Green Holiday Hits Tour comes to Rams Head On Stage at 8:00pm. Info: www.marylandhall.org.

DEC 16-17: The Annapolis Musicians Fund presents "An Annapolis Christmas" at Rams Head On Stage at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$42. Info: www.ramsheadonstage.com.

DEC 19-22: Talent Machine Company presents "Ring In The Holiday 2019" at St. John's College Key Auditorium in Annapolis. Tickets are \$15. Info: www. talentmachine.com.

DEC 20-22: The Chesapeake Ballet Company presents "The Nutcracker" at the Children's Theatre of Annapolis. Info: www.chesapeakeballetcompany.com.

DEC 21: Santa Cow will be a Chick-fil-A in Severna Park from 8:00am-10:00am. Info: 410-647-6232.

DEC 21: Encore ROCKS Annapolis and the Anne Arundel Community College Encore Chorale will perform a free holiday concert at Maryland Hall. 3:00pm. Info: www.marylandhall.org.

DEC 21: Shalanda & The Sounds of Kindred Spirits are at Chesapeake Arts Center, 5:00pm. Info: www.chesapeakearts.org.

DEC 22-28: Enjoy the Festival of Lights. Happy Hanukkah!

DEC 25: Merry Christmas!

DEC 26-JAN 1: Happy Kwanzaa!

DEC 27: Military Bowl 2019 from noon-3:00pm at Navy–Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

DEC 31: Severna Park Lanes New Year's Eve Gala from 9:30pm-2:30am. Info: www.gobowlingsevernapark.com.

DEC 31: Twain's Tavern is ringing in 2020 with live music from KleptoRadio. 3:00pm-2:00am. Info: www.twainstavern.com.

DEC 31: Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia has dinner, a show, a midnight champagne toast, a cabaret and two buffets after the show. Info: www.tobysdinnertheatre.com.

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Fishpaws Marketplace Tastings And Events

Nov 22: DuClaw Tap Takeover, Elite Stoli, and Line 39 wines from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

Nov 23: Pardon Napoleon, the Tom Turkey, while sampling Beaujolais Nouveau 2019 release from noon-4:00pm.

Nov 27: Oyster Bay wines from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

NOV 29: Goose Island Bourbon County release, starting at 4:00pm, while supplies last.

Nov 30: All-store bottle etching noon-6:00pm and Stella Chalice etching Jenny, a calligrapher, engraver and lover of all things lettered. Jenny will engrave any wine or spirit.

DEC 3: Chateau Ste. Michelle wine dinner.

DEC 5: Diageo portfolio tasting and bottle etching featuring Crown Royal, Bulleit and Baileys plus Bold Rock Cider tasting. 4:00pm-8:00pm.

DEC 6: Troegs Tap Takeover from 4:00pm-7:00pm.



DEC 11: All-store bottle etching 3:00pm-8:00pm and Stella Chalice etching - Jenny, a calligrapher, engraver and lover of all things lettered. Jenny will engrave any wine or spirit.

DEC 12: Sierra Nevada from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

DEC 13: Old Forester barrel pick from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

DEC 19: Jack Daniels single barrel and Gentleman Jack from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Bottle-etching Van will also be available to etch bottles.





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Partners In Care's Elves For Elders Brings Christmas To The Senior Population



The Elves For Elders stocking drive is a good reminder of how giving people can be.

Typically when we think of the magic of Christmas, we picture the joyous faces of children, but what about those on the opposite end of the spectrum? For some seniors, the holidays can be lonely.

To brighten the holidays for seniors, Partners In Care hosts a holiday stocking drive. The event blends perfectly with PIC's mission: to support the independence of older adults.

This year's stocking drive will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Frisco Tap House, located at 2406 Brandermill Boulevard in Gambrills. You can help by stuffing stockings or making a monetary donation. The event will also feature a 50-50 raffle, gifts for participants, and a visit from Santa Claus.

For more information about Elves For Elders, contact *thestorm123@verizon.net*.

Partners In Care Collects Christmas Donations



In addition to the clothing, housewares, jewelry and decor that the boutique normally carries, shoppers will find holiday items throughout the store.

The Partners In Care Upscale Resale Boutique is decked out for the holidays. Each year, customers donate thousands of Christmas items; last year alone, holiday donations generated almost \$20,000 for Partners In Care. In addition to the clothing, housewares, jewelry and decor that the boutique normally carries, shoppers will find holiday items throughout the store.

"We accumulate over 250 bins of holiday items during the year," said Tracey Dill, who added that several storage bins are kept offsite. "After Halloween, we fill the store with Christmas [items] for the next two months and still struggle to get it all out."

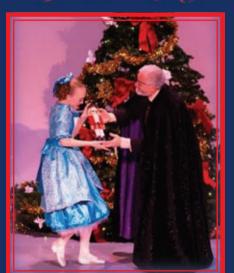
There is plenty to sort and price, but the 85 Partners In Care volunteers are up to the task. The work puts everyone in the holiday spirit.

"We not only keep Christmas items in storage, we also store Easter, Halloween and other holidays," Dill said. "In addition, we alternate out-of-season clothing items that are just too good to pass on."

New holiday items are added daily, but they sell fast. Visit the boutique at 8151C Ritchie Highway in Pasadena to find new holiday home decor and gifts.

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