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# Shop Local This Season To Support Your Community

By Zach Sparks

Flip through the pages of this holiday guide and you will spot a few examples of local businesses giving back to the community, whether it's the toy drive at Arundel Federal Savings Bank or Lights on the Bay, the Annapolis display that is made possible by sponsors.

These businesses make it part of their mission to support the Greater Severna Park community by hiring local workers, donating to Boy Scouts and sports teams, and by making the area a better place to live. While these places have never stopped supporting Severna Park, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it's especially important to support them.

According to a report by Yelp, 163,735 U.S. businesses closed between March 1 and August 31, and those are just the ones listed on the Yelp website. Small businesses need our help to survive.

"Before you make



**Franklin's Toys**

that purchase through the online marketplaces, please check out our local businesses," said Liz League, president of the Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce. "You can most likely find

anything you are looking for while supporting our local economy. If a business doesn't have it, they will surely be able to get it for you."

Local businesses have adapted to serve customers safely and efficiently during the pandemic. Franklin's Toys, for example, is offering curbside pickup and allowing customers to shop by phone and FaceTime.

"Now more than ever, it's appreciated if people shop local, not just here but everywhere," said Franklin's Toys co-owner Stephen Kaufmann. "Some businesses might not survive this. We're doing OK but not where we should be."

When the pandemic hit, Fishpaws Marketplace started offering delivery throughout Anne Arundel County on purchases of \$75 or more. Garry's Grill started delivery and created an outdoor seating area.

Cafe Mezzanotte began offering curbside pickup and

# Shop Local

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# Gift Ideas From Around The Park

By Zach Sparks

Nothing beats seeing the joyful expression on someone's face when he or she unwraps the perfect gift. How do you decide what gift perfectly captures what you are looking for? Businesses around Severna Park and Arnold have all the bases covered, from jewelry and candles to bikes and home appliances. Here are some ideas they recommend.

## CLOTHING

Alpaca International has garments and accessories made with Alpaca wool. For women, Alpaca International has sweaters, shawls, capes, hats and gloves that are designed to be elegant and feminine. Shopping for a man? The Annapolis-based shop has sweaters, sports blazers and jackets.

Houck's Menswear is catered to shoppers seeking business casual attire. Located in the Cape St. Claire shopping center, Houck's Menswear is stocked with suits, jackets, pants, shirts, hats, gloves and an array of other apparel.

Shoe Specialist not only repairs shoes but also deals in shoe dye, shoelaces, heel tips, shoe stretches, inserts for comfort, and orthopedic shoes.

Looking for tops, dresses, or T-shirts? Try The Cottage.

## JEWELRY

Zachary's Jewelers is all about helping shoppers find jewelry that fits their lifestyles and their budgets. Although the Severna Park store is temporarily closed, shoppers can still visit the Annapolis location



for rings, bracelets, watches and more.

A popular business on this list because of its range of products, The Cottage carries necklaces, bracelets, earrings and rings, showcasing brands including Brighton, John Medeiros, Kendra Scott and Puravida.



## ART

Help your loved one decorate their home or brighten up their space with art. McBride Gallery's recent arrivals have included paintings of cherry blossoms, snow-covered trees and scenic Annapolis. Gallery 564 features paintings, photography and fine art objects, including multimedia works and fused glass.

Side Street Framers also enjoys highlighting local artists by selling fine art prints, photography, glass art and more.

## HOME APPLIANCES



With the push of a button, anyone can make cocktails at home in less than one minute with the Drinkworks Home Bar by Keurig, on sale at Fishpaws Marketplace. Drinks are made using a pod-specified mix of chilled water and carbonation. Options include margarita, Moscow mule, mojito, old-fashioned, long island iced tea, mai tai, cosmopolitan, red sangria and more.

## SPORTS & OUTDOORS



Anne Arundel County residents have been taking advantage of parks and trails more than ever, and you can join in the fun. Bulldog Schwinn & Sports has adult bikes (Schwinn Cruisers, Specialized Rockhoppers, GT Palomars) and kids bikes with 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheels. Want to get out on the water when the weather warms up? Bulldog Schwinn & Sports also carries kayaks and standup paddleboards.

Located near the center of Severna Park, Pedal Pushers carries road and mountain bikes for adults, and kids bikes and accessories.

Is there a soccer player in your family? Soccer Post sells balls, cleats and team uniforms.



## TOYS & GAMING

Jigsaw puzzles have been harder to find since the pandemic started, according to Franklin's Toys, but the store has a good supply of puzzles. The store is also well stocked with arts and crafts, homeschool supplies and workbooks, and Lego products.



## MUSIC

For some people, the holidays don't feel right until they hear their favorite jolly tunes. Located in Arnold, My Vintage Vinyl carries vintage records from all genres, and the store is prepared to meet the holiday demand. Holiday albums include "Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms, "The Disney Family Christmas Album" from 1981, and "The Christmas Spirit" by Johnny Cash.



## FOOD & TREATS

Want to present your loved ones with a delicious treat? Lisa's Cakepops can make sweets that resemble snowmen, Christmas trees, ornaments and just about any other festive figure.



Edible Arrangements was founded for moments like this, celebrating life's moments. Gift options include fresh fruit arrangements, fruit bouquets, and fruit baskets and platters filled with treats like chocolate-covered strawberries, dipped fruit, and cookies.

## STOCKING STUFFERS

Soaking Treasures has a holiday candle packed with the scent of a freshly baked sugar cookie with vanilla extract and buttercream icing. The shop also has bath bombs, soaps and wax melts.

Do you know someone who loves the sauces at Chick-fil-A? Now they can use those sauces at home. The restaurant's holiday sauce pack comes in barbeque, Polynesian and Chick-fil-A flavors.

Gift cards make great stocking stuffers. Consider a gift card to an area restaurant such as Garry's Grill, Park Tavern, Chick-fil-A or Bella Napoli, or to a dessert business like Kirsten's Cakery. Want to give the gift of something fun? Pic-N-Paint Pottery and Image Creators Salon & Spa are among the local businesses providing experiences.

The Cottage and Park Home both carry Christmas ornaments and other holiday items. Chick-fil-A has its own ornament for \$6.99.



That's our list, shoppers. Please remember to shop local when possible and support the business owners who help make the community a vibrant place to live. ■

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# Area Restaurants Offer Catering Options To Make The Season Bright

By Sharon Mager

**'T**is the season for ... catering! Though COVID-19 may hamper some holiday plans, it doesn't have to dampen the spirit. A smaller party means more funds to amp up the food, and local restaurants have what you need to make the evenings (and days) bright.

*Note: Delivery and pickup options could be changed based upon potentially changing COVID-19 restrictions.*



## Café Mezzanotte

760 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park  
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Café Mezzanotte offers an assortment of platters to go — including appetizers and salads — think mozzarella caprese, grilled sausage, pancetta shrimp and fresh greens — and a variety of crowd-pleasing entrees. For \$55 or less, you can serve a small party of four to six people, giving them lobster penne, veal scallopini, shrimp scampi, or a choice for many premium Italian platters. A full tray of lasagna classico feeds up to 22 people for \$150.

The restaurant seasonally changes menus, and its fall/winter selections are now available, but Matthew Boyd, Mezzanotte's banquet and catering manager, said customers' favorite appetizers are always

the mozzarella caprese and the 90-mile meatballs. Asked about the 90-mile name, Boyd explained the meat, comprised of veal pork and beef, is all sourced from farms 90 miles or less from the restaurant.

Other classic favorites include chicken parmesan, and lasagna, which offers a great family value and convenience. "They go a long way," Boyd said. Asked about the top catered desserts, Boyd quickly answered, "Our favorite go-to's are the mini cannolis. They are fantastic."

In addition to the catering menu, the restaurant customizes orders as needed.

The restaurant offers curbside pickup for regular day-to-day orders and large platters with payments accepted over the phone. Café Mezzanotte continues to do full-service catering and limited delivery for special circumstances arranged in advance.

## Bella Napoli

350 Mountain Road  
in Pasadena  
**410-255-9400**

Imagine warm, Italian comfort food for your celebrations. You can't go wrong with Bella Napoli, a Pasadena favorite for 18 years. Owner Biagio Carannante said Bella Napoli offers everything on its extensive menu for catering.

"Tell us what you want, and we'll customize the catering," Carannante emphasized.

Prices are based on the group's size, but Carannante said he'll work with almost any budget. Favorites are chicken parmesan, baked ziti, meatballs, chicken alfredo and shrimp.

"Mix it up," Carannante suggested. "Call us and let us know what you like."

The restaurant offers curbside delivery and pickup when given three days of notice.

## Chick-fil-A

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Chick-fil-A has a variety of reasonably priced catering options including trays of nuggets, fruit salad, "chick-n-strips," cool wraps, sandwiches, salads and more. For desserts, choose chocolate chunk cookies.

Marketing Director Margaret Bomberger said the restaurant also offers chilled nugget trays. "They're great to put in the freezer and put them in the oven as needed," she said. "We also have individual packaged meals, which are great for offices."

As always, customers may choose curbside pickup, or, depending on the restaurant, delivery. Bomberger said the Chick-fil-A app is the most convenient way to place orders.



## Park Tavern

580 Ritchie Highway  
in Severna Park  
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Park Tavern is gearing up for Thanksgiving by helping families create their ideal feast. Both meat and vegetarian options are available. The traditional turkey dinner has white and dark meat, sausage stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans,

sweet potato casserole, turkey gravy and cranberry chutney. It comes with a choice of pies: apple, pecan or pumpkin. Other menu offerings include the glazed spiral ham dinner (with similar side dishes as the turkey dinner), soups, salads, shrimp cocktail, deviled eggs, meatballs, wings, wine, beer and more. See the full menu at [www.206rg.com/thanksgiving](http://www.206rg.com/thanksgiving). Orders are due by November 22.



**Left:** In-person and virtual private lessons are available for anyone who wants to play guitar, bass or ukulele. **Right:** Dance can improve confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

## Giving The Gift Of An Experience

By Haley Weisgerber

**W**hat do you get the person who has everything, or someone who doesn't want material items? The answer is simple: the gift of an experience. This holiday season, consider supporting these local businesses by purchasing classes or gift cards for your loved ones.

### The Axe House Annapolis

**T**he Axe House Annapolis, a new addition to Park Plaza, is the perfect experience for your thrill-seeking friends. Axe-throwing has become all the rage at renaissance festivals and fairs, but now the activity is available closer to home. The Axe House offers large and small party bookings, one-hour reservations, two-hour reservations and gift card options. With a variety of weapons and a dedication to fun, The Axe House is an experience for people ages 4 to 104. There is no minimum age requirement, but you must be older than 16 to throw without adult supervision.

To learn more, visit [www.axehouseannapolis.com](http://www.axehouseannapolis.com).

### The Blended Essentials

**T**he Blended Essentials offers material gifts in addition to classes and studio times for all ages. Schedule a studio time to make candles, wax melts,

soaps, room/linen sprays, bath bombs, salt scrubs, sugar scrubs and more. The Blended Essentials also has specialty classes and enrichment experiences for children. Book a spot in a specific class or give your loved one a gift card to cash in at any time. To learn more, visit [www.theblendedessentials.com](http://www.theblendedessentials.com).

### Creative Force Dance Center

**T**he staff at Creative Force Dance Center (CDFC) strives to inspire confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, problem-solving skills and commitment in their students in addition to building their dance skills. CDFC currently offers in-person and virtual classes in jazz, ballet, strength and stretching, hip-hop, contemporary, acrobatic and even classes for homeschool students.

CDFC offers a variety of monthly tuition options for year-long classes, including \$30 a month for a 30-minute class, \$45 a month for a 45-minute class, \$60 a month for 60 minutes, \$75 a month for 75 minutes, \$90 a month for 90 minutes and \$385 a month for unlimited classes. There are discounts available for students enrolled in more than three classes, a sibling discount and military families discount, though restrictions may apply and only one discount is available per family. To learn more, visit [www.creativeforcedance.com](http://www.creativeforcedance.com).

### EscapeTime

**D**o your loved ones enjoy riddles and puzzles? EscapeTime escape rooms may be the perfect gift. Gift certificates are available for gifting. EscapeTime has locations in Annapolis and Severna Park. In Severna Park, Area 51, A FROZEN Fairy tale and GHOST SHIP rooms are currently available. Other themes are available at the Annapolis location. To learn more, visit [www.escapetimemd.com](http://www.escapetimemd.com).

### Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu & Tai Chi

**G**ive the gift of health and wellness with kung fu and tai chi. With both adult and kids classes, the Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu & Tai Chi offers gift opportunities for all ages. For more information, visit [www.jingying.org](http://www.jingying.org).

### Tempee Warmack Guitar Lessons

**T**empee Warmack's guitar, bass and ukulele lessons are the perfect gift for any music lover. Based in Pasadena, Warmack offers in-person and virtual private lessons for people of all ages. Warmack has more than 20 years of experience as a musician and 15 years as an instructor. For more information, visit [www.tempeewarmack.com](http://www.tempeewarmack.com).

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# Where To Find The Best Holiday Decor



By Haley Weisgerber

Every year, people have the same debate: when is it appropriate to decorate for the holidays? This year, we could all use some extra holiday cheer, and one of the best ways to get into the spirit is by decorating. Whether you're almost finished decorating or waiting to start, check out these local holiday hotspots for all of your decorating needs.

## Homestead Gardens

522 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park  
743 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville

Visiting Homestead Gardens is a must this holiday season. The Severna Park and Davidsonville locations have been decked out this year. Avoid the hassle of a live tree this year with Homestead Gardens' collection of over 60 models of lifelike Christmas trees. For additional greenery in your home this year, holiday annuals such as poinsettias and festive houseplants are also available to spruce up the place. The store also has a selection of holiday decorations for outside of the garden. To learn more about Homestead Gardens' offerings or to shop online, visit [www.homesteadgardens.com](http://www.homesteadgardens.com).

## The Cottage

562 B Ritchie Highway, Severna Park

Once you've found the perfect Christmas tree, you'll need the ornaments to go with it. The Cottage in Park Plaza is the perfect store to find unique and creative ornaments. From seashells to ornaments with Santa Claus, there is no shortage in options. The Cottage also offers decor items such as hand towels, throw pillows, serving dishes as well as a variety of other trinkets to spread holiday cheer throughout your home. You can even decorate yourself with the store's collection of holiday jewelry and clothing. To shop online or learn more, visit [www.shopthecottage.com](http://www.shopthecottage.com).

## Park Home

568 E Ritchie Highway, Severna Park

Park Home offers nautical holiday decorations for the sailor, advent calendars for the family to enjoy, special occasion ornaments, a large variety of throw pillows and more. To shop online or for more information, visit [www.parkhomestyle.com](http://www.parkhomestyle.com).

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# Holiday Entertainment Brings The Season To Life

By Shelley Mahoney

Locals know that **Annapolis Shakespeare Company** can always be counted on to present top-notch entertainment any time of year — even during an especially stressful holiday season.

This year is no exception. The company will bring Christmas magic to life with its Helen Hayes Award recommended original adaptation of the Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," as well as a new musical revue, "Holiday Swing," with the Unified Jazz Ensemble.

Fans of "A Christmas Carol" will love the heartwarming story retold in a fresh way, brought to life by enthusiastic and gifted performers.

"We are very excited to be performing our fourth season of 'A Christmas Carol.' It's extremely true to Dickens' original tale, but with singing and dancing," said Sally Boyett, founding artistic director for the company. "It's very uplifting."

"Holiday Swing" also promises to rev up your yuletide spirit with swinging holiday

tunes perfect for all music lovers.

Live shows will resume on November 28 and run through December 27, but the company will also offer livestream shows this year for both "A Christmas Carol" and "Holiday Swing."

"We use a professional movie crew and three cameras for our livestream," said Boyett.

Matinee and evening performances are available. Discounts are offered for seniors, students and Flexpass holders. For more information, visit [www.annapolisshakespeare.org](http://www.annapolisshakespeare.org).

Everyone knows the holidays can be murder — especially when you choose to celebrate them with **Do or Die Mysteries!** This fun, engaging show guarantees a great time and a delicious dinner to wrap up your Christmas holiday in style.

"The Christmas show always gets a ton of laughs, and that's something we definitely need these days," said Do or Die Mysteries founder C.J. Crowe.

"Slay Ride" is an entertaining show full of hilarious holiday hijinks that answer the question, "What happens at the North Pole after Christmas?" The answer includes an "elfpreciation" party, where unrest among the elves is causing some serious trouble. Actors perform onstage and visit tables while wearing clear masks and ensuring proper social distancing standards.

The show follows dinner, which includes a salad, entrée (options include crab cake, jumbo fried shrimp, lasagna, gyro, chicken Couvlaki platter, or whiskey steak kabobs; all entrees are served with a generous side dish), and a chef's choice of dessert.

For \$60.50, guests get dinner, non-alcoholic drinks, gratuity and the opportunity to watch the show (cocktails are available for purchase).

Crowe said that in addition to adhering carefully to state and local food-handling and hygiene guidelines, the venue will practice social distancing by capping attendance at 40 patrons (the space seats 125). No more than six customers may

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share a table, although larger groups can request to sit at tables next to one another. Crowe also said that she has hired backup actors in case a cast member needs to call out; she doesn't want anyone to feel pressured to come in if they're feeling sick.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.doordiemystery.com](http://www.doordiemystery.com).

**Rams Head On Stage** in Annapolis steadily provides customers with live, high-quality entertainment in a fun atmosphere. The Christmas shows this year are sure to boost holiday spirit and shake off any "bah, humbugs!" still lingering at the beginning of December.

"A Classic Case Christmas Show" on December 5 promises to ring in the festivities with a set of familiar holiday favorites presented in an upbeat and fun style. Several talented musicians will delight audiences with their engaging performance. Tickets are \$20 and are available for customers 21 and over.

Fans of rock 'n' roll won't want to miss the "Ho Ho Hoey" Gary Hoey Christmas show on December 9. Hoey, a guitarist who has released 21 albums and has worked

with legends including Joe Perry, Roger Daltrey, Joe Satriani and KISS drummer Peter Dinklage, will perform an exciting Christmas show at Ram's Head On Stage in Annapolis. Attendees are sure to enjoy rocking out to Hoey's upbeat versions of familiar Christmas classics from his "must have" holiday album. Tickets cost \$30 per person and are available to customers over 21 years old. Doors open at 6:30pm for the 7:30pm show.

Even the Grinch couldn't resist the charm of "Home for the Holidays," an "uplifting and joyous celebration of the holiday season" at **Toby's Dinner Theatre** in Columbia, Maryland. Beloved, longtime Toby's performers will enchant audiences with humorous, heartwarming dialogue and stunning musical numbers. The theater itself will be decked-out for the holidays with beautiful decorations that complement the special effects often used in Toby's shows.

The traditional buffet served at this venue will be replaced by a plated dinner to adhere to social distancing and hygiene protocols. Guests may choose between

chicken pecorino, prime rib of beef au jus, roast salmon with honey citrus glaze, or ginger vegetable stir fry. Each entrée comes with a delicious side, and diners may choose cheesecake or chocolate cake for dessert. There are several kid-friendly options on the menu as well, and diners who prefer vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free or non-dairy options will have plenty to choose from.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, Toby's will take customers' temperatures upon arrival. They will also carefully monitor employee and cast member health, practice social distancing throughout the venue, and require face masks unless customers are eating or drinking.

"Ventilation/air handlers throughout the entire facility have been cleaned and outfitted with new ultraviolet germicidal lighting to help target any airborne viruses," according to the Toby's management team. "We have truly missed our Toby's family and friends. Although we have had to make these temporary changes, you will still experience the same exceptional dinner and performance."

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at 410-730-8311. ■

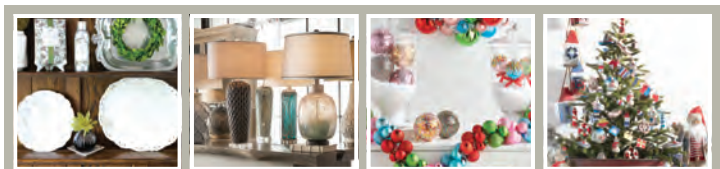


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# In The Spirit Of Giving

By Laurie Edwards

It's that time of year when the shorter days and cooler temperatures remind us that the holidays are right around the corner. It's also the time of year when local charities are ramping up holiday giving operations to provide for families in need. As in so many 2020 events, the COVID-19 pandemic is interrupting standard operating procedure.

Making someone's holiday a little brighter with a gift of food, a desired toy or much-needed clothing is a holiday highlight. It takes many volunteers, individuals and businesses working together to create those special moments. Are charities finding success under social distancing and limited contact restrictions?

## Serving People Across Neighborhoods



In a typical holiday season, **Serving People Across Neighborhoods**

(SPAN) creates gift baskets of food and requested gift items for its clients. This year, to limit interactions and make the process safer for volunteers, donors and clients, SPAN shifted to supplying gift cards to clients. Earlier this fall, SPAN verified each client's need by phone. Donors dropped off gift cards, to stores such as Target and Walmart, on November 1. Clients will be able to pick up gift cards by appointment, via drive-thru beginning mid November.

Jennifer Pumphrey, SPAN's director of operations, thought the revised format would allow SPAN to assist a larger percentage of clients. Pleased with the community response, Pumphrey stated, "We are seeing an overwhelming desire to help," and noted two outstanding donors, Severna Park United Methodist Church and Baldwin United Memorial Presbyterian. Visit [www.spanhelps.org](http://www.spanhelps.org) to support SPAN. Additional funds are needed to help clients keep utilities on and fight court-ordered eviction.

## Giving Back, Linda's Legacy



Jeannette Sudano of **Giving Back, Linda's Legacy** describes the impact of COVID-19 in her organization's operations as "very difficult," adding that "the need is greater than ever. We need to be creative." GBLL brings Christmas Eve meals, new backpacks filled with warm clothing, toiletry bags, and other needed items into area shelters. This year, volunteers will not be able to enter the shelters and greet the residents. Access to space where as many as 200 GBLL volunteers per day sort, assemble and load supplies is also an issue. Sudano is currently looking for a commercial location large enough for the volunteers to work and social distance.

"This year may resemble operations 30 years ago when one family delivered five boxes in their own car to a shelter," Sudano said. "It's not the same as a truck-size delivery of enough supplies to support the shelter through the winter months, but we will do what we can."

Individuals and families willing to help GBLL should check the website [www.homelessdrive.org](http://www.homelessdrive.org) for future dates and times to donate items like coats, hats, gloves, blankets, toys, travel-size toiletries, and new underwear. GBLL's website also welcomes monetary donations to fund the purchase of these supplies.

In the COVID-19 days, when people are missing their connections with others, holiday giving becomes even more important and fulfilling. In addition to SPAN and GBLL, check out these other great opportunities.

## Arundel Federal Savings Bank



**Arundel Federal Savings Bank** has sought to make communities better and stronger for more than 100 years. With another successful food drive completed, Arundel Federal is now focused on its 17th annual toy drive that continues through mid December. To donate a toy, find a collection bin at one of Arundel Federal Savings Bank's locations, including the bank at 50 West McKinsey Road in Severna Park.

## Salvation Army



The **Salvation Army** Angel Tree program provides new clothing and toys to more than 1 million children and families in need each year. Simply pick a tag off the Angel Tree located inside a Walmart store or follow the instructions at [www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/walmart-angel-tree](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/walmart-angel-tree) to shop online using Walmart's Registry for Good. Once the gifts are received, The Salvation Army will distribute them to families in need for Christmas morning.

## Toys for Tots



The Marine Corps **Toys for Tots** program in Anne Arundel County brought 32,797 toys to 13,808 children in 2019. Bins will be set up all around town. The organization has not yet listed its 2020 drop-off spots, so stay updated by visiting Toys for Tots online.

## A Call For Coats

Admiral Cleaners has collected, cleaned and distributed more than 100,000 coats over the last 25 years as part of its **Call for Coats** drive. If you have a gently worn winter coat to donate, visit one of Admiral Cleaners' four locations (the closest is at 40 West McKinsey Road), or find the drop-off bin at Severn Bank, located at 598 Benfield Road. ■



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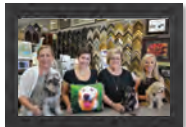


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Please note that all services are subject to change because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check online or call your house of worship closer to the date to confirm if there have been any changes. ■

**Anchor Baptist Church**  
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Christmas Program:  
December 13 at 10:15am  
Christmas Eve: 7:00pm  
Info: 410-647-9614

**Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
235 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold

Christmas Eve: Family candlelight services at 6:30pm through 7:45pm  
Info: 410-626-8122

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
461 College Parkway,  
Arnold

Christmas Eve: 3:00pm outdoor service, 8:00pm online service  
Info: 410-544-3799

**Severna Park Baptist Church and Bay Life Church**  
506 Benfield Road,  
Severna Park

December 23: 7:00pm  
Christmas Eve: 5:30pm and 7:30pm  
Info: Registration, social distancing and masks will be required. To learn more, visit [www.spbcmd.com](http://www.spbcmd.com) or [www.bay-lifechurchmd.com](http://www.bay-lifechurchmd.com).

**Severna Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
110 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena

Christmas Eve: In-person and livestream candlelight services at 5:00pm and 8:00pm  
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**St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church**  
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Christmas Eve: 4:00pm family service with Christmas pageant, livestreamed on Facebook 5:30pm Holy Eucharist with music, 10:00pm service of Holy Eucharist with music  
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**Trinity Bible Church**  
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Christmas Eve: Candlelight service at 7:00pm  
Info: 410-647-4561

**Woods Presbyterian Church**  
611 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Severna Park

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## Lights On The Bay Brings Bright Displays To Annapolis

**S**PCA of Anne Arundel County has some cheerful news: Lights on the Bay is back for its 26th year from November 20, 2020 to January 2, 2021 at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. The event features a two-mile scenic drive along the Chesapeake Bay with approximately 70 animated and stationary displays illuminating the roadway.

This year's displays range from holiday influenced designs to lights inspired by historic Annapolis. Visitors are awed by the animated lights, including one of the United States Naval Academy midshipmen tossing hats into the air.

Lights on the Bay has

something for everyone in the family. Children can participate in a nightly scavenger hunt, challenging them to find items within the show, answer display-related questions and enter a drawing to win prizes. As always, Santa will make an appearance on Thanksgiving.

Sandy Point State Park is located off Route 50, at exit 32, near the Bay Bridge. The show is open to drivers each night, including holidays, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Admission is \$20 per car. Large passenger vans, mini buses and trolleys are \$30. Buses are \$50. Discount coupons are available through local publications and at many retail locations. ■



## Must-See Christmas Lights In The Area



**A**re you ready to tour Severna Park and nearby areas in search of the most festive lights displays? We can make your search a bit easier this holiday season. While homeowners have yet to adorn their homes with bulbs, garland and inflatable reindeer, these are some of the homes that usually put on a show.

### White Oak Road in Severna Park

One home on this street is particularly festive. Santa and his reindeer are perched on the roof, while below, the Grinch and the Abominable Snowman lurk among the trees and candy canes.

### 703 Pasadena Road in Pasadena

Located near the Eastern District Police Station and Pasadena Elementary, the home of Jerry Sterling Sr. engages spectators year after year with its array of creations: snowmen, a dancing Santa and a nativity scene. Sterling's house has a semicircle driveway for easy access and is usually decorated from Thanksgiving to early January.

### 528 Delmar Avenue in Glen Burnie

This house is usually covered top to bottom, left to right, with red and blue lights. An inflatable snowman and brightly lit reindeer greet visitors near the entrance, which is flanked by a giant illuminated American flag. ■

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clock, throughout the weekend. Attendees can also participate in timed, fun, interactive activities and entertainment for all ages each day, and there will be special surprises for families to enjoy from the comfort of their own homes.

Additionally, this year, talented tree designers will create their masterpieces at preregistered times, with expanded, socially-distanced space to decorate at the Cow Palace within the Timonium Fairgrounds. Their final masterpieces will then be featured on the special event


website for the public to view and purchase. All health and safety protocols will be followed to make this a safe and fun experience for all, whether decorating a tree or enjoying the online entertainment, auction or gift marketplace.

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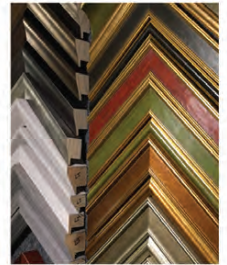
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# Creative Ideas For Making Your Own Holiday Cards

By Megan Ruge

The season of giving is upon us and everyone will send out their holiday cards soon. Families are preparing to mail their traditional cards or family photographs they edited on Shutterfly. But this is your year to stand out from the pack. Do-it-yourself (DIY) holiday cards are the way to go, so check out these options and enjoy card-making fun for the whole family.

## The Fingerprint Card

These cards are a great choice for families with young children. Create a basic card and draw a basic shape on the front that will be decorated by your children's fingerprints. This shape can be a tree, a wreath, a menorah or really anything.

Once you've chosen a shape, allow your children to decorate it with their fingerprints, either using ink or paint. For example, if your shape is a menorah, allow your children to create flames on the menorah using their fingerprints. If your shape is a Christmas tree, provide children with multiple colors, and let them trim the tree with their prints. Children will have fun, and you will have unique holiday cards to share with friends and family.



**Pop-Up Christmas Tree Cards**

These cards are a fun craft the whole family can participate in. Start with your basic card. You can use any paper for this, but cardstock works the best. Cut the cardstock to the desired size and fold it in half to create your standard card. Using a second piece of paper, cut out and create a second standard card about a half-inch smaller than the original on each side. Using the center fold of the smaller card as the center of the tree, draw a triangle about a centimeter from

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# Midnight Madness In Annapolis

**D**owntown Annapolis and the holidays have a deep and nearly timeless relationship. It is where families have traditionally congregated to celebrate, eat and shop. This year will be no different as the Downtown Annapolis Partnership hosts Annapolis' favorite shopping nights for locals, Midnight Madness. This year, Midnight Madness will be held on December 3 and December 10 until midnight and on December 17 until 11:00pm.

Downtown Annapolis — including West Street, Maryland Avenue, Main Street and the City Dock area — will be filled with traditional holiday decorations including beautiful storefront windows, garland, wreaths, holiday lights, a snowflake alley, light canopies, a large Christmas tree and a menorah.

"You will love strolling outdoors, shopping and dining in the historic district of Annapolis this holiday season," said Erik Evans, the executive director of the Downtown Annapolis Partnership.

Annapolis has been named as one of the best Christmas towns to visit for the holidays by Country Living and one of the most festive Christmas cities in the USA by 24/7 Wall Street. This is in strong part due to events like the Light Parade and Midnight Madness.

Critical to the success of this year's holiday events is keeping everyone safe. So, in addition to the standard COVID-19 safety protocols of requiring a mask while shopping, limiting the number of people in a store, encouraging frequent hand-washing and telling people if they are sick to stay home, other safety protocols will be added to the list. Both Main Street and Maryland Avenue will be closed to cars during Midnight Madness nights to allow

more space for pedestrians to socially distance. This space will also be used for tents for outdoor dining, some outdoor retail space, as a place to queue customers waiting to get inside a store, and to move some small-scale entertainment away from the sidewalks.

The event shopping hours will also start two hours earlier this year at 4:00pm. This provides another opportunity for people to spread out arrival times and reduce crowding. By shopping during either the first two hours or the final two hours of Midnight Madness, shoppers can avoid the typical primetime hours. The city has extended the hours restaurants can operate outdoors and in heated tents to give

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# 10 Reasons To Shop Local

## 10. Support Entrepreneurship

Creativity and entrepreneurship are what fuel America's economic innovation and prosperity. The success of locally owned independent businesses provides real-life examples to young people, proving they can stay in their hometown and prosper through hard work and ingenuity.

## 9. Maintain Local Decision Making

Local ownership means important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and feel the impact of those decisions.

## 8. Enjoy Selections Geared To Local Tastes And Needs

Local businesses have a wider array of uniquely focused products because they buy and sell based on what they know local customers want and need, creating more relevant choices.

## 7. Investment In Your Community

Local business owners are people who live here, work here and invest in the community with their time and energy, as well as their dollars.

## 6. Keep Our Community Unique

Where we shop, eat and go for entertainment helps make our community home. Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of our community.

## 5. Support Community Well-Being

Locally owned businesses build strong neighborhoods by sustaining communities, linking neighbors and contributing to many local causes.

## 4. Get Better Service

In a local business, you know the people behind the counter, and they know you. They have a deep understanding of the products they're selling and they take time to serve their customers.

## 3. Create Jobs In Our Community

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!

# Shop Local This Season

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delivery through Grubhub. Owner Kosmas "Tommie" Koukoulis also opened a seafood market, which expanded into an organic market to support the local farmers who provide Cafe Mezzanotte with its meats and produce.

"I have learned that nothing can stop us," Koukoulis told the *Voice* in July. "I have learned that there are people within and around Mezzanotte who care about this place as much as I do."

There are countless examples of local businesses stepping up to help consumers.

By shopping local, customers are not only supporting their favorite businesses but also helping themselves, as Ben Birge, president and CEO of the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, explained in the October edition of the *Severna Park Voice*.

"In Anne Arundel County, the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows there are more than 3,300 restaurants, retail shops and personal service businesses," Birge wrote. "These stores, cafes and beauty salons employ upward of 59,000 workers. So when you buy local, the money stays in our county."

According to U.S. Census data, Severna Park has more than 27,000 residents ages 18 and older. If each resident spent \$40 at local businesses this holiday season, the local economy would be infused with more than \$1 million.



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That's not to suggest that people should buy items they don't want or need, but it is a good reminder to turn to these small businesses first when looking for a product or service.

As League noted, there are no shortage of places that offer good gift options.

"Don't forget that great gifts include certificates for hair, nail and beauty treatments, massages, dining and entertainment like EscapeTime, Severna Park Lanes and The Axe House Annapolis," League said. "Some businesses are selling kits to make personalized products, like The Blended Essentials, Annapolis Home Brew and Lisa's Cakepops. How about a car tune-up gift certificate from Severna Park Automotive, Challenger Auto or Coale's Automotive? Step out of the box and have fun shopping local. Your gifts will always be appreciated in more ways than one!" ■

## Holiday Greens Sale

The Hollyberry Garden Club will hold its annual holiday greens sale on Saturday, December 12, from 8:00am to noon at the Severna Park Farmers Market (located at the intersection of Ritchie Highway and Jones Station Road).

Come for fresh evergreen centerpieces, wreaths, swags and more, all handmade by club members. Proceeds go to local beautification projects such as the grounds at Severna Park Library and Hatton Register. ■



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## Restaurants Offer Catering

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### Two Rivers Steak & Fish House

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Located in Lake Shore Plaza, Two Rivers also has an extensive catering menu. Favorites include prime rib, baked ziti and chicken dishes.

"We put everything together from soup to nuts," said General Manager Keith Thomas. "We will

work with clients to put together any menu to meet their needs and price points."

The broad menu offers breakfast, lunch, brunch and dinner, and hors d'oeuvres.

For the holidays, Two Rivers will offer special pies, cookies and other baked goods. "We'll have a selection of five different Christmas pies. They're very popular, so you should get your orders in early," Thomas said. Christmas pie choices will be posted on the website the day after Thanksgiving.

### Severna Park Taphouse

58 West Earleigh Heights  
Road in Severna Park

**410-793-5759**

A favorite neighborhood kickback spot, Severna Park Taphouse is offering to-go platters rather than a specific catering option.

Popular picks include wings,

veggies and cheese, dips (queso, chicken buffalo or crab), shrimp cocktail, oysters on a half shell, crab balls, club sandwiches, prime rib sandwiches, pulled pork, teriyaki veggies, quinoa shrimp, salads and dessert trays. Pick and choose your favorites. Each tray serves 20.

For a contactless transaction, pay by phone, and masked wait staff will bring your order to your car.

### Garry's Grill

553 Baltimore  
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Does your family like to celebrate early? Order the "king's breakfast" and savor scrambled eggs, applewood smoked bacon, sausage, French toast, a variety of pastries, coffee and orange juice. Additional breakfast options are available.

Want finger foods or appetizers to satisfy and tantalize your guests before the main

course? Choose meatballs, mini crab cakes, wings or stuffed mushrooms. Garry's has a cocktail package with fruits and cheeses, crab fondue, chicken bits, bacon-wrapped shrimp, antipasto, your choice of meatballs, and more.

Garry's Grill has an extensive catering menu for every option with hot entrees, sandwiches, pasta and much more. Plus, keep an eye out for holiday platters and individually wrapped meals.

Pick up your order, have the food delivered, or choose full service. ■

# Holiday Events Calendar

## ONGOING

**Through Nov 21:** Ann Arundell County Historical Society is hosting the Shoppe at Jones Station every Saturday at Jones Station on the B&A Trail. Info: [www.aachs.org](http://www.aachs.org).

**Through Nov 30:** A Call for Coats drive with Admiral Cleaners and Severn Bank. Info: 410-267-8381.

**Nov 20-Jan 2:** Lights on the Bay 2020 at Sandy Point to benefit the SPCA of Anne Arundel County from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Info: [www.lightsonthebay.org](http://www.lightsonthebay.org).

**Nov 20-Jan 3:** The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is hosting Zoo Lights. Walk or drive through to witness a festival of lights shaped like wildlife from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Info: [www.marylandzoo.org](http://www.marylandzoo.org).

**Nov 21-Dec 24:** Meet Santa at the Annapolis Town Center or virtually. Info: [www.visitatc.com](http://www.visitatc.com).

**Through Dec 11:** Toy drive at Arundel Federal Savings Bank locations. Info: [www.arundelfederal.com](http://www.arundelfederal.com).

## NOVEMBER

**Nov 21:** Pardon Napoleon the Turkey from noon-4:00pm at Fishpaws Marketplace. Info: 410-647-7363.

**Nov 21:** Holiday Vinyls and Vino featuring the 12th annual tree lighting at the Annapolis Town Center. Tickets are required. Info: [www.visitatc.com](http://www.visitatc.com).

**Nov 22-29:** The Y Turkey Trot has gone virtual this year. Info: [www.ymdturkeytrot.org](http://www.ymdturkeytrot.org).

**Nov 27-29:** This year's Festival of Trees event to benefit the Kennedy Krieger Institute will be held virtually. Info: [www.festivoftrees.kennedykrieger.org](http://www.festivoftrees.kennedykrieger.org).

**Nov 28:** Paint with Santa Zoom event hosted by Pic-N-Paint Pottery in Pasadena from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Info: [www.picnpaintpottery.com](http://www.picnpaintpottery.com).

**Nov 28:** PYY Lighted Boat Parade in Pasadena at 5:00pm. Info: 410-255-1771.

**Nov 28:** Small Business Saturday. Shop Local.

## DECEMBER

**Dec 1:** Pet photos with Santa at the Annapolis Town Center from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Info: [www.visitatc.com](http://www.visitatc.com).

**Dec 3:** Midnight Madness in downtown Annapolis until midnight. Info: [www.downtownannapolispartnership.org](http://www.downtownannapolispartnership.org).

**Dec 5-6:** The Friends of Kinder Farm Park is hosting the Jingle Bell Food Drive from noon to 3:00pm to benefit SPAN. Info: [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org).

**Dec 8:** Pet photos with Santa at the Annapolis Town Center from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Info: [www.visitatc.com](http://www.visitatc.com).

**Dec 10:** Happy Hanukkah!

**Dec 10:** Midnight Madness in downtown Annapolis until midnight. Info: [www.downtownannapolispartnership.org](http://www.downtownannapolispartnership.org).

**Dec 11:** Trick or Tree at the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Info: 410-647-3900.

**Dec 12:** The Severna Park Farmers Market's Christmas Market will be open from 8:00am to noon. Info: [www.facebook.com/severnaparkfarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/severnaparkfarmersmarket).

**Dec 12:** Hollyberry Garden Club holiday greens sale from 8:00am to noon at the Severna Park Farmers Market.

**Dec 12-13:** "The Nutcracker" presented by the Ballet Theatre of Maryland will run on December 12 at 2:00pm and 6:30pm and on December 13 at 2:00pm. Check [www.balletmaryland.org](http://www.balletmaryland.org) for venue and ticket information.

**Dec 15:** Pet photos with Santa at the Annapolis Town Center from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Info: [www.visitatc.com](http://www.visitatc.com).

**Dec 17:** Midnight Madness in downtown Annapolis until 11:00pm. Info: [www.downtownannapolispartnership.org](http://www.downtownannapolispartnership.org).

**Dec 19-20:** "The Nutcracker" presented by the Ballet Theatre of Maryland will run on December 19 at 2:00pm and 6:30pm and on December 20 at 2:00pm. Check [www.balletmaryland.org](http://www.balletmaryland.org) for venue and ticket information.

**Dec 25:** Merry Christmas!

**Dec 26:** Happy Kwanzaa!

## The Gift Of An Experience

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### Pic-N-Paint Pottery

A studio located in Pasadena, Pic-N-Paint Pottery allows art lovers to choose a ceramic piece, sketch a design, select an underglaze and paint the piece. The finished products make great personalized gifts, but the experience

is also a treat. To learn more about gift certificates, go to [www.picnpaintpottery.com](http://www.picnpaintpottery.com).

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## Trick Or Tree

Due to limitations on gatherings, the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce is holding a Trick or Tree event at the chamber this year from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in place of the annual tree lighting. Holly Avenue will be closed to foot traffic, and visitors will form a line to see the tree, meet the Grinch and get goodie bags. The chamber will have adult goodie bags, which will contain coupons from local businesses, and candy for the kids. People will also be able to enjoy music at the event. For more information, call 410-647-3900. ■

## Creative Holiday Cards

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the top and ending about an inch from the bottom.

After drawing your triangle, divide your triangle into four horizontal sections, marking the bottom of each section with a wavy line. Using scissors, cut along each wavy line. Flip the smaller card with the tree shape inside-out so the tree is pointed toward you. Fold along the outside edges of the tree, creating a three-dimensional shape. Once completing these steps, glue down the cardstock, allowing the card to fold inward and the tree to fold outward. Once you have the fold of the card, you're ready to decorate. Add glitter, stickers or paint to bring your tree to life. You can add string or pipe cleaners to further decorate the card or act as a garland on your tree. The possibilities are endless.

### The Embroidered Card

These holiday cards come in a range of difficulties depending on the pattern you chose. To start, draw a design on the front of your card that you would like to create. Using embroidery floss, simply sew along the lines of your design to make it pop. Depending on the design, this could be a simple and quick lesson in embroidery for families, a fun learning activity among friends, or a deep dive into complicated embroidery techniques.

However you choose to make your holiday cards, they are sure to be loved by all. The holidays bring people together, and these card crafts are sure to be a fun time for everyone. ■

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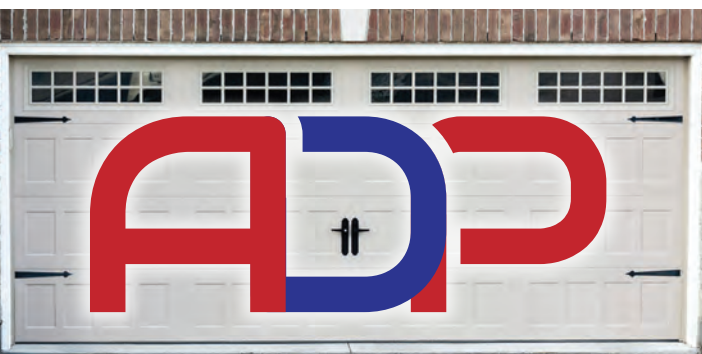
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## UPS

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**2nd Day Air:** December 22  
**Next Day Air:** December 23

## FedEx

**SmartPost:** December 9  
**Home Delivery:** December 15  
**Ground:** December 15  
**Express Saver:** December 21  
**3Day Freight:** December 21  
**2Day AM:** December 22  
**2Day Freight:** December 22  
**1Day Freight:** December 23  
**Extra Hours:** December 23  
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# Midnight Madness In Annapolis

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hungry shoppers more time to support local businesses. For those unable to enjoy these shopping events in person, the Downtown Annapolis Partnership has made it easy to shop with downtown Annapolis businesses online at [www.midnightmadnessannapolis.com](http://www.midnightmadnessannapolis.com).

In addition to the late-night shopping on Thursdays during Midnight Madness, many of the stores in downtown Annapolis will add later shopping hours (until 9:00pm) in December, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings. Look for the new "Open Late for Safe Shopping" flags that merchants can put up on evenings they are open late.

Additional outdoor holiday events scheduled include Small Business Saturday

in downtown Annapolis on November 28, Artist Sunday throughout Annapolis on November 29, the First Sunday Arts Holiday Market on West Street on December 6, and the Eastport Yacht Club Light Parade along Spa Creek on December 12.

Free garage parking for the holidays will be more plentiful than ever in downtown Annapolis with four parking garages offering long-term, free holiday parking.

Free parking garage options include:

- **Knighton Parking Garage:** Free parking 4:00pm to midnight during Midnight Madness on December 3, December 10 and December 17
- **Gotts Court Parking Garage:** Free parking Wednesday to Sunday 4:00pm to midnight now through the holidays

- **Calvert Street Parking Garage:** Free parking weekdays from 6:00pm to 6:00am and all day on Saturday and Sunday year-round
- **Hillman Parking Garage:** Free parking Thursday and Friday 4:00pm to midnight, Saturday noon to midnight, and Sunday 10:00am to midnight now through the holidays

For short-term parking, the parking meters will be free for the first two hours for everyone. A bonus free hour at the meters is available by using the code ParkDTA on the Park-mobile App.

For additional information on Midnight Madness and other downtown Annapolis holiday events, visit the Downtown Annapolis Partnership's website at [www.downtownannapolis-partnership.org](http://www.downtownannapolis-partnership.org).

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## Where To Find The Best Holiday Decor

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### HOMEMADE DECORATIONS

Are you still weary about shopping in-person or simply looking for something fun to do with the family? Check out these DIY decorations to create at home.

#### Popsicle Stick Tree Ornament

For this craft, all you need is glue, green construction paper, pipe cleaner and most importantly, four popsicle sticks. To start, you have to paint or color three of the sticks green and one brown. Glue the green sticks into a triangle, creating a tree shape. Cut a triangle the same size out of the green



paper and glue it to the back of the sticks. Next, glue the brown stick to the back of the paper so that only the bottom is showing, like the trunk of a tree. Use the pipe cleaner to create garland on the tree, but save a piece to

glue to the top to hang the ornament. To add an extra touch, draw ornaments on the construction paper.

#### Ornament Lantern

Decorating with lanterns has become all the rage, and

incorporating them into your holiday decor is even easier. All you'll need is a lantern with a door, ball-shaped ornaments and ribbon. Fill the lantern with ornaments, tie a ribbon on top and you have a trendy home-made decoration. ■

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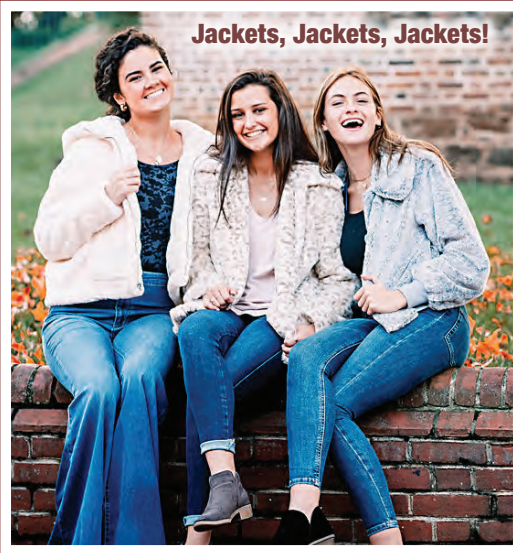
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