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Mr. and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to appear in Severna Park and beyond.

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### Santa Plans Visits Around Severna Park

#### By Alyson Kay

anta Claus is coming to town for events throughout the greater Severna Park area. Here is a list of appearances featuring photo opportunities, treats, activities and performances that are fun for the whole family. Santa will be joined by Mrs. Claus and the Grinch for some of the festivities.

#### SEVERNA PARK and MILLERSVILLE

#### St. John The Evangelist Advent Market Celebration

On November 27, Santa will arrive at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church to meet with kids from 11:00am until 4:00pm at the church's advent market celebration. Families can also browse religious books, craft vendors and gifts for purchase; enjoy food trucks, hot chocolate and coffee; make advent and Christmas crafts; and enjoy a petting zoo, pony rides and other holiday activities. Advent wreaths and wreath kits can be purchased online at www.stjohnsp.org/advent-christmas-announcements to make at home or at the event.

## **Chamber Of Commerce Tree Lighting**

Santa and the Grinch will be at 1 Holly Avenue from 5:00pm to 6:30pm on December 3 to meet with kids at the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce's annual tree lighting and open house. Families can take pictures with both Santa and the Grinch using their own cameras at the event. There will also be plenty of entertainment, including a DJ playing Christmas music and dance performances by the Creative Force Dance Center and the Severna Park Dance Studio.

Attendees can enjoy refreshments, including hot cider and cookies. Guests can also visit the model train club's display at the depot next door during the event. Masks are required in the building. For more information, contact Liz League at *info@gspacc.com*. Register at *www.web.gspacc.com/events.* 



#### Homestead Gardens Santa Paws Event

Bring your furry friends to the Homestead Gardens' Severna Park and Davidsonville locations on December 3 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for an opportunity for pet photos with Santa. The event will benefit the SPCA. Visit www.facebook.com/homestead-gardens for more information.

#### Kinder Farm Park Jingle Bell Hayride

Santa and Mrs. Claus will head to Kinder Farm Park in Millersville to meet with kids on December 4 between 10:15am and 12:15pm at the Jingle Bell Hayride. Attendees can also enjoy festive hayrides, snacks and warm drinks; roast marshmallows; and visit the decorated farmhouse. Tickets are \$10. Children under 3 gain admission for free but may be asked to ride an accompanying adult's lap. All children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult on the hayrides, which are scheduled every half hour throughout the event.

All attendees, including those riding for free, must register at www.kinder-farmpark.org/jbh.html. Registration will close on December 1 or when all hayrides are filled, whichever happens first.

#### Keller Williams Flagship Of Maryland Welcomes Santa For Photos

Keller Williams Flagship of Maryland in Millersville will host Santa from 1:00pm until 4:00pm on December 4 for a photos with Santa event. Families can register for one of 24 ticket slots for every 30 minutes of the event. The event will be in a festive area outside. Families are encouraged to bring new sets of pajamas to the event for donation. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/photos-with-santa-tick-ets-173816308257.

### Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company's Lunch With Santa

Santa will participate in Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company's 2021 lunch with Santa event on December 5 from noon until 2:00pm. Families can bring their own camera to the station or purchase a photo with Santa for \$5. Tickets are \$5, but children under 2 can attend for free. A lunch with a hot dog, chips and a drink will be provided for each child. Additional food is available for purchase to adults. Early registration is appreciated. Contact ladiesauxiliary@ehvfc.org for more information.

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#### **Breakfast And Lunch With** Santa Cow At Chick-fil-A

Santa Cow will visit the Severna Park Chick-fil-A from 8:00am until 2:00pm on December 18. A photographer will be at the event for free photos with Santa Cow. Additional information will be available closer to the event on the Severna Park Chick-fil-A Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ severnaparkcfa.

#### Santa On The B&A Trail

On December 11, Santa and his helpers will travel down the B&A Trail to meet with kids and collect nonperishable food for the Anne Arundel Food Bank. Stops and times are tentative due to COVID-19 but are expected to begin at 10:00am. To learn more, visit www. aacounty.org/news-and-events/events/ event/12/11/2021/santa-on-the-trail-4.

#### ANNAPOLIS

#### **Santa At Westfield Annapolis Mall**

Santa will arrive at the Westfield Annapolis Mall on November 12 and will be there for photo opportunities through December 24. Santa will return to the North Pole for Thanksgiving, but will be back at 10:00am on November 26. Walk-ins are allowed, but preregistration is encouraged at www.westfield. com/annapolis/event-detail/visit-santa-.

#### **Pet Nights At Westfield Annapolis Mall**

Santa will take photos with pets at the Westfield Annapolis Mall's Crate and Barrel Court on November 29, December 6. December 13 and December 20. People can bring their leashed or caged dogs or cats to the Santa set for pictures from 4:00pm until 8:00pm each day. Guests should use the entrance on top of the green garage and enter and

exit down the elevator or escalator to the Santa set. Non-service animals are not permitted outside the photo area.

#### **Children's Theatre Of Annapolis' Drive-In Movies With Santa**

Santa will make an appearance at a drive-in movie event on December 4 in the Children's Theatre of Annapolis parking lot. The parking lot opens at 4:00pm for a showing of "Klaus" at 5:00pm, and at 7:15pm, it opens for a showing of "Jingle Jangle" at 8:00pm. Tickets start at \$35 per vehicle per movie for general admission and \$50 per vehicle per movie for VIP tickets. Both tickets include photos with Santa, but VIP ticket holders get the first time slots. General admission ticket holders will receive a special DIY picture frame for each child. VIP ticket holders get goodie bags. Popcorn and treats are available for purchase. Tickets are available at cta.ticketleap. com/santa2021/dates.





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#### **Westfield Annapolis Mall's Sensory Santa Events**

From 9:30am until 10:30am on December 5 and December 12, the Westfield Annapolis Mall's Crate and Barrel Court will dim the lights and stop the background music for children with sensory disorders to visit and take photos with Santa. Guests can donate to Autism Speaks online while making an online reservation at www.westfield.com/annapolis/event-detail/visit-santa-.

#### AROUND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

#### Homestead Gardens Visits With Santa

Santa visit the Homestead Gardens Davidsonville location on November 26. Event details are available on the Homestead Gardens event page at www.homesteadgardens.com/upcoming-events on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homesteadgardens. Guests will also be able to see the train display and decorated trees.

#### Bella Napoli Restaurant's Breakfast With Santa Event

Bella Napoli Italian Restaurant will host Santa on December 5 from 9:00am until 11:00am for its 18th Breakfast with Santa. The restaurant will offer breakfast pizza, doughnuts and juice, and each child will get a candy cane from Santa. The event is free for attendees to take their own photos. Guests are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped children's toy for the Kamryn Lambert Foundation's annual holiday toy drive. For more information, contact the restaurant at 410-225-9400 or visit www.facebook.com/bellanapoliitalianrestaurant or www.instagram.com/ bella napoli pasadena md.

#### **Riviera Beach VFC Santa Runs**

Santa will ride in a sleigh pulled by a utility truck from the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company to neighborhoods across Pasadena to hand out candy canes to kids starting in the Fort Smallwood area on November 26. The Santa runs will continue in different areas until December 18 and will start each day at

6:00pm until each planned location has been visited. A make-up day is scheduled for December 19.

Riviera Beach VFC asks anyone who resides on a court to come to the end of their court to allow the fire apparatus with the sleigh to serve those neighborhoods more easily. The schedule is weather and emergency permitting. For a full list of dates and locations, visit www.facebook.com/rivierabeachvolunteers and contact the station through its Facebook page.

# **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony At Lake Shore Plaza**

Santa will come to Lake Shore Plaza in his magic sleigh on December 7 for the Pasadena Business Association's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The event will start at 5:30pm. The Christmas tree provided by St. John Properties will be lit at 6:00pm. A rain date is set for December 8. The event is free and open to the public, but guests are encouraged to donate cash or gifts to A Child's Christmas. For more information, visit www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com/christmas-tree-lighting.



# Holiday Entertainment Is Back For 2021



#### By Emily Allgair

eople can finally go back to celebrating the holiday season with friends, neighbors and family after being stuck inside during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Adding to the excitement, live theater and concerts have returned, so make sure to go out and support these events, listed by date.



Two World War II veterans with a successful song-and-dance act follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters to their Christmas show at a rural Vermont lodge in this family musical. Based on the beloved film, "White Christmas" includes 17 of Irving Berlin's most memorable songs.

"I could not be prouder of this dynamic production we have onstage for the holiday season," said director Mark Minnick. "The wardrobe is stunning, the cast is outstanding, and our live orchestra brings Irving Berlin's score to life!"



This production of "A Christmas Carol" was adapted for the stage by Savage Mill resident Chuck Dick, who died this past year. In his honor, this year's production will take place on the stage on which it first appeared.



The Colonial Players will perform "A Christmas Carol," both in-person and online. Written more than 35 years ago by then-local playwright and lyricist Rick Wade, this year's production will be directed by his daughter.



Christmas At Rams Head Rams Head On Stage December 3-23

ams Head On Carried Stage has several upcoming shows. The first is "Maddie Poppe's Acoustic Christmas" on December 3. Rams Head will then host Carbon Leaf on December 10-12, Peter Mayer on December 20, and Damien Escobar on December 22. On December 23, Rams Head will welcome a Coachella Music Awards Best Jazz Vocal Winner, Slim Man, to sing

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The season 16 winner of "American Idol," Maddie Poppe is coming to Rams Head On Stage for an acoustic Christmas show on December 3.





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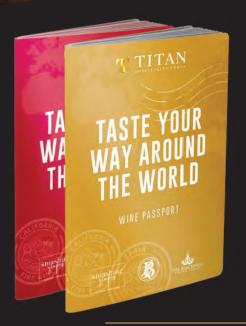
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some of his best hits as well as holiday songs. Shows are for anyone 21 or older.



ollow Clara and her Nutcracker Prince through the magical snow forest to the land of the sweets where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy. This classic winter tale, portrayed beautifully through dance, is coming to Chesapeake Ballet Company. After taping and posting last year's performance online as a means of sharing the holiday spirit despite the condition of the world, Chesapeake Ballet Company expects this year's performance to be met with high anticipation.

"We are very excited to be back in the theater live this year," said Barabara Haskell, a representative from the Chesapeake Ballet Company. "This year, our performance will be live albeit socially distanced to keep everyone safe."





Giving fans in-person, livestreamed and prerecorded viewing options, Ballet Theatre of Maryland is hoping to welcome audiences of all ages to "experience a timeless holiday tradition and

allow yourself to be magically swept away by a tale that captures the spirit of the holiday season," said Olivia Fohsz, the office manager for Ballet Theatre of Maryland.

Ballet Theatre of Maryland will welcome audiences of all ages to "experience a timeless holiday tradition" with "The Nutcracker."

Be sure to get your tickets soon, not only because these shows will sell out but also so you and your loved ones can ring in the holiday season the right way.





Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10am-8pm | Fri-Sat: 10am-9pm | Sun: 10am-6pm

# Gift Ideas From Local Businesses

By Haley Weisgerber

rom bookstores to gift shops, boutiques and more, Severna Park has no shortage of incredible local businesses. When it comes to getting your holiday shopping done, there is no need to travel far. Here are just a few gift ideas from around town.

# Park Home

Park Home in Park Plaza offers the perfect selection of gifts for the person who loves to decorate. Whether it's Christmas decor or decor for every day, Park Home has pillows, trinkets, ornaments, candles, statement furniture and so much more.



The oyster shell angel ornament is one of the many unique gifts at Park Home.

# The Cottage

The Cottage in Park Plaza is a wonderland of jewelry, clothing and bags for your loved ones. The selection of jewelry includes Puravida, Kendra Scott, Scout Curated and dozens of other beloved brands. Collections include necklaces, earrings, rings, and bracelets suitable for a lover of bling or a minimalist. If your loved one is always on the go, or you are looking for a creative way to wrap your gifts, The Cottage posts an impressive collection of Scout and Vera Bradley bags in a variety of patterns.

The apparel selection offers T-Shirts, jeans, socks, pajama sets, and dresses. Whether your loved one enjoys dressing up or dressing down, there is something for everyone at The Cottage. Maryland-themed gifts are also available and perfect for the out-of-town friend or the proud Marylander.

The "Leffy's Christmas Gift" box, a great gift for any child, comes with a toy.





Wrap that special someone in a Nordic beach cardigan to keep them warm.



Thymes Frasier Fir aromatic sets make any room smell festive. They also double as fun holiday decor.

The Cottage has a variety of Vera Bradley products, including the Snoopy holiday line.

# Park Books and Literacy

Park Books and Literacy Lab has an impressive collection of holiday stories for children.



Warmies are infused with lavender and are the perfect relaxing gift for children of all ages.

re you looking for the perfect gifts for the children in your life? Park Books and Literacy Lab in the Severna Park Village shopping center is a one-stop-shop for children of all ages. Popular gifts include puzzles, interactive books and many book-themed gifts appropriate for children. There are also plenty of gifts for adults of all ages at Park Books. Signed copies of popular bestsellers and works by local authors will make great gifts for the bookworm in your life. Literary candles and trinkets are great gifts for collectors.

More difficult puzzles are also available for adults along with adult coloring books for your artist friends. Consider book lights for the late-night-reader, and mugs and locally made tumblers, bookmarks and journals for the writer in your life. If you have a reader to buy for, but you don't know what to get, Park Books offers gift cards in any denomination and a curated box of books in any genre to surprise a reader.

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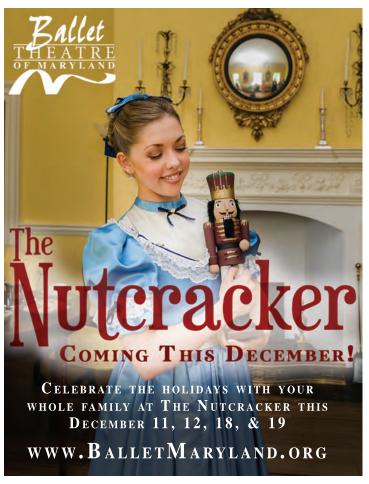


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# Catering And Party Options Make Holiday Meals Tasty And Simple



Whether you need help with Thanksgiving dinner or a Christmas meal, several restaurants around town have menus that will satisfy any craving you and your guests may have.

#### By Riley Kijek

ith the holiday season upon us, many restaurants in Severna Park and nearby areas have savory limited-time menu items. These restaurants also offer catering and plenty of space to host your holiday party.

#### CHICK-FIL-A SEVERNA PARK

511 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park • 410-647-6232 www.chick-fil-a.com/locations/md/severna-park

The beloved establishment has a variety of well-priced catering options both for pickup and delivery throughout the holiday season. Trays of chicken nuggets and chicken tenders can each feed eight to 25 people. A regular or spicy grilled chicken club platter feeds up to 16. To go with those, salad and fruit trays are available along with chocolate chip cookie and fudge brownie trays.

#### JB'S BAR AND GRILLE

566 Governor Ritchie Highway, Severna Park • 443-906-2211 www.jbs-sp.com

JB's can handle even the biggest of family and friend gatherings. Just make sure to schedule by December 21.

"For offsite catering, we can do up to 150 people," said owner Don Kelly.

The restaurant is a great game day spot with both traditional and boneless wings as well as classic game-day appetizers, pizza, burgers and other sandwiches.

#### PARK TAVERN

580 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park • 410-793-5930 www.parktavernsp.com

Park Tavern will get into the Christmas spirit with selections of holiday craft cocktails and a lineup of Christmas-themed beers on tap. The tavern will also be open to groups of up to 30 people who are looking to take the party away from home. Schedule catering or large parties by December 21.

#### **GARRY'S GRILL**

553 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, Severna Park 410-544-0499

www.garrysgrill.com

You can celebrate the holidays at any time of the day at Garry's. For a meal befitting the holiday season, try the "king's breakfast." Vegetarians can order the veggie strata. Egg casserole layered with bread, tomato, mushroom, peppers and mozzarella cheese serves 15 people for only \$25.

Anyone looking for catering will find a variety of packages including the popular office luncheon package, which serves at least 15 people. Each office package includes sandwiches or wraps, a side, two drinks, and a dessert for \$13 a person.

All catering orders can be picked up or delivered.

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#### ANGEL'S FOOD MARKET

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No matter what you are looking for this holiday season, Angel's has you covered.

Angel's will continue its annual tradition of serving prepared Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, taking out all of the stress of cooking during the holidays.

The meals will include turkey or ham, and an onsite butcher can prepare custom meats as well. For sides, check out Angel's famous homemade salads including potato salad, coleslaw and macaroni salad.

Angel's offers custom catering trays as well; options include deli trays, crab balls and shrimp. If you're thirsty, Angel's is also a great location for beer, wine and liquor.

"We're a one-stop shop for the holiday season," said Angel's owner Walt Clocker.

Check for these items on Angel's weekly specials ad, available at www.angelsfoodmarket.com/weekly-ad.

#### **BLACKWELL BARN & LODGE**

329 Gambrills Road, Gambrills • 410-317-2276 www.barnandlodge.com

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#### SMASHING GRAPES

2383 Brandermill Boulevard, Gambrills • 410-451-7544 www.smashinggrapes.com

Looking to switch things up and celebrate Thanksgiving outside of the house? Make a reservation for the Smashing Grapes Thanksgiving buffet. Serving four times throughout Thanksgiving, the buffet offers a carving station with butter-basted roasted turkey, maple glazed Virginia ham, roast beef and all the classic Thanksgiving sides and desserts.

# **Introducing The** *Voice*'s **Holiday Lights Contest**



very year, Severna Park and surrounding communities are decked out with breathtaking displays featuring lights, life-sized holiday characters, and more. This year, bragging rights are on the line. We want your help choosing the best lights display in the area. The winner, chosen by our readers and our followers online, will receive a \$100 gift card to Chick-fil-A.

How will it work? The contest will take place over two rounds. During the first round, we encourage anyone to send us one or more photos of their holiday lights display and home address. We will share the photos online and the top five vote-getters will be announced in our December edition, advancing to round two. Following another round of votes, the winner will be announced in the January edition.

Each entry must be for a home in Severna Park, Arnold or Millersville. The deadline for entries is December 1.

Happy holidays. We can't wait to see photos of your favorite lights around town.





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#### **By Conor Doherty**

very holiday season, people try to find the right gifts for their loved ones. While most people purchase gifts like clothes, electronics and items that can be used every day, sometimes the best gift is one that can be experienced and shared together with the gift recipient. This holiday season, support these local businesses by purchasing experiences.

#### **Bodyworx Spa & Massage**

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To learn more, visit www.bodyworxspa.com.

#### **Image Creators Salon & Spa**

Another great place that offers relaxation and self-care, Image Creators is holding a special on gift cards this holiday season. Starting in December, those who buy \$100 of services will pay just \$85.

To learn more, check out the Image Creators Salon & Spa Facebook page for new massage specials and visit www.imagecreatorssalonandspa.com.

#### **Severna Park Lanes**

For family fun during the holidays, Severna Park Lanes is the perfect place. The bowling center will be open on Christmas, from 4:00pm to midnight, but the real fun is on New Year's Eve. Three parties will be held at the following times: 4:00pm to 6:00pm, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, and 9:30pm to 1:00am. For the first two time slots, sign up before December 17 to get a \$20 gift card and pay \$99.95 for two hours of bowling, shoe rental, a large pizza, and a pitcher of soda. The last party is \$150 for those who register before December 17 and \$180 afterward. While the cost of pizza and soda



The holiday season offers plenty of nonmaterial gift options including the gift of relaxation and self-care. This year, get a gift card to a local spa or help your loved ones keep their vehicles clean and refreshed with a gift card from a local car wash.



is not included, plenty of door prizes and other items will be given out throughout the event.

To learn more, visit www.gobowlingsevernapark.com.

#### **Toby's Dinner Theatre**

For an activity to experience alongside that special someone, visit Toby's Dinner Theatre. Now through January 9, Toby's is running its production of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." Enjoy the show while dining on a Christmas buffet of ham, roasted turkey and many more delicious items.

To learn more and to buy tickets, visit www. tobysdinnertheatre.com.

#### **Ballet Theatre of Maryland**

Looking for a classic Christmas tradition? Check out Ballet Theatre of Maryland's production of "The Nutcracker." The theater has shows on December 11, 12, 18 and 19, with tickets ranging in price from \$28 to \$47. The theater offers military discounts, along with virtual discounts for those who want to stream the show from home.

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# **Holiday Events Worth The Drive**

#### By Haley Weisgerber

ooking for entertaining and festive activities for the family this holiday season? Severna Park's close proximity to many major cities and event hotspots makes it easy to find holiday events. Here is a list of some of the most spirited events suitable for a day or weekend trip.

### **B&O Railroad Holiday**Festival of Trains

901 West Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21223

B&O Railroad is ringing in the holiday season with the Holiday Festival of Trains from December 13 through January 2 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

More info: www.borail.org/ events/hfot

### **Enchant Christmas** at Nationals Park



1500 S Capitol Street SE Washington, D.C. 20003

Enchant Christmas is returning to Washington, D.C. after a year-long hiatus. From November 26 through January 2, the event gives the public the unique experience of exploring Nationals Park in a new and exciting way.

More info: www.enchantchristmas.com/washington-dc

#### Christmas at Gaylord National Resort

201 Waterfront Street National Harbor, MD 20745

From November 26 through December 31, the Gaylord National Resort is hosting a variety of Christmas events.

More info: www.christmasatgaylordnational.marriott.com/ all-activities

#### **Trans-Siberian Orchestra**

601 F Street NW Washington, D.C. 20004

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra has become a holiday favorite. On December 23, the famous rock orchestra will perform two shows at 3:00pm and 8:00pm.

More info: www.ticketmaster.com/transsiberian-orchestra-tickets/ artist/780815

#### Zoo Lights at the Maryland Zoo

1 Safari Place Baltimore, MD 21217

The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is presenting a light show with over 100,000 LED lights highlighting zoo favorites. This year's festivities begin November 19 and run through January 2 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

More info: www.marylandzoo.org/special\_events/ zoo-lights

### Winterfest of Lights in Ocean City

200 125th Street Ocean City, MD 21842

From November 18 through January 2, Northside Park in Ocean City will be lit up from Wednesday through Sunday from 5:30pm to 9:30pm.

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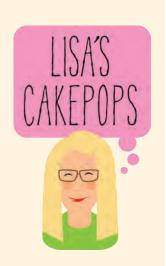
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# Tips For Toasting This Holiday Season

#### By Lauren Burke Meyer

ave you ever walk into a liquor store to buy alcohol and felt completely overwhelmed? Yes. Me too. Throw in the challenge of hosting while appeasing many tastes and preferences, and it's enough to drive anyone crazy. Have no fear - your local liquor store establishments are at your rescue with a roundup of seasonal beverages and tips for Thanksgiving to New Year's and every holiday, party or gathering in between.

### **Harbour Wine** & Spirits

527 Benfield Road, Severna Park

#### Port Tack Ltd. **Wine & Spirits**

1246 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold

"Champagne is great for every holiday meal and occasion, from brunch to dinner and dessert," said Donald MacMurray, the son of Don MacMurray, owner of Harbour Wine & Spirits and Port Tack Ltd. Wine & Spirits.

Donald shared how one of his favorite holiday traditions is champagne on Christmas Eve. He remembers from a young age going to his grandparents' home with his mom and dad. The adults always had a bottle of champagne just before it was time for bed.

"Now, I look forward to having that bottle with my wife and parents after our children go to bed,"

A current MacMurrary family champagne favorite is Laurent-Perrier, available at both stores. However, with champagne in higher demand these days, combined with supply chain issues, some favorites might not always be available.

"Don't be discouraged if your favorite [champagne] is not on the shelf; there are lots of great options for sparkling wine from California, and we will be happy to help find an alternative,"

### **Goskas Liquors**

501 Leelyn Drive, Severna Park

"Goska's Liquors is available to provide both product and guidance for all holiday needs," said Kevin Sosnoski, owner at Goska's Liquors. "We offer party planning suggestions and have a good background in cooking and drink recipes."

Last year, Sosnoski made a traditional Christmas pudding using brandy-soaked fruit and made eggnog using brandy, rum and whiskey. This year he's planning on mixing a batch of rock and rye using rye whiskey, rock candy and fruit.

> In addition, he plans to make homemade wassail - a delicious warm cider drink to offer family and guests as a warm

ranging from raw veggies, hummus and salami. Fun fact, champagne pairs excellently with fried chicken, so don't sleep on the bubbly.'

Bella's Liquors also stocks a variety of kosher wines. South Africa vineyards produce a great quality for a nice price point.

Further, if you're hosting and don't want to hire a bartender, ready to drink (RTD) beverages are at your disposal. Bella's Liquors offers these "cocktails in a can" from your basic rum and coke, vodka soda, gin and tonic to margaritas, white Russians and beyond.

Mark your calendar for Bella's annual champagne tasting on December 18 for anyone 21 and older. The event costs \$5 and all proceeds will go to My Brother's Pantry. Participants can save 15% off featured items from the tasting.

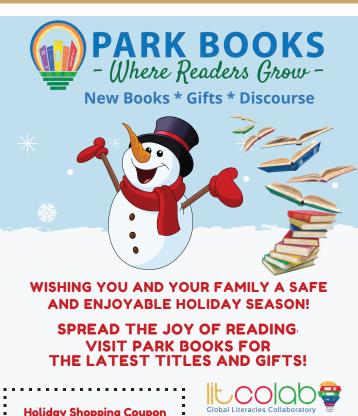
#### **Magothy Wine** & Spirits

147 Ritchie Highway A, Severna Park

Magothy Wine & Spirits offers several options that will keep your spirits warm as the weather gets cold.

Pinot Noir and Zinfandel are classic matches for the rich, savory fare of the season. Pinot Noir is lighter bodied with good versatility and won't overshadow leaner fowl or game dishes. Zinfandel offers lots of fruit and spice, but doesn't overload with tannins, making it a bolder option. Try





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# 'Tis The Season For Giving

Ways To Make The Holidays Brighter For Others

#### By Zach Sparks

he greatest gift you can give yourself this season might be the joy of making others feel loved and cared for during the holidays. Here are some area nonprofits and businesses providing opportunities to give back.

#### **SPAN**

While Thanksgiving and Christmas are a time of joy for many families, they bring stress and anxiety for others who cannot afford a large meal or gifts for their children. Unforeseen circumstances — such as a car accident, illness or job loss — can throw family budgets into crisis mode. With its Holiday Caring program, SPAN makes the holidays merrier for these families, with help from the community.

"We thank all of the community members who have signed up and sponsored families for SPAN's Holiday Caring program," said Michele Sabean, SPAN's director of development. "We have a few more families in need of sponsors for Christmas. If you are interested, please contact us at 410-647-0889 or spanhelps@yahoo.com as soon as possible."

Anyone may sign up to provide a list of items for the holiday meal, and/or gifts for children. For children ages 12 and under, SPAN suggests spending \$50 on clothing, a game and/or small toy for each child. SPAN recommends \$50 in gift cards for teens. Another option is to send SPAN a tax-deductible donation or gift cards.

"We also gladly welcome food and toiletry donations

and tax-deductible financial contributions for our regular client assistance of food and emergency financial assistance," Sabean said. "Some items currently on our wish list are potatoes, rice, syrup, pancake mix, cake and cookie mixes, vegetable oil, laundry detergent and shampoo."

#### Walk the Walk Foundation

The Millersville-based Walk the Walk Foundation is looking for sponsors who can purchase four to six gifts for a child. Walk the Walk will provide the children's names, sizes, interests and general needs. Also, the group welcomes help from anyone who can purchase a bike and helmet for a child or Walk the Walk can purchase the items

for a \$150 donation.

To be a sponsor or to donate a bike and helmet, email walk@wtwf.org.

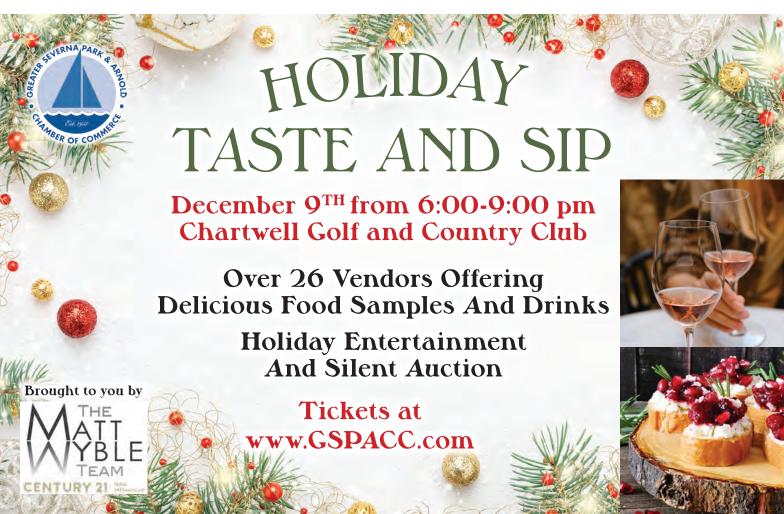
### Arundel Federal Savings Bank

Arundel Federal is collecting new, unwrapped toys from now through December 17 at its Severna Park, Annapolis and Glen Burnie branches for Toys for Tots. The Pasadena and Brooklyn branches are collecting for the South Baltimore Network.

The toy drive is open to all: customers, employees and everyone in the community who wishes to donate.

"This is our 18th year rallying the support of our customers, employees and the public to

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# 'Tis The Season For Giving

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donate unwrapped toys for those in our area in need," said Tom Herpel, Arundel Federal's president and CEO. "Knowing how stressful the holidays can be for these children and their families, it is truly a holiday miracle. Thank you to everyone for making the holidays bright for local children in need."

#### Landmark Roofing

Landmark Roofing will also collect new, unwrapped items for Toys for Tots. The company will share more details in the coming weeks.

#### The David Orso Team Of Compass Real Estate

David Orso is partnering with the EllaStrong Foundation and will have a toy collection box at his office at 8 Evergreen Road in Severna Park. Collection dates are November 22 through December 20 between 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Toys should be new and unwrapped, and they will be distributed to Children's National Hospital, Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Anne Arundel Medical Center and Believe In Tomorrow.

#### Giving Back, Linda's Legacy

Giving Back, Linda's Legacy is partnering with Anne Arundel County businesses for a coat drive to help the homeless population. Integrated Financial Solutions, located at 529 Benfield Road, Suite 250, in Severna Park, is one of the drop-off locations. Now through December 17, anyone can donate winter coats, hats, gloves,

scarves, thermals and sweaters from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

#### A Call For Coats

Admiral Cleaners is asking customers to warm up someone's winter by donating gently used or outgrown coats to the office at 40 West McKinsey Road in Severna Park.

#### Home Instead

The Arnold community is supporting the Be a Santa to a Senior program for the 17th year. Between now and December 3, members of the community can be a "Santa" to a senior and fulfill a wish list of a local senior who may otherwise be overlooked during the holidays. Anyone can get involved, both with in-person tree locations and through Amazon, to help provide gifts for 200 seniors.

The gifts collected, which are

often necessity items such as toiletries, clothing, and blankets, make a big impact and help area seniors combat the holiday blues.

"We've all experienced feelings of loneliness during the pandemic, and seniors are at a particularly high risk for isolation," said Nick Konstant, owner of the Home Instead offices in Arnold and Ellicott City. "'Be a Santa to a Senior' shows the older adults in our community that they are valued and thought of during the holidays."

Members of the community can visit www.beasantatoa-senior.com and enter their zip code to view wish lists for local seniors on Amazon Business now through December 3. A personalized greeting can be included with the gift which will be shipped to Home Instead, where it will be safely delivered to the senior.





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# **Local Holiday Events Calendar**

#### **ONGOING**

**Through Nov. 30:** Donate two nonperishable food items to Severna Park Lanes, for SPAN and the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, and get a free game of bowling. The offer is also valid at Annapolis Bowl and at Greenway Bowl. Info: 410-647-0811.

**Through Dec 24:** Santa will be at West-field Annapolis Mall as early as 10:00am or as late as 2:00pm, depending on the day, and will stay until 7:00pm or 8:00pm. Info: www.westfield.com.

**Through Jan 9:** Toby's Dinner Theatre will perform "White Christmas." Info: www. tobysdinnertheatre.com.

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Nov 20:** The Toys For Tots Motorcycle Toy Parade will leave from American Legion Post 175 at 832 Manhattan Beach Road. A \$10 donation and one unwrapped toy is required for participation. Registration begins at 9:30am and the parade starts at 11:00am. Info: aatoyrun@gmail.com.

**Nov 21-Jan 2:** Lights on the Bay at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. Info: *www.lightsonthebay.org.* 

Nov 25: Happy Thanksgiving!

**Nov 25:** MY Fitness hosts its first 5K Turkey Trot to benefit Sunflowers for Sallie. Race begins at 8:00am and starts at the gym. Info: www.facebook.com/events.

**Nov 27:** St. John The Evangelist Advent Market Celebration from 11:00am-4:00pm. Info: www.stjohnsp.org.

**Nov 27:** Holiday Market at the Severna Park Community Center to benefit Partners

In Care from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

**Nov 27:** Meet Mrs. Claus at Park Books and Literacy Lab from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Info: www.parkbooksmd.com.

**Nov 28:** First day of Hanukkah!

**Nov 29:** Pet Nights at Westfield Annapolis Mall from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Info: www. westfield.com.

#### DECEMBER

**Dec 2-3:** A Peter White Christmas at Rams Head On Stage. Shows at 6:30pm and 9:30pm. Info: www.ramsheadonstage.com.

**Dec 2-12:** Pasadena Theatre Company entertains audiences with "A Christmas Carol." Info: www.ptcshows.com.

**Dec 2-3:** "A Christmas Carol" comes to Colonial Players. Info: *info@thecolonialplayers.org*.

**Dec 3:** Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce tree lighting from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Info: www.web.gspacc.com/events.

**Dec 3:** Santa Paws event at Homestead Gardens from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Info: www. facebook.com/homesteadgardens.

**Dec 3:** Woods Church hosts "God With Us: Together For Christmas," an evening of lessons and carols at 7:00pm. Masks are required. Info: 410-647-2550.

**Dec 3:** Maddie Poppe's Acoustic Christmas comes to Rams Head On Stage at 8:00pm. Info: www.ramsheadonstage.com.

**Dec 4:** Jingle Bell Hayride 10:00am-1:00pm at Kinder Farm Park. Info: www. kinderfarmpark.org.

**Dec 4:** Meet the Grinch at Park Books and

Literacy Lab from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Info: www.parkbooksmd.com.

**Dec 4:** Children's Theatre of Annapolis drive-in movies "Klaus" at 5:00pm and "Jingle Jangle" at 8:00pm. Info: *cta.ticketleap. com/santa2021/dates*.

**Dec 5:** Bella Napoli Italian Restaurant will hold Breakfast with Santa. 9:00am-11:00am. Info: www.facebook.com/bellanapoliitalianrestaurant.

**Dec 5:** Lunch with Santa at Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company from noon to 2:00pm. Info: ladiesauxiliary@ehvfc.org.

**Dec 6:** Pet Nights at Westfield Annapolis Mall from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Info: www. westfield.com.

**Dec 6:** "A Very Magnetic Christmas" with Morgan James 8:00pm at Rams Head On Stage. Info: www.ramsheadonstage.com.

**Dec 7:** Pasadena Christmas tree lighting at Lakeshore Plaza 5:30pm. Info: www. pasadenabusinessassociation.com.

**Dec 9:** The Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Holiday Taste and Sip at Chartwell Golf and Country Club from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Info: <a href="https://www.gspacc.com">www.gspacc.com</a>.

**Dec 11:** Santa on the B&A Trail starting at 10:00am. Info: *www.aacounty.org*.

**Dec 11-19:** Chesapeake Ballet Company presents "The Nutcracker." Info: www. chesapeakeballetcompany.com.

**Dec 11-19:** "The Nutcracker" comes to the Ballet Theatre of Maryland. Info: www. balletmaryland.org.

**Dec 13:** Pet Nights at Westfield Annapolis Mall from 4:00-8:00pm. Info: www.

westfield.com.

**Dec 18:** Santa Cow will visit the Severna Park Chick-fil-A from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Info: www.facebook.com/severnaparkcfa.

**Dec 18:** Meet Santa Claus and the Grinch at Park Books and Literacy Lab from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Info: www. parkbooksmd.com.

**Dec 18:** Sing Part 1 of Handel's Messiah at Woods Church. 3:00pm. Info: 410-647-2550.

**Dec 18:** Bella's Liquors annual champagne tasting at 4:00pm. The \$5 event cost goes toward My Brother's Pantry. Info: 410-757-0019.

**Dec 20:** Pet Nights at Westfield Annapolis Mall from 4:00-8:00pm. Info: www. westfield.com.

**Dec 20:** Peter Mayer performs at Rams Head On Stage as part of the Stars & Promises Christmas Tour "Ring Out The Bells." 7:30pm. Info: www.ramsheadonstage.com.

**Dec 22:** Damien Escobar brings the 25 Days of Christmas Tour to Rams Head On Stage at 8:00pm. Info: www.ramsheadonstage.com.

**Dec 23:** Slim Man Christmas Show at Rams Head On Stage. 7:30pm. Info: www. ramsheadonstage.com.

Dec 25: Merry Christmas!
Dec 26: Happy Kwanzaa!

**Dec 26:** Miracle on Annapolis Street. 11:00am-3:00pm at West Annapolis Elementary, Info: wabamd2@gmail.com.

**Dec 29:** Severna Park Lanes New Year's Eve 2021 Gala Celebration from 9:30pm to 1:00am. Info: 410-647-0811.

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"There's a lot of detail," said Heidi Tyler, the general manager of Homestead Gardens' Severna Park location. "We put in little trees, live plant material and tons of 'snow.' It also has many lights and moving parts."

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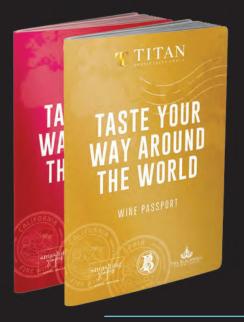
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#### **Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

235 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold

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

#### Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

461 College Parkway, Arnold

Christmas Pageant. December 19 at 10:00am Christmas Eve: 4:00pm outdoor service, 8:00pm and 10:00pm candlelight services Christmas: 10:00am Info: 410-544-3799

#### **Our Shepherd Lutheran Church** 400 Benfield Road, Severna Park

Christmas Eve: 3:00pm, 4:00pm,

5:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm Info: 410-647-1658

#### Severna Park Evangelical **Presbyterian Church**

110 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena Christmas Eve: 6:00pm and 8:00pm Info: 410-544-5013

#### Severna Park Baptist Church

506 Benfield Road, Severna Park

Christmas Eve: 5:30pm and 7:30pm Info: 410-647-0765

#### Severna Park United **Methodist Church**

731 Benfield Road, Severna Park

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm family service and pageant, 7:00pm contemporary service, 9:00pm festival service, 11:00pm communion service Info: 410-987-4700

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

375 Benfield Road, Severna Park Services to be decided

Info: 410-647-6248

Info: 410-647-2283

#### St. John the Evangelist 689 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm and midnight in the church; 4:15pm and 6:15pm in the parish activities center Christmas: 9:00am and 11:00am

#### **Trinity Bible Church** 99 Truck House Road, Severna Park

Christmas Eve: 7:00pm service with refreshments beforehand Info: 410-647-4561

#### **Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church**

611 B&A Boulevard, Severna Park

Christmas Eve: 6:00pm candlelight contemporary service, 8:00pm candlelight with choir, and 10:00pm candlelight with communion Info: 410-647-2550

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