

HOLIDAY GUIDE

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1 Christmas in Multnomah Village: Carriage rides, strolling carolers and a food drive all are part of this year's holiday celebration in Multnomah Village. Santa will be there too, as they light the Christmas tree at 6:42 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. The fun continues on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with the Kiwanis' annual fundraiser pancake breakfast at the Lucky Labrador Public House. Build a gingerbread house at Riversgate Church (2-4 p.m.) and continue holiday shopping throughout the day.

Christmas in Dairyville: During the holidays, Dairyville, a replica of a western frontier town, transforms into a winter wonderland. Animals are on display in nostalgic Storybook Lane. Vintage storefronts, local choirs, holiday movies in the

Opera House and, of course, Santa will be there! Admission is free, but unwrapped toys are gladly accepted to help local children in need. This event takes place on Friday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Alpenrose Dairy, 6149 SW Shattuck Road.

2 Winter Arts & Crafts: Get some of your holiday shopping done early at the Multnomah Arts Center. Ceramics, textiles, jewelry, paintings, prints and more will be on sale. This event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the MAC, 7688 SW Capitol Highway. Call (503) 823-2787 for more information. All sales benefit arts education.

Hillsdale Holiday: 'Tis the season to celebrate in Hillsdale Shopping Center on Saturday, Dec. 2 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Chili feed and hot cocoa on the Food Front patio, 6344 SW Capitol Highway. School choirs perform throughout the day at various locations.



Nearly 300 tuba players are expected to participate in the 27th Annual Tuba Christmas Concert on Dec. 9 at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

3 Support Your Local Author: Northwest authors are celebrated at the annual Holiday Cheer book sale at the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 3, from noon to 4 p.m. All writers will be there to sign their books. Get a great start on

your holiday shopping with the gift of reading.

6 Wreath Making: Learn to make your own Christmas wreath. Basic supplies are provided to create a simple, but beautiful wreath to hang proudly in your home. Feel free to bring additional foliage or decorative pieces to add a personal touch. This event takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Garden Home Community Library (Annex), 7306 SW Oleson Road. Please call the library to register: 503-245-9932.

9 A Tuba Christmas: Downtown will pulse with the melodic sounds of big brass as nearly 300 tubas play in unison for the 27th Annual Tuba Christmas Concert. This event takes place Saturday, Dec. 9, 1:30 – 3 p.m. at Pioneer Courthouse Square in the heart of downtown (701 SW Sixth Ave.). Join in on the sing-a-long carols! This seasonal performance is free.

13 Homemade Holiday Cards: Children are welcome to come and make personal holiday cards at the Garden Home Community Library Annex in the Lamb's Garden Home Marketplace, 7306 SW Oleson Road. They might turn out too pretty to mail! This event takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Free. For more information, call (503) 245-9932.

17 Happy Chanukah: Kick off the Jewish winter celebration at this party. Make decorations for your home, take part in Israeli dancing, and eat some delicious sufganiot (jelly donuts) at this family-friendly Chanukah celebration. This event takes place on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 – 4 p.m. at Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway. \$10 per family. For more information, call (503) 244-0111.

31 New Year's Eve at the J: The Mittleman Jewish Community Center is hosting a fun family event with games, a bouncy house, arts & crafts, snacks, dancing, pool float, and a balloon drop at noon, not midnight! This event takes place on Sunday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway. Free for all ages. For more information, call (503) 244-0111.

Multnomah Village · Hillsdale Holiday Gala

Multnomah Village

Thursday 11/30

9am - 9pm Multnomah Arts Center Winter Arts & Crafts Sale

Friday 12/1

Carolers & Santa will be roaming the Village all evening

4pm Boy Scout Canned Food Drive and Wreath/Hanukkah Fundraiser at Neighborhood House

6 – 8:30pm Carriage Rides - Starting at Key Bank and Multnomah Arts Center

6:42pm Tree lighting

9am - 9pm Multnomah Arts Center Winter Arts & Crafts Sale

Saturday 12/2

Shopping specials throughout the day

8:30 – 11am Breakfast with Santa at Lucky Lab Kiwanis Fundraiser

9am – 4pm Multnomah Arts Center Winter Arts & Crafts Sale

2pm – 4pm Gingerbread Houses at Riversgate Church

Reserve your house with becky@riversgate.net by Nov. 30th

Hillsdale Shopping Center

Saturday 12/2

10am – 1pm Holiday Sing & Chili Feed with coffee and hot cocoa on Food Front patio. Local vocal and musical school groups performing at multiple locations throughout Hillsdale. Proceeds go to schools that perform during the event.



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