

# **CHRISTMAS WALK EVENTS 2016**

## **Santa Claus Arrival**

Welcome Santa as he makes his grand entrance into the Village on Saturday, December 3rd at 11:30am at Academy Park by Helicopter (weather permitting) provided by Rainbow Air, Inc. Santa and Buddy the Elf will be escorted by carriage and a beautiful Holiday Float by Deal Realty and J.J. Strassburg Trucking where all the boys and girls will follow him for the special Santa Promenade down Center Street!

## **Meet Santa**

Santa will greet children in the Lewiston Peace Garden near the Historic Frontier House in his special Holiday float following the Santa Promenade down Center St. Meet Santa and Buddy the Elf both Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon - 1:30 and 2- 4pm and Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm of the Christmas Walk! Santa and Buddy the Elf are sponsored by Deal Realty and the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce.

## **Character Meet and Greets**

Enjoy familiar Christmas favorites Frosty, The Grinch, and Rudolph as they promenade up and down Center Street on Saturday and Sunday from 11am – 3pm, sponsored by the Lewiston Kiwanis Club and Sweet Peach Baby Boutique. Meet Anna and Olaf at the Frozen Tent on Saturday and Sunday from 1-3 outside at the Grandpaw's Courtyard (402 Center St).

Center Street is full of holiday spirit! The shops will be open both Saturday and Sunday during the Christmas Walk and many will offer special treats, promotions and great shopping sales! Check your favorite businesses for store hours.

Complimentary carriage rides sponsored by Super Market Liquors & Wines, on Saturday from 11:30am – 4pm and Sunday from noon – 3pm. Drop off and Pick up in front of Northwest Bank, 500 Center Street.

## **Hennepin Park**

Be sure to visit Hennepin Park with special characters Rudolph and Bumble! Stop by the Petting Zoo from Shenandoah Acres, sponsored by Tedesco Construction Services, Inc. on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th from Noon – 3pm. Saturday will feature a Special Balloon Artist from 12:30 – 4:30 sponsored by Great Lakes Real Estate and It's So Fluffy Cotton Candy spinning fresh cotton candy from noon -4pm with prices ranging from \$2 - \$4.

## **Send your Letter to Santa**

Get your letters written and delivered to Santa, right here in Lewiston! The red regulation sized mailbox on Center St. will deliver your letter directly to the North Pole! The mail box is sponsored by and can be found between **You & Me Boutique** (467 Center St) and **The Spicely Pickle** (463 Center St.). Any letters addressed to Santa that are placed in the box by December 20<sup>th</sup> will receive a response before Christmas! This is not a U.S. Postal Service mail box. Letters will go to the North Pole only!

## **Niagara River Region Gift Certificates**

Looking for the perfect gift to give this holiday season? Give the gift of "local" this year with a Niagara River Region Gift Certificate. Purchase a gift certificate in any amount and redeem it at over forty businesses! Each gift certificate comes in a personalized envelope accompanied by a listing of businesses where they can redeem the certificate. A complete list of participants is available online at [www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com](http://www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com). Gift certificates are available at the Chamber Office (895 Center Street) or online.

## **Find the Perfect Christmas Tree**

The Boy Scout Troop 855 will once again host their Christmas Tree Sale in Academy Park. Stop by and pick out the perfect tree! Starting on November 30<sup>th</sup>, trees will available Monday-Thursday from 4pm-8pm, Friday from 4pm-9pm, Saturday from 9am-9pm, and Sunday 9am-6:30pm.

## Weekend Activities

**Lewiston Tour of Homes** - The Historical Association of Lewiston is pleased to present its 12th Annual Tour of Homes on December 3rd & 4th, 2016. Celebrate in style and see the latest holiday inspired decor. Each home will feature Christmas tablescapes, offering more innovative entertaining ideas. 10am – 5pm, ticketed event. For tickets and additional information visit [www.lewistonhometour.com](http://www.lewistonhometour.com)

**Antique to Chic** – 536 Center St. We will be open both Saturday & Sunday during the Christmas Walk with extended hours – 9:30am – 6pm, refreshments, raffle for a Christmas basket and special areas set up for “kid-friendly” gift shopping with “Elves” available to help them find the perfect present.

**Apple Granny Restaurant** – 433 Center Street. Starting at noon we will host the “Elf on the Shelf”. Stop in for a free hot chocolate and enter a free drawing to win your own “Elf on the Shelf” book and elf! The Elf will read his story every 30 minutes at the top of the hour and half hour both Saturday and Sunday!

**Brewed and Bottled Craft Beer Shop** – 402 Center Street. A special keg of Blackbird Cider Works Christmas Hard Cider will be tapped for the weekend. This limited edition batch of Cider features notes of apple, cinnamon and ginger. Growler fills will be available. Locally crafted wooden six pack holders and gift cards will be available to purchase at the shop. These are the perfect gifts for the beer lover on your list! Age 21 & over.

**Chelsea Modern Images** – 145 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. (Red Brick Schoolhouse Upper Level). Join us for a Christmas theme photo mini-session in our studio December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm. The sessions will last for 30 minutes and will cost \$125. Participants will receive five edited images and will have an opportunity to order Christmas Cards and other gifts. Sessions are intended for one immediate family. Contact Chelsea at [Chelsea@chelseamodernimages.com](mailto:Chelsea@chelseamodernimages.com) or call 246-1095 for booking information. Pre-registration is required.

**Deal Realty** – presents Santa and Buddy the Elf in his beautiful holiday float Saturday, December 5th from noon-4pm and Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm in the Peace Garden near the historic Frontier House. Don't forget your camera for photo opportunities with Santa and Buddy too! Join us at the office at 451 Center Street on Saturday from 1-4pm and Sunday 1-3pm for complimentary refreshments, giveaways and a free holiday craft for the children.

**End of the Road Boutique** – 335 Center Street.

**Habitat for Humanity** – Lewiston Fire Hall #1 145 N. Sixth St. Stop by the Fire Hall both Saturday and Sunday from noon – 4pm for a make and take gingerbread house! \$5 per house. All proceeds go to benefit Niagara Habitat for Humanity.

**Lewiston Fire Co. #1** – Fire hall at 145 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Stop by and buy some delicious chicken chowder starting at noon on Saturday until sold out! Eat in or take out.

**Lewiston Museum** – 469 Plain Street, 10 am – 5 pm. The Lewiston Museum will feature modern and vintage Christmas decorations and exhibits relating to the history of Lewiston. Free admission to the museum (tickets to the Tour of Homes are separate and are \$25 per person). Please call (716)754-4214 for more information.

**Lewiston Village Pediatrics** – 733 Center St. Our practice will be welcoming guests from 12:30 – 4:30pm both Saturday and Sunday. Stop by for some hot cocoa and yummy holiday treats! Activities will include a free children's crafting table where we will be making “sock snowmen”. This activity is most appropriate for children ages preschool and above and will take approximately 15 – 30 minutes to complete. Nursing moms are welcome to use our private, quiet rooms! Call 754-7337 for more info.

**Realty USA** – 505 Center Street, 12 noon – 4pm. Our office doors will be open both Saturday and Sunday with light refreshments as well as Artisan tables selling their crafts and artwork on both days! Tickets will be available for a chance to win baskets with proceeds to benefit WNYHeroes. Inc. and the Village of Lewiston Ice Rink.

**Spiritually Rooted** – 402 Center Street. Stop in for specially priced mini psychic readings all weekend for only \$20. We will be open from 10am -6pm on Saturday and Sunday. Readings will be walk-ins only. We will also have free spiced cider for all who stop by!

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church** – Corners of N. 4<sup>th</sup> & Ridge Streets. One stop shopping! St. Paul's will host a craft and vendor show as well as a basket auction both Saturday and Sunday from 10am – 5pm. Over 25 crafters and vendors selling everything from home décor, fashion & beauty, spices & soup packets, stocking stuffers, soy candles and more! Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and various desserts and pastries will be sold as well. The building is handicap accessible and restrooms are available for the Christmas Walk.

## **Saturday Only, December 3, 2016**

**Brewed and Bottled Craft Beer Shop** – 402 Center Street. On Saturday we will be infusing a draft beer with Christmas flavors to enjoy at the shop! Stop in to enjoy this mystery treat! Age 21 & over.

**Deal Realty** - Stop by the Deal Realty office at 451 Center Street Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm to see Santa judge the Crazy Hat Contest. Also enjoy complimentary refreshments and giveaways throughout the Christmas Walk at the Deal Realty office!

**Embody Health & Wellness** – 145 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Red Brick School). Self-Care Saturday Special & Give the gift of health! \$5 classes – 8am Stretch & Flow Yoga with Tami, 9:30am Pound with Tami, 10:30am Cardio Dance with Katarina. Healthy, whole food treats for visitors as well as a recipe bundle for nutrient dense holiday favorites. All gift certificate purchases will receive a free gift bag as well as special bonus gifts! Retail merchandise is available as well! New workout gear!

**Great Lakes Real Estate** - From 10:30am – 11:30am at Academy Park, Great Lakes Real Estate will be handing out Rudolph Antler Hats and Noses before Santa's arrival, then along Center Street until supplies run out! Join Jan the Balloon Artist at Hennepin Park as she dazzles children with her balloon creations free of charge from 12:30 – 4:30pm on Saturday!

**Independent Order of Odd Fellows #307** – Lewiston Opera House, 732 Center St. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be joining the fun at the Lewiston Christmas Walk and will collect new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. Cans of soup with pull tops will also be gratefully accepted. Please bring your donations to the Opera Hall where Dale Campbell, host of "Toast & Jam" and WJL's "Just me and the dog" will be adding to the holiday spirit with Christmas songs. Every donor will receive a Santa's magic dust Christmas Card.

**It's So Fluffy Cotton Candy** - We will be spinning fresh cotton candy in many delicious, gourmet flavors at Hennepin Park! Gingerbread, Candy Cane & Chocolate to name a few as well as classics like blue raspberry and pink vanilla! There will also be our convenient Fluff Cups to-go. Prices range from \$2 - \$4. For more info visit [www.itssofluffycottoncandy.com](http://www.itssofluffycottoncandy.com)

**Lewiston Choraleers** - The Lewiston Choraleers will present its annual Christmas music program Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1 p.m. at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 620 Center Street, Lewiston, NY. The family-friendly program is open to the public with a general admission fee of \$5 (children 12 and under admitted free). More information is available at [www.lewistonchoraleers.com](http://www.lewistonchoraleers.com).

**Lewiston Music** – 791 Center Street. Stop in and purchase a gift certificate for one month of lessons and receive a second month free! New Students Only. Open 10am – 5pm on Saturday.

**Lewiston Public Library** – 305 South 8<sup>th</sup> St. From 11am – 3pm on Saturday stop by the Library for free craft activities for children of all ages and abilities. For more information call 754-4720 ext. 226

**Northwest Savings Bank** – 500 Center St. Join the staff at Northwest Savings Bank from 1pm – 3pm at our Open House with refreshments! Giveaways as well!

**Realty USA** – 505 Center Street. Bring the kids (of all ages) on Saturday from noon – 2pm for FREE caricatures with Sal Anello, face painting and don't forget your camera to get a picture with Frosty himself!

**Village of Lewiston Recreation Dept.** – 145 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St (Red Brick Schoolhouse). On December 3 from 10am – Breakfast with Santa before he flies into the Village. Bring your children to enjoy breakfast with the "man in the red suit." Children will get to share their Christmas list with Santa. The donation for the breakfast is \$5.00 per child. Coffee and tea will be available for the parents. Seating is limited. Call 754-1990 for more information.

Also at the Red Brick Schoolhouse on Saturday from 1-3pm – Holiday Arts & Crafts - As part of the Christmas Walk activities, children are encouraged to attend the Holiday Arts and Crafts to paint ornaments, make gifts, make a holiday decoration or just have fun creating things. Children over 4 can visit anytime during this time period. Since paint is used for some of the crafts, a smock or old t-shirt is suggested. Preregistration is not necessary. Bring a Box to Carry Your Treasures Home. Free.

## **Sunday Only, December 4, 2016**

**Canterbury Place** – 547 Center St. On Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm. Stonewall Kitchen Jam Tour. A company representative will be on hand with tastings, free samples and coupons of Stonewall Kitchen jams and sauces.

**Lewiston Event Center** – 845 Cayuga St. Join the event center from noon – 2pm on Sunday for a special bowling with the jolly man in the red suit! Cost is \$10 per child and includes bowling, shoe rental, slice of pizza, soft drink, and a gift from the jolly man in the red suit!

### **Ongoing Activities through December**

**Harmonia Chamber Singers** – Present their annual Christmas Concert featuring music from the medieval period through present. Join us as we celebrate the magic of the season! Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm at St. Leo the Great Church (885 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst), Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Cataract Church (259 4<sup>th</sup> St, Niagara Falls), and Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at St. Joseph University Church (3269 Main St, Buffalo). \$15 Donation at the door. [www.harmoniacs.org](http://www.harmoniacs.org)

**Lewiston Choraleers** - The Lewiston Choraleers will present its annual Christmas music program Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 915 Oneida St. Lewiston, NY. The family-friendly program is open to the public with a general admission fee of \$5 (children 12 and under admitted free). More information is available at [www.lewistonchoraleers.com](http://www.lewistonchoraleers.com).

**Lewiston Family Ice Rink** – The Rink is open! Be sure to go to [www.Lewportsports.com](http://www.Lewportsports.com) for updates on rink times, programs and special events.

**Niagara Falls Culinary Institute** – 28 Old Falls Street, Lewiston NY. Weekends through December 23<sup>rd</sup> will feature Santa Claus inside the Culinary Institute's life size gingerbread house. Take part in activities such as cookie decorating for children, holiday crafts, letters to Santa, story reading, chef demos and more. In addition, there will be live entertainment, face painting, music and magicians everywhere you look! Some activities may require a ticket to purchase. Fridays 5pm – 9pm, Saturdays 11am – 8pm, Sundays noon – 5pm. <http://nfculinary.org/gingerbread/>

**Old Fort Niagara** - Visit the French Castle at Old Fort Niagara December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> as it is decorated in holiday splendor and lit entirely by candles. Meet historical characters and witness the firing of the grand "feu de joie." 6:30pm – 8:15pm. Ticketed event. To purchase tickets call (716) 745-7611 or visit [www.oldfortniagara.org](http://www.oldfortniagara.org)

**Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Festival of Lights** – 1023 Swann Road, Lewiston. The Fatima Shrine is lit up every night through January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 5pm – 9pm with over 75 beautiful lighted displays and an illuminated Shrine (1023 Swann Road, Lewiston, NY). The gift shop and cafeteria are also open. For more information visit [www.FatimaShrine.com](http://www.FatimaShrine.com) or call (716) 754-7489.

**NYPA Power Vista** - The Niagara Power Vista (5777 Lewiston Road, Lewiston NY) is transformed into a winter wonderland with a dazzling display of reusable trees, adorned with energy efficient holiday lights and decorated by local non-profit groups December 1 - 31. For more information visit [www.nypa.gov](http://www.nypa.gov) or call 1-866-NYPA-FUN

**Ransomville Festival of Wreaths** - Enjoy weekend activities November 26-27 in Ransomville taking place at the Library, Fire Hall, Historical Room and other locations in the hamlet. Saturday activities include a Family Scavenger Hunt, while Sunday has an entire schedule of events concluding with a Closing Ceremony and lighting of the Memorial Wreath at 4:45pm. A full schedule of events and details is available at [www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com](http://www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com)

**Sanborn Business & Professional Association & Sanborn Area - Historical Society**- "Christmas at the Farm", 2660 Saunders Settlement Road (Rt. 31) Sanborn. December 10 & 11 from 11-4pm both days. Free Admission - Public Invited. Visit the Sanborn Farm Museum with children's crafts and activities. Meet Santa in an old fashioned sleigh! Free! Sponsored by the

Sanborn Business & Professional Association. For more information visit [www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com](http://www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com)

**Small Business Saturday** – November 26th. Shop small and shop local on Small Business Saturday in the Villages of Lewiston, Youngstown and hamlets of Ransomville and Sanborn. Businesses will have special promotions throughout the day to encourage you to support small business in our communities. A full listing of shops in the Niagara River Region offering a promotion will be listed online at [www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com](http://www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com)

**Village of Lewiston Recreation Department** – 145 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St (Red Brick Schoolhouse). December 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:30pm – Cookies & Crafts with Santa - Children are invited to attend a cookie social with the “man in the red suit.” Along with the cookies there will be crafts and children will have the opportunity to tell Santa what is on their holiday list. The cost for each child will be \$5.00. Seating is limited to 50 children.

December 12 Monday 5PM-6:30pm at the Red Brick Schoolhouse – Holiday Painting & Craft - Come and have fun making holiday painting and craft to decorate your house. Ages 5 years and up. Class projects different than December 1 and December 3 crafts. Free.

**Village of Youngstown Christmas Celebration** – Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy events at the Village Center (Red Brick Schoolhouse) and throughout the Village from 10am – 4pm. Christmas Tree lighting at dusk. Village retailers will be celebrating the holiday along with free Carriage rides, strolling costumed characters and live music throughout the day!