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You'll find tree lighting ceremonies, Santa parades, holiday festivals and many other delightful seasonal events in most of the cities and towns all over the entire Chicagoland area on this page. While we believe the following information is correct, always confirm events in advance—times and dates can and do change and we are not responsible for errors or omissions.

Dates, times & cost for all events listed are subject to change

Addison

Santa at the Addison Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 5pm to 9pm
Village of Addison
One Friendship Plaza
Addison IL 60101
(630) 543-4100

www.AddisonAdvantage.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join in the festive Addison tree lighting at the village hall—included are horse drawn sleigh rides, Christmas carols by local school children and visits with Santa Claus. The tree lighting ceremony itself will take place at 8 pm.

Algonquin

Santa at Holiday Rock on the Fox in Algonquin Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 5:30pm - 7pm

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Village of Algonquin
Riverfront Park
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 658-2700
www.algonquin.org/recreation

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Catch Santa at Algonquin's annual "Holiday Rock on the Fox. There are plenty of family activities, including holiday music, carolers and much more. Santa will be there for the tree lighting and to listen to the children's wishes.

Alsip

**Light Up the Park with Mrs. Claus in Alsip
Tuesday, November 20th, 2018**

Time: 6:30pm
Place: Apollo Recreation Center
12521 S. Kostner
Avenue
Alsip, IL 60803
(708) 389-1003
Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
www.alsipparks.org/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join Mrs. Claus and the kids from the preschool class to celebrate the annual tree lighting ceremony. After the lighting come inside for carols, cookies and cocoa.

**Santa's Landing in Alsip
Saturday, December 1st, 2018**

Time: 12Noon - 4pm
Place: Apollo Recreation Center
12521 S. Kostner
Avenue
Alsip, IL 60803
(708) 389-1003
Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
www.alsipparks.org/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Families won't want to miss this—Santa is making a grand entrance in Alsip on a helicopter where he will be spending the afternoon in the Apollo Recreation Center meeting with children. Residents can pick up a free ticket starting at 11 am for a visit with Santa. There will be games, refreshments, music and entertainment for everyone.

Antioch

**Santa at Antioch's Christmas Parade
& Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, November 23rd, 2018**

Time: 6:30pm to 9pm
Place: Downtown Antioch to Village Hall
Antioch, IL 60002
(847) 395-2160
www.antioch.il.gov/events.html

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa leads the parade and tree lighting ceremony which begins on Park Avenue and travels north on Main Street, left on Orchard, left on Toft and left on Lake Street ending at the Village Hall . Santa will be available for visits immediately after the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 pm, at Santa's Enchanted Castle on Toft Street. See [Santa Houses](#) listing for complete details. There will be caroling, cookies and hot chocolate outside of the Village Hall.



photo curtesy Village of Antioch

Arlington Heights

Santa at the Tree Lighting in Arlington Heights Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Sponsor: Village of Arlington Heights Special Events Commission

Place: North School Park

Eastman Street & Arlington Heights Road

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

(847) 368-5000

www.vah.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Come to Arlington Heights for the Village tree lighting where 80,000 tiny lights will come to life. There will be fantasy toy displays and a giant Christmas tree in the middle of the fountain. Of course Santa will be on hand—there will be music, food and lots of fun for everyone.

Aurora

Santa at Aurora's Winter Lights Holiday Walk & Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday, November 17th, 2018

Time: 5:30 - 8pm

City of Aurora

David L. Pierce Center

20 E. Downer Place

Aurora, IL 60506

(630) 256-4636

www.aurora-il.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for Aurora's tree lighting ceremony which kicks off the holiday season. Enjoy hot cocoa, crafts and refreshments. Be sure to bring a camera and get pictures of Santa with the kids. The event starts with the holiday parade followed by the fireworks display on the banks of the Fox River.

Santa at the Holiday Open House in Aurora Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Time: 12pm to 5pm

Aurora Public Library

West Branch Library

Multipurpose Room

233 South Constitution Drive

Aurora, IL 60508

(630) 264-3600

www.aurorapubliclibrary.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Bring the children to the Aurora Public Library's annual open house featuring Holiday celebrations in many lands. There will be holiday crafts, music, games refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus, so remember and bring your camera.

Barrington

Santa Arrives at Barrington Aglow

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 5pm

Place: Village Center

on South Cook Street

Barrington, IL 60010

(847) 304-3400

www.barrington-il.gov/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa arrives for the tree lighting about five. Activities include the Barrington Holiday Trolley from 10:30 am to 6:30 pm, holiday songs, and free hot chocolate and cookies. After the tree lighting Santa will be available for visits from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

Bartlett

Santa at Bartlett Tree Lighting

Friday, November 30th, 2018

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Place: Bartlett Park

Oak & North Avenues

Bartlett, IL 60103

(630) 830-0324

www.bartlettchamber.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Look for Santa who will be at the annual tree lighting at the gazebo in Bartlett Park at North and Oak Avenues. Caroling begins at 6:30 and the tree lighting is at 7 pm. Santa will be available for visits before the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Bartlett Park Log Cabin from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.



Photo courtesy Bartlett Chamber of Commerce

Batavia

Santa at Batavia's Celebration of Lights Festival

Sunday, November 25th, 2018

Time: 4pm - 7pm

Place: Batavia Riverwalk, Peg Bond Center

Houston St. and Island Ave.

Batavia, IL 60510

(630) 761-3528

www.downtownbatavia.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Your whole family is invited to take part in the Celebration of Lights Festival. The event will fun for the kids, with a community sing-a-long, roasted chestnuts, the tree lighting ceremony, free hay rides, a walk through Christmas Tree Lane and of course, a visit with Santa who arrives at 5:30pm. At 5:45pm Santa is meeting with the kids at the Peg Bond Center warming house where he will have treats for children ten and under.



Photo courtesy Downtown Batavia

Beecher

Santa at Beecher's Festival of Lights Parade

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time 6:30pm

Place: Downtown - on Penfield Street)

Beecher, IL 60401

(708) 946-2261

www.beecherchamber.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The annual Festival of Lights Parade kick's off the Beecher holiday season—and of course you'll find Santa there. Refreshments provided afterward at Firemen's Park.

Belvidere

Christmas Town at Summerfield Zoo Thursdays through Sundays November 15th - December 23rd, 2018

Times: Thursdays 10am - 3pm, Fridays 3pm - 8pm, Saturdays & Sundays 10am - 6pm

Additional Dates: Christmas Eve 9am - 4pm, December 26th - 28th 10am - 4pm

3800 Flora Road

Belvidere, IL 61005

815-547-4852 or email: summerfieldfarmzoo@gmail.com

<http://www.summerfieldfarmandzoo.com/reindeer.html>

Cost: \$10 per person

The public is invited to a magical experience at Summerfield Zoo. You can visit Santa's Reindeer Barn with Santa's entire sleigh team of reindeer. There will be visits with Santa Claus—contact Summerfield Zoo for the specific dates. Kids can earn an official stable elf diploma plus there will be baby reindeer flight school training sessions during the day. Enjoy plenty of photo opportunities and snacks in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen Snack Shop.



Photo courtesy Summerfield Zoo

Santa at Belvidere's Hometown Christmas Parade Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 5:30pm parade

Santa visits: after parade at the
YMCA

Parade: Madison Street, then down State Street to
Community Building

111 W. First Street

Belvidere, IL 61008

(815) 547-5711

www.belviderepark.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

You'll find Santa Claus coming through town on a float for Belvidere's Hometown Christmas Parade. After the parade be sure to bring the kids to the YMCA. They can tell Santa what they hope to receive, and get a picture with the bearded one for \$2 each—benefits the Northlands Association for Special Recreation. Refreshments will be served.

Bensenville

Santa at Bensenville's Holiday Magic Sunday, November 18th, 2018

Time : 3pm to 6pm

Village of Bensenville

Bensenville Town Center

Town Center Park

(at the corner of Green and Center Streets)

Bensenville, IL 60106

(630) 766-8888

www.bensenville.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Bensenville's Holiday Magic is an extravaganza that will not only have Santa entertaining and having pictures with the children at the Towne Center but there will also be carriage rides, carolers, ice skaters, train rides, reindeer and more followed by the dramatic village tree lighting at 5:30 pm.

Berwyn

Santa at Deck the Depot - The Festival of Lights in Berwyn Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 5pm - 9pm

Sponsor: Berwyn Depot District

Place: Windsor and Stanley Avenues

between Harlem and East Avenues

Berwyn, IL 60402

(708) 788-8100

email: info@berwyn.net

whyberwyn.com/event/deck-the-depot-festival-of-lights/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The Festival of Lights offers families all kinds of great holiday activities from Santa Claus visits, caroling, strolling performers, horse drawn sleigh rides, free trolley rides, live reindeer, a petting zoo, special sales, free refreshments and much more.

Santa's Workshop in Berwyn

Saturday, December 8th, 2018

Time: 11am - 1pm

Sponsor: North Berwyn Park District

Place: 1619 Wesley Avenue

Berwyn, IL 60402

(708) 749-4900

www.nbp4fun.org/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Hey kids, there will be holiday crafts, Christmas cookie decorating, pictures with the big guy in the red suit and plenty of fun for everyone at Santa's Workshop in Berwyn.

Bloomingtondale

Santa at the Bloomingtondale Annual

Open House & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Tuesday, December 4th, 2018

Time: 6:45pm Tree Lighting; 7pm Open House

Bloomingtondale Public Library

101 Fairfield Way

Bloomingtondale, IL 60108

(630) 924-2720

www.mybpl.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Get ready to celebrate in Bloomingtondale—Santa will show up on a fire engine, there will be plenty of holiday music, crafts, refreshments and lots of other surprises.

Blue Island

Santa at Blue Island's Christmas Light Parade

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Western Avenue between Prairie and Grove Streets

Blue, Island, IL 60406

(708) 388-5735

www.blueisland.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Come to Blue Island's Parade, and watch as floats bands, cars horses and of course Santa Claus come down Western Avenue in Uptown Blue Island. After the parade there will be the lighting of the trees, refreshments and a cookie sale in Central Park at York and Western.

Bradley

Santa at Christmas Fantasy Parade and Tree Lighting in Bradley

Friday December 7th, 2018

Time: 6:30pm

Sponsor: Village of Bradley

& Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce

Parade route: Broadway Street

Bradley, IL 60915

(815) 936-5100

www.bradleyil.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Every year in early December Bradley has a Christmas Fantasy Parade. Santa will be there bigger than life and ready to visit with the kids. You'll also find marching bands, colorful floats and plenty of excitement. There will be music before the parade, carolers, vendors, games, visits with Santa and the lighting of the village Christmas tree next to the village hall at the parade's conclusion.

Brookfield

Santa at Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo Saturdays & Sundays December 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th, 15th & 16th, 22nd & 23rd 2018

Times: 4pm to 9pm

3300 Golf Road

Brookfield, IL 60513

Brookfield Zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways.

(708) 688-8000

<http://www.czs.org/czs/events>

Cost: Regular Zoo admission and parking prices apply for Holiday Magic Brookfield Zoo is lit up in a blaze of close to a million beautiful lights during the Holiday Magic weekends when Santa and Mrs. Claus can be found there visiting with children.

Besides the old guy, who will be at Candy Cane Corner, just some of the things to see and do include ice carving demonstrations, live musical performances, the Elf Express mini train, storytellers, costumed characters and magicians. Holiday Magic includes over one-hundred gigantic light displays—and new Polar Lights. Remember you'll be at the zoo so don't forget to look for some of your favorite animals! Many of the animal exhibits remain open during Holiday Magic. On weekends in December there are **Breakfasts with Santa** at the Brookfield Zoo for details click on the link above.

Please note Santa will not be at Holiday Magic on the days after Christmas, he is there only through Sunday, December 18th. Santa at **Holiday Magic** is a **TOP 10 SANTA EVENT IN CHICAGOLAND AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS.**

Burbank

Santa at the Burbank Winterfest Saturday December 8th, 2018

Time: Noon - 3pm

Place: Fusion RecPlex

6100 West 85th Street

Burbank, IL 60459

For information (708) 599-3870

www.burbankparkdistrict.org

Cost: \$6.00 admission for each person

Winterfest in Burbank is a day the family won't want to miss. Santa will be there for pictures and visits, there will be horse drawn sleigh rides, holiday music, face painting, games, a magic show, refreshments and much more.



Photo courtesy Burbank Park District

Burr Ridge

Santa at the Jingle Mingle in Burr Ridge Friday, November 16th, 2018

Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Village of Burr Ridge

Place: Village Green

Burr Ridge Village Center

& Downtown Burr Ridge

801 Village Center Drive

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

(630) 654-8181

www.burr-ridge.gov

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

This annual event is an evening of fun with Santa's arrival and the Jingle Mingle parade at 6:30pm down Village Center Drive. There will be plenty of family-friendly activities including, crafts, giveaways, refreshments and the tree lighting ceremony at the Village Green.

Carol Stream

Santa at the Carol Stream Holiday Tree Lighting Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6pm

Place: Carol Stream Town Center

Village of Carol Stream

910 North Gary Avenue

Carol Stream, IL 60188

(630) 665-7050

www.carolstream.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

This is where you'll want to be when the holiday season begins in Carol Stream. Santa will ride in on a fire truck to see all the kids, there will be carols, hay rides, snacks, hot chocolate and a good time for all.



Photo courtesy Village of Carol Stream

Cary

Santa at Merry Cary Holiday Parade and Festival Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Time: 12pm to 3:30pm

Sponsor: Cary Grove Chamber of Commerce

Place: Downtown Cary

Parade begins at 1 pm at Briargate School and goes down West Main Street

Cary, IL 60013

For information: (847) 639-2800

carygrovechamber.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

You'll find just about every holiday event and more at the Merry Cary Holiday Parade and Festival. After the spectacular parade, there are children activities, visits with Santa Claus, horse drawn sleigh rides, food, and music.



Photo courtesy Cary Grove Area Chamber

Visit with Santa in Cary

Wednesday, December 5th, 2018

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Sponsor: Cary Park District

Place: Fox Hills Golf Club

Cary, IL 60013

For information: (847) 639-6100

carypark.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Start your holiday season with a great a visit with Santa Claus, Don't forget to bring your camera.

Channahon

Santa's Skating Party in Channahon

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Sponsor: Channahon Park District

Place: Skateland Recreation Center

25334 West Eames Street

Channahon, IL 60410

(815) 467-7275

www.channahonpark.org

Cost: \$6 Residents - if pre-registered; \$7 non-residents - if pre-registered; \$8 at the door

Note: one non-skating adult admitted free per child, skate rental is included.

Come and meet with Santa Claus and his elves where there will be skating, games, treats for the children plus plenty of fun and some surprises as well.

The "Santa Fly-In" to Channahon

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 9:15am to 12 pm—Santa lands at 10am sharp

M & M Bank

Merchants and Manufacturers Bank

25140 West Channon Drive

Route 6 - two miles West of I-55

Channahon, IL 60410

(815) 729-4040

<https://www.m-mbank.com/about-us/community-events>

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

This is the twenty-fifth year that M & M Bank has had the Santa Fly-In in Channahon. Santa is coming to see the kids and everyone no matter what their age. Be sure to get pictures with old ho ho ho, receive a goody bag—and to enjoy some great refreshments.



Photo courtesy M & M Bank

Chicago

Santa at Macy's Great Tree Lighting

Saturday November 3rd, 2018

Time: 12noon Sponsor: Macy's on State Street

111 North State Street

Chicago, IL 60602

(312) 781-1000

www.visitmacyschicago.com/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The Great Tree Lighting Ceremony has been going on for 110 years now. It all started with Marshall Field's and the tradition continues with Macy's. Join the celebration in the Walnut Room on the 7th floor. At 1pm the holiday fun continues on the 5th floor in the kids' department with face painting, balloon twisting and Santa. Check the [Santa at Area Malls](#) page for Days and hours for visiting Santa at Macy's on State Street.

Santa at Chicago's Tree Lighting

Friday, November 16th, 2018

Time: at: 4:30 pm

Sponsor: City of Chicago Office of Tourism

Place: Millennium Park

Near Michigan Ave. & Washington St.

Chicago, IL 60602

(312) 744-3370

www.choosechicago.com/event/Tree-Lighting-Ceremony/19987/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

For over a hundred years Chicago has had a Tree Lighting Ceremony. The city attracts people from all over who come downtown for the spectacular lighting of the renowned Christmas tree in Millennium Park. You'll find Santa, Mrs. Claus, the mayor, celebrities and great activities to officially get the the holiday season into high gear. The festivities include live Christmas music and entertainment.



Photo credit: City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

**Santa at The BMO Harris Bank Magnificent Mile Lights Festival
Presented by Harris on the Magnificent Mile in Chicago
Saturday, November 17th, 2018**

Time: 11am - 10pm

Place: Oak Street, Wacker Drive & Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL 60505

(312) 642-3570

www.themagnificentmile.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The Magnificent Mile on Chicago's Michigan Avenue is a world renowned mile of shopping, hotels, dining, culture and entertainment. Every year in November "The BMO Harris Bank Magnificent Mile Lights Festival®" presented by The Greater North Michigan Avenue Association is one of the premier holiday events in the Chicago area. Schedule of Events 2017: 11am - 4pm Harris Stage, Pioneer Court, 401 North Michigan Avenue - Top musical artists will be performing all day. The parade starts at 5:30pm and continues until 7 pm From Oak Street to Wacker Drive - Procession down Michigan Avenue when the street comes to life, marching bands, colorful floats and Santa Claus in all his glory. - The Allstate Fireworks Spectacular over the Chicago River. 7pm to 10pm. Extended shopping hours at many of the Magnificent Mile stores. When more than a million lights go on the trees on North Michigan Avenue in Chicago you know the Holiday season is officially under way. While there are so many competing festive happenings to experience all day, don't forget to take the children to see Santa Claus at his booth in Pioneer Court. You can also catch him meeting with the little ones way up in the John Hancock Observatory. Santa at [The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival](#) is a **TOP 10 SANTA EVENT IN CHICAGOLAND AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS.**



Photo credit: City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

**Santa at McDonalds® Thanksgiving Parade
Thursday, November 22nd, 2018**

Time: 8am - 11am

Place: State Street

Sponsor: Chicago Festival Association

1507 East 53rd Street

Chicago, IL 60615

(312) 235-2217

www.chicagofestivals.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The McDonalds Thanksgiving Day Parade is a grand Chicago tradition that dates all the way back to 1934. There will be beautifully decorated floats, some of the nations premier marching bands, gigantic balloons, dance troupes, expert equestrian units, a profusion of entertainers and of course Santa Claus, in all his magnificent holiday finery coming down State Street. Santa at the McDonalds Thanksgiving Parade is a **TOP 10 SANTA EVENT IN CHICAGOLAND AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS.**



Santa at McDonalds® Thanksgiving Parade

Photo courtesy Chicago Festival Association

Mrs. Claus—A Holiday Musical in Chicago

Thursday, November 29th through Sunday, December 23rd, 2018

Times: Call Box Office or check [online](#) for times

Beverly Arts Center

2407 W. 111th St.

Chicago, IL

60655

Box Office (773) 205-9600

www.chicagokidscompany.com

Cost: Call the box office or check [online](#) for ticket prices

Mrs. Claus—This big colorful Holiday Musical will get you in the spirit of the season with this favorite classic. Follow the elves as they try and find the list that is missing in time for Christmas. Is it possible for Mrs. Claus to save the day?



Photo courtesy Chicago Kids Company

Santa at the Roscoe Village Winterfest

Saturday, December 1st

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Times: Saturday, 5pm tree lighting & late shopping

Sunday, 1pm - 5pm family day

Sponsor: Roscoe Village Neighbors

2248 West Belmont

Chicago, IL 60618

<http://roscoevillage.org/event-calendar/winterfest/>

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join your friends and family for the annual tree lighting on Saturday at the Roscoe Village Winterfest. On Sunday afternoon there will be children's activities, choirs a trolley and yes, Santa Claus!



Photo Courtesy Roscoe Village Neighbors

Santa at Holiday at Sheil Park

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Sponsor: Chicago Park District

Event at: Sheil Park

3505 N. Southport Ave.

Chicago, IL 60657

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

For information (312) 742-7826

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be at the annual community holiday party for a visit with the kids. Enjoy arts, crafts and a good time with friends.

Santa at Holiday Party at the Commercial Club**Saturday, December 8th, 2018**

Sponsor: Chicago Park District

Event at: Commercial Club Playground Park

1845 W. Rice St.

Chicago, IL 60657

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Time: 12pm to 2:30pm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be at the annual party for a visit with the kids. Enjoy refreshments and a good time.

Roller Skate with Santa at Margate Park**Friday, December 14th, 2018**

Sponsor: Chicago Park District

Event at: Margate Park Fieldhouse

921 N. Marine Drive

Chicago, IL 60640

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

For information (312) 742-7522

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30 pm

Cost: \$5.00

Join us for our annual Roller Skating with Santa! It's the place to be this holiday season. Event includes popcorn, hot dog and a drink. Indoor Roller skating event in the gym. Skates provided from sizes 1-13 but if you have your own please bring them.

Santa at Holiday Party at Kilbourn Park**Saturday, December 15th, 2018**

Sponsor: Chicago Park District

Event at :Kilbourn Park

3501 N. Kilbourn Ave.

Chicago, IL 60641

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Time: 5:30m to 7:30pm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Enjoy this holiday party, refreshments, ornament making and a visit with Santa Claus.

Skate with Santa at Maggie Daley Park**Saturday, December 15th, 2018**

Sponsor: Chicago Park District

Event at: Maggie Daley Park

337 E. Randolph St..

Chicago, IL 60605

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Time: 10pm to 5pm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join us for a family fun ice skating party with Santa. Outdoor holiday themed activities will be located in the concession area. For ages 6 months to 12 years.



Photo Courtesy Chicago Park District

Clarendon Hills

Santa at the Clarendon Hills Tree Lighting and Christmas Walk Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6:00pm - Tree Lighting

7 pm Santa's arrival & Christmas Walk

Sponsors: Clarendon Hills Park District
and the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce

315 Chicago Avenue

Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

Place: Village Hall and The Ken Sloan Triangle
in the center of the town

(630) 323-2626

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join the tree lighting and the Christmas Walk in Clarendon Hills when the whole town waits for Santa to arrive for photos at this festive holiday event. There will be refreshments at the Village Hall, carolers, horse drawn carriage rides and many other activities.

Country Club Hills

Santa at Winter Fest Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 3pm - 5pm

Sponsor: Country Club Hills

4200 West Main Street

Country Club Hills, IL 60478

Place: City Hall

(708) 798-2616

www.countryclubhills.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Winter Fest is a day of excitement for the families in Country Club Hills as Santa flies in. There will be Christmas crafts, holiday songs, photos with Santa (\$1 each) and a chance to meet the old guy and to let him know what you hope to receive.

Crete

Santa at Crete Country Christmas Friday, December 7th Saturday December 8th Sunday December 9th, 2018

Times: T/B/A

Sponsor: Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 263
 Crete, IL 60417
 (708) 672-9216

www.cretechamber.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The little town of Crete knows how to kick off the Christmas season in a magical way. Their holiday event always takes place on one weekend in December and includes lots of free things to do and plenty of activities for everyone in the family. Of course you'll find Santa Claus, he's a big part of the festivities and the kids are sure to want to get their picture with him. The town turns into a winter wonderland, there are free trolley rides, a live Nativity scene at Zion Lutheran Church, horse drawn carriages, a craft show and bake sale, real reindeer, a Christmas 5K run and much much more. On Saturday evening, the Crete Country Christmas Parade of Lights, a spectacular show, with a dazzling display of lights comes blazing through town.



Graphic courtesy Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

Crystal Lake

Santa at Festival of Lights Parade

Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 7:00pm - 8pm

Sponsor: Downtown Crystal Lake / Main Street

25 W. Crystal Lake Avenue

Place: Through downtown Crystal Lake

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

(815) 479- 0835

www.downtowncl.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Get into the spirit of the season and join in Santa's arrival in Crystal Lake where he arrives in grand style for the night time parade and travels through downtown in spectacular fashion. You'll see more than sixty different parade entries including decorated floats, holiday marchers and plenty of music. After the parade Santa will light the downtown tree. Children can then visit with him in his House in Brink Street Market—see separate [Santa Houses](#) listing for details.



The Festival of Lights Parade - Photo courtesy Downtown Crystal Lake

Darien

Santa at Children's Holiday Party Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Sponsor: Village of Willowbrook
Parks and Recreation Department
Hinsdale South High School
7401 S. Clarendon Hills Road
Darien, IL 60561

While this is a free event RSVP is required
(630) 323-8215

www.willowbrookil.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

This party which is now celebrating its 39th year, features holiday music, crafts, refreshments, entertainment and time for the boys and girls to tell Santa Claus what they would like for Christmas. Be sure to bring a camera to get your holiday pictures.

While this party is in Darien, it is for Willowbrook residents and Willowbrook family members only.

Deerfield

Santa at Deerfield's Winter Celebration Friday, December 7th & Saturday December 8th, 2018

Time: 9am to 3pm

Deerfield & Deerfield Square
850 Waukegan Road
Deerfield, IL 60015
(847) 945-5000

[Click here](#) for more information.

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Everyone in town will love Deerfield's Winter Celebration. There will be horse drawn sleigh rides, carolers, hot treats, roasted chestnuts, holiday games. pony rides, gingerbread house decorating and much more. The kids will find Santa waiting to see them so be ready to get your holiday photos.

DeKalb

Santa Comes to DeKalb Thursday, November 29th, 2018

Time: 6pm to 8pm

City of DeKalb
Egyptian Theatre

135 North Second Street
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 756-6306
www.cityofdekalb.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Meet Santa when he comes to DeKalb. Enjoy cookies, cocoa, holiday music and caroling at 6 pm at the Egyptian Theatre when they light up the downtown. Stay and meet with Santa at 7pm at his house in Van Buer Plaza.

Des Plaines

Santa at the Des Plaines Tree Lighting

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 4pm to 6:30pm
Sponsor: City of Des Plaines
Place: Metropolitan Square
647 Metropolitan Way
between Lee Street and Pearson Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60515
(847) 391-5300
www.desplaines.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will arrive in Metropolitan Square in grand style on a fire engine when Des Plaines lights up their holiday tree. There will be free entertainment, music and time for pictures with Santa. Hot chocolate and coffee will be served along with cookies and roasted chestnuts.

Santa at Winter Wonderland in Des Plaines

Saturday, December 1st

Sunday December 2nd, 2018

Times: Saturday & Sunday - 11am to 3pm
Sponsors: Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce, Des Plaines Park District
Place: Prairie Lakes Community Center
515 East Thacker St.
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 824-4200
www.desplainesparks.org/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join in the family fun at the annual Des Plaines Holiday Festival. Santa will be there to take pictures with the kids, there will be arts and crafts, entertainment and food.

Downers Grove

Santa at Downer Grove's

Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade

Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 4:30pm
Sponsor: Village of Downers Grove
Place: Main Street Train Station
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 434-5571
www.events.downers.us/

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join in the Downer Grove tree lighting ceremony. There will be music, refreshments and old Santa to greet everyone after the tree lighting ceremony.

East Dundee

Santa at the East Dundee Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6pm
Sponsor: Village of East Dundee
Place: The Depot
319 River Street
East Dundee, IL 60118
(847) 426-2956
www.dickensindundee.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join the village officials for the tree lighting and an early visit from Santa Claus.

Elburn

Santa at the Elburn Stroll and Tree Lighting Saturday, November 24th, 2018

Time: 4pm - 8pm
Sponsor: Elburn Chamber of Commerce
Place: American Legion - 112 N. Main Street
Elburn, IL 60119
(630) 365-2295
www.elburn.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

There's plenty of fun for the kids and the whole family at the Elburn Stroll and Tree Lighting. There will be a choral concert at different Elburn locations, hay rides, the Larsen Light Show, plus many other activities and the tree lighting at 5 pm. Be sure to go to the Town & Country Public Library for cookies and hot cocoa and time to talk with Santa Claus.



Photo courtesy Elburn Chamber of Commerce

Elgin

Santa at the Elgin Tree Lighting Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 5pm - 6pm
City Hall
Plaza
Elgin, IL 60120
(Downtown Elgin)
(847) 531-7056
www.cityofelgin.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa doesn't come in on a sled, no it's a fire truck Elgin's annual lighting the huge tree. There will be a jazz band playing holiday music starting at 3:30 pm, plenty of things for the kids to do, as well as visits with the big old guy in the red suit.

Elk Grove Village

Santa at Elk Grove Village's

**Tree Lighting Ceremony
Friday, November 23rd, 2018**

Time: 5:30pm
Place: Town Center Village Green
901 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
(847) 357-4030
www.elkgrove.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa helps usher in the holiday season in Elk Grove Village when he and the mayor flip the switch and more than a quarter of a million lights on the village buildings come to life. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served—local high school bands and choirs provide music and the evening finale is a blazing fireworks display.

Elmhurst**Santa at the Spring Road Mall Tree Lighting
Friday, November 16th, 2018**

Time: 6pm - 7pm
Gazebo - Prairie Path and Spring Road
483 S. Spring Road
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 993-1600
www.springroad.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join us for holiday music from 6 to 6:30pm, then Santa arrives at 6:30pm on a fire engine to light the tree. Everyone can enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and festive Christmas carols.

**Santa at the Old Fashioned
Tree Lighting in Elmhurst
Thursday, December 6th, 2018**

Time :6pm - 8pm
Wilder Park
175 Prospect Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 993-8901
www.epd.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The little ones who come early can visit with Santa Claus before the tree lighting ceremony and enjoy live reindeer, activities in the Wilder Mansion plus holiday music and goodies. Then, the event everyone is waiting for—the beautiful tree located in the middle of Wilder Park is lit.

**Santa at Wilder Mansion
Saturday, December 8th, 2018**

Times: 9am to 12:30pm
Wilder Mansion
211 S. Prospect Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 993-8193
<http://www.epd.org/contact>

Cost: \$12 residents; \$16 non-residents

Meet Santa and his friends at Wilder Mansion. There will be craft making, cookies and cocoa, holiday music plus time to get a picture with Santa and to tell him what you would like for Christmas!

Evanston**Santa at the Downtown Evanston
Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Saturday December 8th, 2018

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Place: Downtown Evanston at Fountain Square

Davis Street at Sherman Avenue

Evanston, IL 60201

(847) 866-6319

www.evanstondowntown.com**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Celebrate the holiday season at the annual tree lighting with the mayor as he lights up the tree at Fountain Square. Enjoy holiday themed music and old-time carolers. Enjoy hot chocolate and an ice sculpture demonstration. Then visit with Santa at Pete Miller's and Mrs. Claus at Becky & Me Toys for photos.



Evanston Tree Lighting graphic courtesy Evanston Downtown

Santa at Evanston Symphony Holiday Concert**Sunday December 2nd, 2018**

Time: 3pm

Sponsor: Evanston Symphony

Orchestra

Evanston Township High School

1600 Dodge

Evanston IL 60201

<http://www.evanstonsymphony.org/>(847) 864-8804 for questions & to [order tickets](#)**Cost:** Check with the Evanston Symphony for [ticket prices](#) & availability

For one of the top holiday events in Evanston you won't want to miss 'Evanston Symphony Holiday Concert'. This exciting evening includes the Evanston Symphony Orchestra led by Music Director Lawrence Eckerling, plus the North Shore Choral Society, Evanston Dance Ensemble, Evanston Children's Choir, ETHS Concert Choir & A Capella Singers. In addition there is an Audience Sing-a-Long and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus—the kids are sure to love the visit from Santa and his elves.

[Photo credit Laura Bennett - Strike2Photography](#)

Evergreen Park

Santa at A Dickens Christmas & the Evergreen Park Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 2pm - 7pm

Lighting ceremony 6 pm Klein Park 97th & Homan

Other events: Fountain Square

95th Street - Western to Pulaski

& Klein Park - 97th & Holman

Evergreen Park, IL 60805

(708) 422-1551

www.evergreenpark-ill.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Evergreen Park is another town that knows how to celebrate the holiday season in grand style. There will be face painting, sleigh rides, free trolleys around downtown, as well as strolling carolers and real live reindeer. You can visit Santa Claus at the Community Center where he will be ready for the little ones who will enjoy cocoa, cookies and holiday music.

Flossmoor

Santa at Flossmoor Winterfest & Tree Lighting Saturday, December 8th, 2018

Times: 2pm Winterfest -Tree Lighting 5pm

Sponsor: Village of Flossmoor

Place: Flossmoor Public Library

1000 Sterling Avenue & downtown Flossmoor

Flossmoor, IL 60422

flossmoor.org

(708) 798-2300

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

There will be story time at the library and then Santa arrives at 2 pm for pictures with Santa and the holiday party. Enjoy seasonal songs, hot chocolate, free trolley rides, the gingerbread village and a great time for everyone. At 5pm the mayor—with Santa looking on, will turn on the lights of the tree at the Flossmoor Public Library.

Forest Park

Santa at the Forest Park Holiday Walk & Tree Lighting Friday, November 30th, 2018

Times: 6pm to 9pm

Sponsor: The Forest Park Chamber of Commerce

Place: Constitution Court - Thomas & Madison

Forest Park, Illinois 60130

(708) 366-2543

www.exploreforestpark.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa arrives on a fire truck at 6 pm for the tree lighting—there will be horse drawn sleigh rides, face painting a marshmallow roast and much more.

Fox Lake

Santa at the Fox Lake Tree Lighting & Festival of Lights Parade Saturday, November 24th, 2018

Times: Parade Saturday 5pm

Sponsor: Village of Fox Lake

Place: Tree Lighting - Millennium Park after parade
Parade starts at Grant Community High School & goes down Grand Ave.
(847) 587-2151
www.foxlake.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Be sure to see Santa in Fox Lake at the Fox Lake tree lighting and the Christmas Parade.

Fox River Grove

**Santa at the Fox River Grove Tree
Lighting Festival
Saturday, December 1st, 2018**

Times: 2pm to 5pm
Sponsor: Village of Fox River Grove
Place: Tree Lighting - Algonquin Road School
975 Algonquin Road,
Fox River Grove, IL 60013
(847) 639-3170
<http://www.foxrivergrove.org/>

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will arrive by fire truck to meet children and have photos taken. There will be horse and wagon rides, cookies, hot chocolate, entertainment and games. **While we believe the date and times listed are correct, check with Fox River Grove to be sure.**

Frankfort

**Santa at Frankfort Tree Lighting Ceremony
Thursday, November 29th, 2018**

Time 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Place: Breidert Green
Oak and Kansas Streets
Frankfort, IL 60423
(815) 469-2177 ext. 243
www.villageoffrankfort.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Bring the whole family to the annual tree lighting ceremony, enjoy refreshments and a visit with both Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Geneva

**Santa at the Geneva Christmas Walk
Friday, December 7th, 2018**

Time: 6pm to 9:30pm
Place: Downtown Geneva Outside of the old courthouse
South Third Street between James & Campbell
Geneva, IL 60134
(630) 232-6060

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

www.genevachamber.com/sponsorship_christmaswalk.htm

Geneva celebrates its ethnic roots and the beginning of the holiday season with its annual Christmas walk. The festivities get started at 6pm with the arrival of Santa Lucia, the traditional Swedish symbol of the season in a horse-drawn antique carriage along with her attendants. They are joined by Santa Claus and the mayor for the lighting of the great tree on the courthouse lawn. The evening includes chestnut roasting, Swedish cookies, candy canes, hot cider and holiday songs. About 6:30pm Santa heads for his Gingerbread House—see [Santa Houses](#)—on James and Third Streets which he officially opens for the season.



Santa at the Geneva Tree Lighting Ceremony

Santa at Christmas on the Farm in Geneva

Saturday, December 15th, 2018

Time: 4pm to 7pm

Place: Peck Farm Park

4038 Kaneville Road

Geneva, IL 60134

(630) 232-

4542

Pre-registration is recommended

www.genevaparks.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Enjoy some of the pleasures of Christmas past. Gather around the fireplace and listen to a story from Mrs. Claus. Next is a surprise visit from old Santa himself. Christmas carolers and ice sculpting are also part of the fun. Admission is free, however there is a charge for cocoa and snacks.

Genoa

Santa at Genoa's Jingle Bell Parade & Tree Lighting

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6pm

Place: The parade is on Main Street downtown Genoa

The tree lighting is outside of

Heartland Bank & Trust

327 West Main Street

Genoa, IL 60135

(815) 784-6961

www.genoa-il.com/city/chamber_commerce.html

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Celebrate the Season is a big event in a small town. From 6pm to 8pm there will be holiday crafts, kids games, and free carriage rides, while there will be classic stories and Christmas Carols at the library. Santa will be seeing children in his house on Main Street for pictures after the parade.

Glencoe

Santa Arrives in Glencoe for Light the Lights

Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 4pm - 7pm

675 Village Court

Glencoe, IL 60022

Place: Glencoe Village Hall

(Park and Vernon)

(847) 835-4111

www.goglencoe.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Hey, that's not a sleigh, you're right—the old guy will be arriving in Glencoe on a fire truck where he has come for the tree lighting. A number of local businesses have provided refreshments and there will be holiday music as well. Next the switch is thrown and the lights go on.

Glendale Heights

Santa at Glendale Heights Winter Wonderland

Light Parade and Tree Lighting

Monday, November 26th, 2018

Time: 6pm - the parade begins, with the tree lighting at 7pm

Place: The parade starts at Camera Park and proceeds to the Village Hall

Village of Glendale Heights

300 Civic Center Plaza

Glendale Heights, IL 60139

(630) 909-5302

www.glendaleheights.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa Claus will be in the parade to the Village Hall where he will be the guest of honor at the Glendale Heights tree lighting ceremony. There will be performances by chorus groups and refreshments will be served at the Village Hall after the ceremony. **While we believe the date and times listed are correct, check with the Village of Glendale Heights to be sure.**

Glen Ellyn

Santa at Holiday Walk

& Tree Lighting in Glen Ellyn

Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Note: at 6pm Santa will light the tree at Main Street and Crescent Boulevard

Sponsor: Glen Ellyn Chamber & Glen Ellyn Public Library

Place: Downtown Glen Ellyn

(630) 790-6747 Library

www.glenellynchamber.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Prior to Santa's arrival downtown, from 1pm until 5pm the Library will host Christmas music by a chorale group, holiday crafts, story telling and refreshments. Until 9pm there will be music, refreshments, holiday characters and ice sculptures in the downtown area. At 6 pm Santa will be on hand to help light up the Glen Ellyn Christmas Tree on Main Street. The big fellow will then travel to Glen Ellyn's Fire Station at the N.E. corner of Main & Crescent to meet the kids until 8:30pm.



Glen Ellyn Tree Lighting - Photo courtesy Glen Ellyn Chamber.

Grayslake

Santa at the Annual Grayslake

Tree Lighting Festival

Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm - 8 pm

Place: Center Avenue & Whitney Street

Grayslake, IL 60030

(847) 223-6888

www.grayslakechamber.com**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

There's Santa Claus, beautiful holiday lights and music—cookies, candy, hot chocolate, sleigh rides and more at the Grayslake tree lighting ceremony. After the lighting children will be able to find Santa at the Oasis Youth Center at 6 pm, 151 Hawley St.

Hainesville**Santa at the Hainesville Holiday Mixer****Saturday, December 1st, 2018**

Time: 2 pm - 5 pm

contact: The Village of Hainesville

100 N. Hainesville Road

Hainesville, IL 60030

(847) 223-2032

<http://hainesville.org>**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Come early and see Santa in the afternoon before the tree is lit at 5 pm at the Village Hall. There will be music, candy, cookies, juice, hot chocolate and coffee for everyone.

While we believe the date and times listed are correct, check with the Village of Hainesville to be sure.

Hanover Park**Santa at the Tree Lighting in Hanover Park****Friday, December 7th, 2018**

Time: 6pm

Village of Hanover Park

Village Hall

2121 Lake Street

Hanover Park IL 60133

(630) 823-5600

www.hanoverparkillinois.org**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

This annual festive event is held at the Village Hall in Hanover Park. You'll find entertainment, refreshments and of course Old St. Nick himself who flips the switch to light up the Village tree.



Tree Lighting Ceremony Hanover Park - Photo courtesy Village of Hanover Park

Harvard

Santa at Christmas in Harvard**Saturday, December 1st, 2018**

Time: 10am to 4pm

Contact: Village of Harvard

Throughout the Downtown area

Harvard IL 60033

(815) 943-6468

www.cityofharvard.org**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

On Saturday Harvard celebrates the season with a parade, live holiday entertainment, and a craft show. It wouldn't be "Christmas in Harvard" without pictures with Santa and story time with Mrs. Claus.

Hawthorne Woods**Santa at Hawthorne Woods Tree Lighting****Friday, December 7th, 2018**

Time: 6pm

contact: Hawthorn Woods Village Hall Barn

2 Lagoon Drive

Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047

(847) 540-5228

www.vhw.org**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Hawthorn Woods kicks off the season with their tree lighting next to the Village Hall with refreshments, Christmas music, a craft's table and of course a visit from "you know who"!



Photo Courtesy Village of Hawthorne Woods

Highland Park**Santa at the Highland Park Tree Lighting****Saturday, November 17th, 2018**

Time :About 4:50pm

Place: Port Clinton Square

Central Avenue - downtown Highland Park,

between First Street & Second Street

Highland Park, IL 60035

(847) 926-1030

www.cityhpil.com**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Santa comes in for the Holiday Lighting festivities in Highland Park on a fire truck, led by the Highland Park High School Marching Band. Events include the parade, carolers, refreshments, plenty of holiday entertainment and music, topped off by the tree lighting.

Hinsdale

Santa at the Annual Christmas Walk in Hinsdale Friday, November 30th, 2018

Time: 4pm to 8pm

Tree lighting: 5pm Village Hall

Place: Events are in downtown Hinsdale on Chicago Avenue
& Washington Street and in Burlington Park

Burlington Park - southwest corner of Garfield & Chicago
Hinsdale, IL 60521

(630) 323-3952

hinsdalechamber.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be arriving in style for the tree lighting on a fire truck. You will also enjoy holiday singers and other entertainment and there will be plenty of holiday specials from local merchants. After the tree lighting ceremony, go across the street to Burlington Park where you'll find Santa in the Hinsdale [Santa House](#) and "Cookie" the Gingerbread man in the Gingerbread Cookie Tent.



Photo Courtesy Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce

Hoffman Estates

Santa at the Hoffman Estates Friendship Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday, November 17th, 2018

Time :6pm

Place: Hoffman Estates Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

Hoffman Estates IL 60169

(847) 882-9100

www.hoffmanestates.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join in this festive occasion where you will find Santa Claus, entertainment, refreshments and an evening everyone will enjoy.

Homer Glen

Santa at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Homer Glen Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time 4:30 - 7:30pm

Place: Village of Homer Glen

14240 W. 151st Street

Homer Glen, IL 60491

(708) 301-0632

www.homerglenil.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Help kick off for Holiday celebration in Homer Glen at the annual tree lighting. Santa will be there for picture taking, enjoy holiday carols, candy canes and hot chocolate when the village tree comes ablaze with lights.

Santa Celebration at Homer Township Public Library

Thursday, December 9th 2018

Sponsor: Homer Township Public Library

14320 W. 151st St.

Homer Glen, IL 60491

<https://homerlibrary.org/santa-celebration>

For information: (708) 301-7908

Time: 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Mark your holiday calendar for a wonderful visit with Santa. This family event will include refreshments, crafts, games, spin the prize wheel and more! Don't forget to bring your camera.



Photo © Jenni Kenney Photography and Design

Homewood

Santa at Holiday Lights in Homewood

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 5pm - 9pm

contact: Village of Homewood

Place: Irwin Park Gazebo and in downtown Homewood

(Hickory Road , Dixie Highway to Martin)

Homewood, IL 60430

(708) 957-0300 - tree lighting or (708) 798-3000 - Holiday Lights in Homewood

www.homesweethomewood/holidaylight.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Enjoy music, hot chocolate and a bon fire while awaiting the arrival of Santa. Give Santa your wish list at the Irwin Park Gazebo. After the tree lighting ceremony, enjoy more festivities in downtown Homewood with the Christkindl Market. The holiday market will have live reindeer, delicious desserts, holiday tree sales, carolers, hot cider, mulled wine and ice sculpting demonstrations on Martin Avenue. Travel on the festive trolleys, making stops at the shops in downtown Homewood.



Mrs. Claus & Santa at Holiday Lights in Homewood

Huntley

Santa at the Huntley Holiday Lights Parade & Christmas on the Square

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Times: Parade 3:30pm Tree Lighting 5pm

contact: Village of Huntley

Place: The parade begins at Ol' Timers Park on Church St. to Main St. & then to Woodstock St., right on Coral where it ends at the gazebo on the Square.

Historic Town Square

Huntley, IL 60142

(847) 515-5262

www.huntley.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Bring the whole family and watch the parade and then see Santa at the village tree lighting where you can get free pictures of the kids with the big guy in the red suit. There will be hot cocoa, the festivities include carolers, kids crafts, visits with Mrs. Claus in the old Village Hall and much more.



Photo of Christmas on the Square courtesy Village of Huntley

Santa's Workshop in Huntley

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6pm to 7:30pm

contact: Huntley Park District

Place: REC Center Theater

12015 Mill Street

Huntley, IL 60142

(847) 669-3180

www.huntleyparks.org

Cost: \$5 rper child

For children ages two and up with their parents

Kids—make a holiday craft and visit with Santa and tell him what you would like for Christmas. Parents, remember to bring your camera.

Inverness

Hometown Holiday in Inverness

Friday December 7th, 2018

Time: 5pm

Inverness Park District

North Park

300 North Highland Road

Inverness, IL 60067

(847) 934-8867

www.invernessparkdistrict.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join the party at this annual village celebration. Santa will arrive on a fire truck and visit with the children. Cookies and other refreshments will be served.

Island Lake

Santa at Island Lake's Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday & Sunday, November 17th & 18th, 2018

Time: 10am - 4pm

Place: Island Lake Village Hall

contact: Village of Island Lake

3720 Greenleaf Avenue

Island Lake, IL 60042

(847) 526-4851

www.villageofislandlake.com

Cost: \$1

Crafters will be selling handcrafted items, food, refreshments and there will be a bake sale. Santa will be there to see the kids both days from noon to 3pm while the Faire will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday & 10am - 3pm on Sunday. Remember to bring a camera. Please note, the fair is on November 19th & 20th, however **Santa will be there on Saturday, November 19th only.**

Santa at Island Lake's Tree Lighting Festival

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Place: Island Lake Village Hall

contact: Village of Island Lake

3720 Greenleaf Avenue

Island Lake, IL 60042

(847) 526-4851

www.villageofislandlake.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The whole family can enjoy hot chocolate, donuts and hayrides. There will be crafts for the kids and fire pits will keep everyone warm. Santa will be there to throw the switch to light the tree.

Joliet

Santa at Light Up the Holidays Festival & Parade

Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 10am - 7:30pm

Various areas downtown Joliet

Joliet, IL 60432

(815) 774-6066

www.jolietdowntown.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The day kicks off with crafts for the kids at the Joliet Area Historic Museum, the Library will have "[Storytime with Santa](#)", and there will be "[Brunch with Santa](#)" at the Renaissance Center and the [Teddy Bear Tea with Santa](#) at the Rialto Square Theatre. At five o'clock there is Joliet Christmas Tree lighting in Van Buren Plaza, followed by

the Holiday Parade at 5:30 pm with a lot of bright lights, holiday floats, marching bands and fireworks.



Photo courtesy Downtown Joliet

Kirkland

Santa at Christmas in Kirkland Saturday, December 8th, 2018

Time: 3pm - 6pm
in the pavilion Franklin Township Park
Kirkland, IL 60146
(815) 522-6179
villageofkirkland.com/chamber

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be at the Franklin Township Park to visit with area kids when the Chamber of Commerce holds its annual Christmas in Kirkland event. Refreshments will be available and there will be holiday music and Story Time at the library. Don't forget to bring a camera.

Lake Forest

Santa at the Tree Lighting in Lake Forest Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 3:30pm - 7pm
Market Square
contact: The City of Lake Forest
220 E. Deerpath
Lake Forest, IL 60045
(847) 810-3675
www.cityoflakeforest.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa Claus will be waiting for the children at Lake Forest's annual Christmas tree lighting where there will be caroling, hot chocolate, cider and other holiday goodies.

Lake in the Hills

Santa Rides in & Festival of the Trees in Lake in the Hills Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6 pm - 8 pm
contact: Lake in the Hills Park & Recreation Dept.
Event at: Lake in the Hills Village Hall
600 Harvest Gate
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847) 960-7460
www.lilh.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa Claus will come riding into Lake in the Hills on a fire truck for the lighting of the Festival of Trees. Then have the kids join him for a snack and pictures while they tell him what they would like to receive for Christmas.



Photo courtesy Village of Lake in the Hills

Lake Villa

Santa at Lake Villa's Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade Saturday, November 24th, 2018

Time: Time: 5pm

Place: Parade starts at Palombi School on McKinley, Tree lighting: Lehmann Park,
contact: Village of Lake Villa

65 Cedar Avenue
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-6100

www.lake-villa.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Lake Villa welcomes the holiday season with their annual Christmas parade with Santa waving to the crowd as he rides through town. The festivities conclude with the tree lighting in Lehmann Park, followed by the children's party with refreshments and entertainment at the train station.

Lake Zurich

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Evening with Santa in Lake Zurich Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 6 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: Downtown Lake Zurich
Rotary Park, 7 E. Main Street
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Registration required
(847) 438-5146

www.lakezurich.org/parkandrec

Cost: \$5 for residents; \$10 for non-residents

Lake Zurich has a memorable evening for children with Santa. There will be time to tell the man in the red suit what they would like, to enjoy refreshments, make holiday crafts and to have a great time!

Lansing

Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Annual Tree Lighting Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 5 - 7pm

Sponsor: Village of Lansing
18200 Chicago
Lansing, IL 60438
(708) 895-7200

www.lansingsanta.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Both Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at Randolph and Henry Streets for the

festivities in a fire truck. From there they will greet children as they head down Henry to the Christmas tree in Park Plaza, where they will help the Mayor with the lighting ceremony. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served, there will be Christmas carols and then they will officially open the [Lansing Santa House](#). The Lansing Chamber hosts the Taste of the Holidays which will be held at the American Legion, 18255 Grant Street where there will be a craft table for the children.



Photo courtesy Lansing Chamber of Commerce

Libertyville

Santa at Holiday on the Square in Libertyville **Friday November 23rd, 2018**

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Cook Memorial Park
downtown Libertyville
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 918-7275

www.libertyville.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Come for the tree lighting, Christmas music, singing and a visit from Santa Claus. Libertyville's annual tree lighting is always the day after Thanksgiving and is a wonderful holiday event for the entire family with treats for all.

Santa at Dickens of a Holiday in Libertyville **Saturday December 1st & 8th, 2018**

Times: 10am to 12 noon & 1pm to 3pm

Cook Memorial Park
downtown Libertyville
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 680-0336

www.mainstreetlibertyville.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in Cook Park for the 1st two Saturdays in December. This is your chance to get great holiday photos of the kids. In addition, you can do your shopping and enjoy the many festive events in historic downtown Libertyville.



Photo courtesy Mainstreet Libertyville

Lindenhurst

Santa at Lindenhurst's Tree Lighting Saturday December 1st, 2018

Time: 4:30 - 6 pm

Place: Park District Community Center Gym

2200 E. Grass Lake Road

Lindenhurst, IL 60046

contact: Lindenhurst Park District

(847) 356-6011

www.lindenhurstparks.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The fire department escorts Santa into town for the lighting in Lindenhurst where he will help set the tree aglow. There will be activities for the kids, live entertainment cookies, juice and plenty of time to get pictures with old Santa.

Lisle

Santa at Once Upon a Christmas in Lisle Saturday December 1st Sunday December 2nd, 2018

Times: Saturday 3 pm - 8 pm Tree lighting is at 6 pm

Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm

Sponsor: Lisle Area Chamber of Commerce

Parade: 3 pm - Downtown Lisle south on Main street & east to Burlington Avenue to the Village Hall

Tree lighting: 6 pm Lisle Village Hall

925 Burlington Avenue

Lisle, IL 60532

(630) 964-0052

<http://lislechamber.chambermaster.com>

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Events include the Santa parade through downtown Lisle; hay rides in downtown; blacksmithing demonstrations and live holiday entertainment both days. On Saturday there is the tree lighting ceremony with cookies, caroling and of course Santa Claus. Be sure to see Santa and the live reindeer on Sunday.

Santa at the Candy Cane Hunt in Lisle Saturday December 8th, 2018

Time: 10am - 11am

Sponsor: Lisle Park District

Community Park Bandshell

1825 Short Street

Lisle, IL 60532

(630) 969-0992

www.lisleparkdistrict.org

Registration required

For children ages 10 and under

Cost: Residents: \$5; non-residents: \$8

This is a day the kids won't want to miss, the candy can hunt in Community Park. There are some special prizes and fun for everyone. Don't tell the kids but they shouldn't be surprised if a special visitor with a white beard and a red suit stops by.



Photo courtesy Lisle Park District

Lockport

Santa at Christmas in the Square in Lockport Saturday, November 24, 2018

Time: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Sponsor: Village of Lockport

Central Square

222 E. Ninth St.

Lockport, IL 60441

(815) 838-1183

www.lockportpolice.com/parade.htm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Come to Lockport and meet Santa Claus who has come down from the North Pole with his reindeer. He has something for each child and then stay for the tree lighting at 4:30 pm.

Lombard

Santa at the Jinglebell Jubilee and Tree Lighting in Lombard Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 3pm - 8pm Various Locations

Tree Lighting 5:30 - Liliacia Park

Village of Lombard and

Lombard Area Chamber of Commerce

Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 627-5040

www.lombardchamber.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Lombard doesn't play second fiddle to anyone when it comes to having great Holiday events. Their "Jingle Bell Jubilee" is a terrific day of fun filled activities for the entire family. The downtown cookie walk begins at three, along with free carriage rides and plenty of caroling and holiday music. Santa will show up on a fire truck to help with the official tree lighting at 5:30. Then he will be in Lilacia Park's Santa's house, where children can meet with the old guy one on one, see the trees in the park being lighted, enjoy refreshments and other activities. Next, stop is the Lombard Library where there will be more music, more, cookies and plenty of things for the kids to do. Another favorite is the "[Ghosts of Christmas Past](#)" tour at the Victorian Cottage Museum from 6:30 until 8:30pm.



Graphic courtesy Lombard Park District

Long Grove

**Santa visits Reed-Turner
Nature Center in Long Grove
Sunday, December 9th, 2018**

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Reed-Turner Nature Center

3849 Old McHenry Road

Long Grove, IL 60049

(847) 438-4743

<http://lgparks.org/sports-programs-activities/>

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Bring the entire family to see Santa at the Reed-Turner Nature Center in Long Grove. There will be a chance for the youngsters to see Santa and to give him their wish lists. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy to make Christmas special for needy children. Also, don't forget to have a camera for those holiday pictures.



Photo courtesy Long Grove Park District

Manhattan

**Santa at Christmas on State Street
Saturday, December 1st, 2018**

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Manhattan Park District Program

397 State Street

Manhattan, IL 60442

(815) 478-3324

www.manhattanparkdistrict.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

A great afternoon has been planned for the annual "Christmas on State Street". There is a gingerbread house contest, live reindeer and more. You'll find Santa at the parade of lights, Christmas tree lighting and at "Santa Takes Manhattan"—go to the [Santa Pictures](#) page for complete details of Santa Takes Manhattan.

Marengo

Santa at Marengo's Christmas Procession and Tree Lighting Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6pm

Fire Department

120 E. Prairie Street

Marengo, IL 60152

(815) 568-8440

www.cityofmarengo.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The Christmas season begins in Marengo when Santa comes to town on a firetruck. He will be there to greet the children and help with the tree lighting. There will be treats for all at this festive event. **While we believe this date is correct, please check with the city of Marengo to be sure.**



Photo courtesy Marengo Main Street Inc.

McHenry

Santa at McHenry's Downtown Christmas Walk, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Toys for Tots Christmas Parade Saturday, November 17th & Sunday November 18th, 2018

Saturday - 6pm (Tree lighting)

Veterans Memorial Park Gazebo - 1450 N. Court Street

Saturday - 2pm (Toys for Tots Parade - Riverside Drive,
Green Street, Main Street and Route 120)

City of McHenry

McHenry, IL 60050

(815) 363-2100

www.ci.mchenry.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

You'll find Santa Claus and over three hundred motorcycles plus floats in the annual Toys for Tots Parade which provides toys to needy children in the area. Following the parade Santa will be taking kid's requests at the gazebo in Veterans Memorial Park. On both Saturday and Sunday, throughout the day in the downtown area there will be horse drawn hay rides for the children, trolleys for shoppers and other things for families to do. Saturday concludes with the tree lighting at Veterans Memorial Park.

Mokena

Santa at Mokena Christmas Fest & Parade of Lights Saturday November 17th, 2018

Time: 11am - 6pm

Sponsor: Mokena Chamber of Commerce

19820 Wolf Road

Mokena, IL 60448

(708) 479-2468

www.mokena.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Mokena's Christmas Fest has many different events where you can run into Santa. There is the Parade of Lights down Front Street and the tree lighting at the corner of Front and Mokena. There is also Lunch with Santa and his workshop at the Mokena Elementary School.



Santa and Mrs. Claus at Christmas Fest - Photo courtesy Mokena Chamber of Commerce

Momence

Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Annual Christmas Gathering in Momence Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 9am to 8pm

Storytelling with Mrs. Claus: 12 noon to 2pm

Santa in his workshop: 1 pm to 8 pm

Tree lighting at 5pm

Downtown Momence

Sponsor: Main Street Momence

103 N. Dixie Highway

Momence, IL 60954

(815) 472-3861

www.mainstreetmomence.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Every year Momence has an "Annual Christmas Gathering", an all day event in the historic downtown area. There are plenty of things happening to keep the entire family busy, including Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus who will be reading some of the classic holiday stories. Other activities include a holiday art and craft fair, the community tree lighting, ornament making and face painting for the kids, horse drawn carriage rides, camel and donkey rides, plus a living Nativity.



Photo courtesy Main Street Momence

Montgomery

Santa at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Montgomery Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Time: 5 pm to 6:30 pm

contact: Village of Montgomery

Place: Village Hall

200 N. River River Street

(815) 896-8080

www.ci.montgomery.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be riding in on a fire engine for Montgomery 's annual tree lighting ceremony. There will be fireworks, holiday music, Santa arriving on a fire truck and afterward visits with Santa in his house and refreshments for everyone.



Santa at the Montgomery Tree Lighting

Mooseheart

Santa at Holiday Lights at Mooseheart Friday, December 7th & 14th, Saturday December 8th & 15th, Sunday December 9th & 16th, 2018

Times: Holiday Lights: 5-9 p.m. - Santa visits select weekends 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Mooseheart Child City & School

Mooseheart, IL 60539

located just 2 miles North of I-88W on IL-31/IL-56/S Lincolnway

(630) 966-2200

www.mooseheart.org

Dates: Holiday Lights only late November - December 31, 2018

Cost: \$10 per car - includes a visit with Santa on nights Santa is there

Mooseheart is a residential childcare facility, located on a 1,000 acre campus 38 miles west of Chicago. The child city is a home for children and teens in need, from infancy through high school. You'll find the Holiday Lights at Mooseheart on nightly from November 25th through December 31st. Santa is there only for six special evenings. Not only can the kids visit Santa, you can enjoy one of the Chicago area's largest and most spectacular displays at the same time. Visits include hot cocoa and cookies plus crafts and games. You'll also see more than 400 lighted figures over a 1.8-mile drive-through course on the beautiful Mooseheart campus. The show features a giant light tunnel and custom-built light displays, larger-than-life holiday characters, children-oriented figures, and mythical creatures; plus architectural lighting coordinated with music throughout the spacious campus. Also see [Top 20 Places for Holiday Lights](#) in Chicagoland.

Morris

Santa at Home for the Holidays in Morris

Friday, November 23rd

Saturday, November 24th

Sunday, November 25th, 2018

Times: Check the following [website](#) for times & events

Sponsor: Morris Downtown Development

Place: The parade goes down Liberty Street from Chapin Park to the Courthouse Lawn Other events are throughout downtown Morris
(815) 941-0245

www.downtownmorris.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Morris is another town that really knows how to put on a Christmas celebration. Home for the Holidays gets going on Friday with the Festival of Trees and the Christmas House Walk and Tea. There are free trolley rides, retailers open house, lantern making for the kids, and the Annual Lighted Holiday Parade at 530pm Friday, when Santa arrives in Morris. After the parade on Friday night Santa will be in Chapin Park until 7pm. On Saturday there is the Breakfast with Santa, and Santa and his reindeer on the Courthouse lawn from 10am until 12 noon. You'll find Santa at his House in Morris on Friday evening, November 23rd and again on Sunday afternoon, November 25th and in December on Saturday's and Sunday's through December 23rd.



Photo courtesy Morris Downtown Development

Morton Grove

Santa at the Morton Grove Holly Days Festival Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 3pm - 6:30pm

Harrer Park

6250 Dempster Street

Morton Grove, IL 600530

(847) 965-09710

www.mortongrovecparks.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Morton Grove kicks off the holiday season with a day of family activities, free entertainment, a visit from Santa, food plus tree sales at Harrer Park. Presented by Morton Grove Park District, Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Morton Grove.

Mundelein

Santa at the Mundelein Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday, November 30th, 2018

Time: 5pm tree lighting 6pm

at Kracklauer Park Gazebo

Seymour Avenue

Mundelein, IL 60060

(847) 949-3200

www.mundeleinmainstreet.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Mundelein does the tree lighting in grand style with Santa Claus, cookies, hot chocolate, and musical entertainment and fireworks. After the tree lighting ceremony, Santa leaves to open Mundelein MainStreet's Santa's Cottage.

Santa at the Fort Hill Heritage Museum Open House
Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 11 am - 3 pm

Fort Hill Heritage Museum

601 East Noel Drive

Mundelein, IL 60060

(847) 566-7743

www.mundeleinparks.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Every year the Fort Hill Heritage Museum has an open house with Santa. The Museum is gaily decorated for the season and the children receive gifts and treats and a picture with the big guy in the red suit.

Naperville

Santa at the Naperville Little Friends
Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: Parade starts at 7pm

Place: Downtown Naperville

Naperville, IL 60565

(630) 544-3372

www.downtownnaperville.com/events.php

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Naperville gets the holiday spirit revved up with the Little Friends Holiday Parade. Featured are over thirty-five marching units and bands as well as Santa Claus, which is immediately followed by the Grand Illumination of downtown Naperville where Santa will hit the switch which will illuminate the downtown area in over three hundred thousand brightly colored Christmas lights. You'll enjoy the official tree lighting at the Main Street Promenade, live reindeer, holiday characters and numerous musical groups as well as free trolleys throughout downtown Naperville. Starting Saturday, December 1st, children will be able visit with Santa at the [Santa House in Naperville](#) at the Riverwalk.



Photo courtesy Little Friends

Skating with Santa in Naperville
Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: check in: 11am; ice time 11:30am - 1pm

Place: Rocket Ice Arena

180 Canterbury Lane

(630) 848-5000

Naperville, IL 60564

For children age two and up Registration required

www.napervilleparks.org

Cost: \$11 residents; \$17 non-residents

Santa will be skating with Naperville kids in Bolingbrooke at the Rocket Ice Arena.

Enjoy private ice time, hot chocolate and a cookie plus the chance to be with Santa.

Skate rental is included in the fee.

North Aurora

Santa at the Holiday Open House in North Aurora Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Time: 1:30pm to 4pm

Place: Messenger Public Library

113 Oak Street

North Aurora, IL 60542

(630) 896-0240

www.northaurora.lib.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Bring the kids in for a great afternoon of holiday music, entertainment and the opportunity to get pictures with Santa Claus who will read a story.



Photo courtesy North Aurora Public Library

North Chicago

Santa at the North Chicago Annual Tree Lighting Monday, November 26th, 2018

Time: 6pm

Place: North Chicago City Hall

1850 Lewis Avenue

North Chicago, IL 60064

(847) 596-8643

www.northchicago.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

You can be sure Santa will be at North Chicago's tree lighting ceremony where the festivities will feature holiday music and light refreshments as well as pictures with the old bearded fellow.



Santa at the North Chicago Tree Lighting

Northfield

Santa at Northfield's Holiday Winter Fest

Saturday, December 8th, 2018

Time: 11am to 1pm

Place: Northfield Community Center

401 Wagner Road

Northfield, IL 60093

www.northfieldparkdistrict.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Northfield has put together a day of holiday fun for the kids. There will be crafts, a holiday sing along, games and a chance to visit and have pictures with Santa. Be sure to have your camera. This event is for children two to eight.

Northlake

Santa at Northlake's Winter Fest

Saturday, December 8th, 2018

Time: 11am - 3pm

Grant Park Recreation Center

44 W. Golfview Drive

Northlake, IL 60164

www.veteransparkdistrict.org

(708) 343-5270

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

There's plenty to do for everyone in the family at the Northlake Winter Fest. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there for pictures with the kids and listen to what they want and hope to receive. There will be horse-drawn carriage rides, games, prizes, lots of crafts, bingo for the family, lunch and a lot more.



Graphic courtesy Northlake Park District

Oakbrook Terrace

Santa at the Oakbrook Terrace Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Time: 6:30pm Tree Lighting: Fik Point

(Patton Avenue and 16th Street)

City of Oakbrook Terrace

Children's Holiday Party at:

Stella May Swartz Elementary School

17W160 16th Street

Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

(630) 941-8300

pre-registration for children's party required

www.oakbrookterrace.net

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Guess what—Santa is going to arrive for the tree lighting on a fire truck! After the tree lighting, music and other festivities, take the kids over to Swartz Elementary—if you have pre-registered. They will be able to visit with Santa Claus from 7 to 8 pm and get a stocking filled with treats and enjoy refreshments. Note: The free Christmas Party is for children that live in Oakbrook Terrace. Oakbrook Terrace residents who have non-resident grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. can attend the party, however there is a fee of \$5 per child.

Oak Forest

Santa at the Oak Forest Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: T/B/A

The parade starts at Oak Forest High School. and proceeds on Central Avenue. The

Tree Lighting is at the gazebo at City Hall

15440 Central Avenue

Oak Forest, IL 60452

(708) 687-4050

www.oak-forest.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to help the mayor ring in the holiday season with the tree lighting which will be held as soon as the parade ends. Following the ceremony you'll find Santa at Fire Station 1 where refreshments will be served.

Oak Lawn

Santa Claus on the Green in Oak Lawn

Saturday, November 24th, 2018

Time: 12pm - 3pm

on the Village Green

94th and Cook Avenue

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(708) 499-7837

www.oaklawn-il.gov

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for picture taking and to hear children's requests on the Green in Oak Lawn. The Hospitality Tent will feature entertainment, Christmas caroling as well as cookies and cocoa. There will be trolley rides and much more for the kids.

Oak Park

Santa Arrives in Scoville Square Oak Park

Friday, November 23rd, 2018

Time: 6pm

Scoville Square
137 North Oak Park Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302
www.hemingwaydistrict.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join the fun when Santa arrives on a fire truck in Scoville Square to light the Christmas tree. Enjoy hot chocolate and goodies and singing holiday favorites at this wonderful family event,

Santa at Winterfest in Oak Park

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 11am to 3pm
Marion between Lake & North Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60301
708-383-4145
for additional information [click here](#)

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

You won't want to miss Oak Park's WinterFest where you'll find plenty of activities for the kids and the entire family. Enjoy the cookie walk plus free hot chocolate and coffee in the hospitality tent. Of course Santa Claus will be there.

Santa at Home for the Holidays in Oak Park

Saturday, December 15th, 2018

Time: 11am to 3pm
Marion between Lake & North Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60301
708-383-4145
for additional information [click here](#)

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Oak Park celebrates the holidays the old fashioned way with plenty of Christmas Spirit, free horse drawn sleigh rides, special events and visits with Santa Claus.

Orland Hills

Santa Comes To Town

Village of Orland Hills

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 10am
Kelly Park
16675 S. Haven Avenue
Orland Hills, IL 60487
(708) 349-7211
www.orlandhills.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The old guy will be coming in on a helicopter to the sounds of Christmas music. After greeting the kid, Santa will hop into his carriage for the holiday parade through the Village.

Orland Park

Santa at Orland Park's Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting

Sunday November 25th, 2018

Time: 4:30pm to 7pm
Place: Orland Park Civic Center
14750 Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462
(Outside of the Village Hall)
(708) 403-6140
www.orland-park.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Get into the spirit of the season when Santa comes to Orland Park. Activities include sleigh rides, carolers and other entertainment, crafts, carriage rides, plus snacks and drinks. Remember to bring a camera. The grand finale will be the tree lighting at 5:45pm in front of the Village Hall.



Photo courtesy Orland Park Recreation

Oswego

Santa Comes To the Oswego Christmas Walk

Friday, November 30th

Saturday, December 1st

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Times: Friday 5pm - 9pm

Saturday 8am - 9pm

Sunday 8am - 7pm

Events take place throughout downtown Oswego

Friday's tree lighting will be at 5pm on Main Street near the old fire station

Village of Oswego

Oswego, IL 60543

(630) 554-3618

www.oswegoil.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The fun gets started with the tree lighting with Santa and musical entertainment on Friday evening. Next up is the illuminated fire truck parade. Other weekend events include Toyland train rides, the sledding hill strolling carolers and holiday characters, crafts and games for the kids, food vendors and a lot more. Be sure to bring a camera a get the children's pictures with Santa. Some things you won't want to miss are the [pancake breakfast with Santa](#) on Saturday morning, the annual Cookie Walk plus many other activities throughout the entire weekend.



Photo courtesy Village of Oswego

Palatine

Santa at the Palatine Tree Lighting Ceremony**Saturday November 17th, 2018**

Time: 5pm

Village of Palatine

Towne Square

150 West Palatine Road

Palatine, IL 60067

(847) 358-7500

<http://www.palatine.il.us>**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Santa and the mayor will be lighting the holiday tree in Palatine at five. The festivities begin at 4:30 pm. There will be holiday music and plenty of time for the kids to get their pictures with Santa Claus.

Visit with Santa at Wolff's Flea Market**Saturday December 15th, 2018**

Time: 11am to 2pm Note: the market is open 8am to 4pm

Place: Wolff's Flea Market

1775 North Rand Road

Palatine, IL 60074

(847) 524-9590

wolffsflea@aol.com<http://wolffs.com/>**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT** For kids - adults free with a hat or mitten donation

Do your holiday shopping at Wolff's Flea Market—get the kids pictures with Santa while they visit with the old guy. Santa has a small gift and a candy cane for each child. There will be a special visit by Hanukkah Harvey. Don't forget to bring a camera.



Photo of Santa & Hanukkah Harvey courtesy Wolff's Flea Market

Palos Heights**Santa at the Palos Heights Tree Lighting Ceremony****Friday, November 23rd, 2018**

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

City of Palos Heights

Lake Katherine Nature Center

7402 Lake Katherine Drive

Palos Heights, IL 60463

(708) 361-1800

www.paloschamber.org**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Join in the festive Palos Heights tree lighting ceremony at Lake Katherine Nature Center and don't forget your camera. The kids are sure to want to visit and to get a free picture with Santa Claus. There will be crafts and face painting—holiday treats include hot chocolate, cookies and more.

Palos Park

Santa at the Palos Park Tree Lighting Ceremony**Friday, December 7th, 2018**

Time: 5pm to 9pm

Village of Palos Park

8901 W. 123rd Street

Palos Park, IL 60464

(708) 671-3760

<http://www.palospark.org>**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

You won't want to miss the Village Tree Lighting and Holiday Market. Enjoy treats, entertainment, shopping and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Park Forest**Santa at the Park Forest Tree Lighting****Friday, December 7th, 2018**

Time: 4:30pm to 6pm

Place: Village Green

Cunningham and Main Streets

Park Forest, IL 60466

(708) 283-5605

www.villageofparkforest.com**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

The tree lighting in downtown Park Forest will include carolers, the high school band, plenty of hot chocolate and cookies and of course, Santa Claus who will be there to help do the honors with the ceremony and greet the kids.

Park Ridge**Swim with Santa in Park Ridge****Saturday, December 15th, 2018**

Time: 2pm to 3:30pm

Sponsor: Park Ridge Parks

Place: Community Center Pool

1515 W. Touhy Avenue

Park Ridge, IL 60068

(847) 692-3359

for ages three and up

registration required

www.prparks.org**Cost:** \$6 residents; \$9 non-residents

Santa will be spending the afternoon at the pool with the kids—there will be holiday songs and reindeer games.

Pingree Grove**Santa at the Tree Lighting in Pingree Grove****Saturday, December 1st, 2018**

Times: 4pm - 6pm

Sponsor: Village of Pingree Grove

Event at: Police Department

One Police Plaza

Pingree Grove, IL 60544

(847) 464-5533

www.villageofpingreegrove.org**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Pingree Grove has a joyous tree lighting ceremony—there will be a holiday train, crafts, holiday music, hot chocolate, storytelling for the kids and Santa and Mrs. Claus's arrival at 4:30pm.

Plainfield

Santa at Grinchmas on the Green in Plainfield**Saturday, November 24th, 2018**

Times: 5pm - 6pm

Sponsor: Plainfield Chamber

Plainfield Township Community Center

15014 South Des Plaines Street

Plainfield, IL 60544

(815) 436-8812

www.plainfieldparkdistrict.com**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Enjoy entertainment at Grinchmas on the Green in Plainfield . There will be tree lighting by the Grinch and Santa, hot cocoa and snacks plus the the movie, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".

Prospect Heights**Santa at the Prospect Heights Tree Lighting****Saturday November 24th, 2018**

Time: 5pm

Sponsor: City of Prospect Heights

8 N. Elmhurst Road

Prospect Heights, IL 60070

(847) 647-398-6070

<http://www.prospect-heights.il.us>**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

The annual tree lighting features Christmas carols and other holiday songs, hot chocolate and cookies and what all the children are waiting for, the arrival of Santa Claus on a fire truck!

Richmond**Santa at Christmas of Yesteryear in Richmond****Friday, December 7th, Saturday, December 8th****& Sunday, December 9th, 2018**[Click on this link](#) for the schedule of events.

Sponsor: Richmond Spring Grove Chamber

Memorial Hall

Richmond, IL 60071

(815) 678-7742

www.rsgchamber.com**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Be sure and see Santa at the lighting of the Christmas tree at 6:30 pm Friday in Stevens Park. Saturday there will be the Cookie Walk, shopping, horse-drawn carriage rides, carolers and of course visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Memorial Hall Saturday afternoon. Sunday, the firemen are having a [Breakfast with Santa](#) in Richmond, also at Memorial Hall.

Rockford**Santa at Edgebrook's Tree Lighting & Open House****Friday, November 16th****Saturday, November 17th, 2018**

Times: 5pm to 6:30pm

Sponsor: Edgebrook Shops

1639 North Alpine Road

Rockford, IL 61107

(815) 398-8957 - Darcy Hanson

www.edgebrookshops.com**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

This is a great way to begin your holiday shopping and to see Santa at the annual tree lighting. Enjoy the entertainment and activities on Friday evening. On Saturday Santa

will be available for pictures and to hear girls & boys holiday wish lists.



Graphic courtesy Edgebrook Shops

Rockton

Santa at the 34th Annual Rockton Christmas Walk Friday, November 30th, Saturday, December 1st & Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Times: see below

Sponsor: Rockton Chamber
of Commerce

330 E. Main Street

Rockton, IL 61072

(815) 624-0935

www.rocktonchristmaswalk.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

This three day extravaganza features many different events including Santa Claus, wagon and carriage rides, Christmas entertainment, a lighted Christmas parade, and much more. Friday there is the lighting of the Village Green at 5:30 and visits with Santa. On Saturday Santa will be at his house downtown. The Lighted Christmas Parade is at 6pm. Sunday's events include chocolate goodies plus Santa will again be at his house from noon to 4pm.



Photo Courtesy Rockton Chamber of Commerce

Romeoville

Santa at Winter Wonderland, the Parade of Lights & Tree Lighting in Romeoville Friday, December 1st, 2017

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Note: at 6:30pm Santa will light the tree

Sponsor: Romeoville Recreation Department

Event at: Edward Hospital Athletic & Events Center

55 Phelps Avenue

Romeoville, IL 60446

(815) 886-6222

www.romeoville.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Romeoville's Winter Wonderland Festival features both outdoor and indoor events.

There will be cookies and cocoa, music and the tree lighting ceremony at 6:30.

Activities include Children's entertainment, Inflatables, crafts, a picture with Santa (for the first 300 children), and more! Please bring a non-perishable food item for Hope for the Holidays care packages.

Roselle

Santa at the Roselle Celebrate the Season and Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 25th, 2017

Time: 1pm to 4:30pm Santa will arrive at 2pm

Village of Roselle & the Roselle Public Library

Tree Lighting Ceremony

at the library

40 S. Park Street

Roselle, IL 60172

(630) 529-1641

www.roselle.lib.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Go to The Roselle Library for the tree lighting ceremony and musical program. Also be sure to see Santa afterward in the library. Refreshments will be served.

Rosemont

Santa Arrives in Rosemont

Sunday, December 10th, 2017

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

The Thompson Room

Margaret J. Lange Park

6140 North Scott Street

Rosemont, IL 60018

(847) 823-6685

www.rosemontparkdistrict.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa and his elves will be making a stop in Rosemont again this year. Get your picture with the big guy as well as Rudolph and Frosty and be sure to let him know what you hope to find under the tree.

Round Lake

Santa at Round Lake Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1st, 2017

Time: 6 pm

Round Lake Village Hall

422 North Cedar Road

Round Lake, IL 60073

eroundlake.com

(847) 546-5400

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa kicks off the holiday season in Round Lake at the tree lighting. There will be hot cocoa, cookies and of course visits for the kids with the old guy in the red suit. The Village School Choir will also be performing Holiday favorites.

Santa at Round Lake Holiday Festival

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Times: 2 pm - 5 pm

Robert W. Rolek Community Center

814 Hart Road Road

Round Lake, IL 60073

www.roundlakeareaparkdistrict.org

(847) 546-8558

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

There will be plenty of fun for everyone at the Round Lake Holiday Festival. Events include photos with Santa, sleigh rides, a little elves workshop, entertainment for the kids and a magical journey through the neighborhood of lights.

Round Lake Beach

Santa at Round Lake Beach

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, November 24th, 2017

Time: 6:15 pm

Round Lake Beach Village Hall

2007 Civic Center Way

Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

(847) 201-9032

www.rlbcciviccenter.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The annual tree lighting in Round Lake Beach includes a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus who arrive on a fire truck at the Round Lake Beach Village Hall. After the tree lighting children can meet with Santa by the fireplace in the Cultural and Civic Center, where will be caroling, hot chocolate and treats for everyone.

Round Lake Park

Santa at Round Lake Park's Tree Lighting

Saturday December 2nd, 2017

Time: 3:30 pm - 6 pm

Place: Village of Round Lake Park

203 E. Lake Shore Drive

Round Lake Park, IL 60073

(847) 546-2790

www.roundlakepark.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Round Lake Park has a tree lighting ceremony along with Santa, holiday songs plus cookies, drinks and other snacks.

St. Charles

Santa at the Holiday Home Coming &

Electric Christmas Parade in St. Charles

Friday, November 24th

Saturday, November 25th, 2017

Times: 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Friday (Lighting of the Lights on 1st St. Plaza)

5:30 pm, Saturday (Electric Christmas Parade - east on Main Street from 5th Street across the Fox River to 4th Avenue)

Sponsor: Downtown St. Charles Partnership

St. Charles, IL 60174

(630) 513-5386

www.downtownstcharles.org/holidayhomecoming

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

If you're anywhere near St. Charles on Thanksgiving weekend come and see what they have planned. First up is the "Holiday Homecoming" which begins on Friday evening in Lincoln Park. This will be set in motion with Santa's grand entrance followed by the "Lighting of the Lights Ceremony". On both Friday and Saturday, there will be a number free events all day in downtown St. Charles including strolling carolers, children's activities, horse drawn sleigh rides, band performances and more. Saturday's "Electric Light Parade" is a night-time Christmas spectacular to remember. All of the eighty or so floats that will be participating, must have either real lights or decorations that will glow in the dark. Of course you'll find old Santa in the middle of

the action. Santa's House in St. Charles opens for the Holiday Season at noon on Saturday in Lincoln Park—see [Santa Houses](#) listing for complete details.



Electric Christmas Parade in St. Charles

Woodland Santa's Holiday Workshop in St. Charles

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

Times: 10am & 11:30am

St. Charles Park District

Hickory Knolls Discovery Center

3795 Campton Hills Drive

St. Charles, IL 60175

(630) 513-4347

www.stcparks.org

Cost: Residents \$5 per child resident; Non-residents \$8 per child

Hey, here's something different—Santa arrives pulled by a team of sled dogs. Enjoy a great morning making an ornament, having a snack and getting a picture with the big guy in the red suit. For children two years and up.

Schaumburg

Santa at the Schaumburg Tree Lighting

Friday, November 24th, 2017

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Prairie Center for the Arts

Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center

101 Schaumburg Court

Schaumburg, IL 60193

(at Schaumburg and Summit Roads)

(847) 923-3605

www.ci.schaumburg.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Bring the kids to the Schaumburg Tree Lighting Ceremony where they get to see Santa ride in on a fire truck and everyone will enjoy Christmas carols, hot cocoa and cookies. After the lighting ceremony Santa will meet the children in the Maggie Atcher Theatre which is located in the Prairie Center for the Arts.

The North Pole Spectacular in Schaumburg

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Times: 1:30pm to 3:30pm and 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Sponsor: Schaumburg Park District

Place: Community Recreation Center

505 North Springinsguth Road

Schaumburg, IL 60194

For information and tickets: (847) 490-7015

www.parkfun.com

Cost: \$6 adults - \$8 for children;

\$8 adults - \$10 for children on the day of the event

The kids will love the performance of this great holiday show. When the show is over there will be holiday activities, visits and pictures with Santa.

Schiller Park

Santa's Winter Wonderland & Tree Lighting in Schiller Park

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Time: 2pm to 6pm

Village of Schiller Park

Community Center

4501 25th Avenue

Schiller Park, IL 60176

(847) 678-2550 - Sandra Rosario

www.villageofschillerpark.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join in Schiller Park's festivities at the annual Santa's Winter Wonderland. Visit Santa and get pictures, there will be face painting, balloon making, the 6:30pm tree lighting at Clocktower Park and refreshments. Don't forget to bring a camera.

Shorewood

Sunday with Santa Santa in Shorewood

Sunday December 3rd, 2017

Time: 3pm

Shorewood Village Hall

One Towne Center Boulevard

Shorewood, IL 60404

(815) 725-2150

www.vil.shorewood.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Come to the Village Hall for the tree lighting and to see Santa. Be sure to give him your wish list and of course have your picture taken. There will also be a holiday movie, crafts plus goodies for the kids.

Sleepy Hollow

Santa at the Holiday in the Hollow

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Times: 4pm to 6pm

contact: Sleepy Hollow Service Club

Place: Sabatino Park

Between Winmoor & Thorobred

Sleepy Hollow, IL 60118

(847) 574-8116

www.sleepy-hollow.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa and a lucky individual will be flipping the Santa Switch to light the seven Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Circle of Cheer Christmas trees and the Park flagpole, which kicks off the holiday season. There will be music, hot chocolate, time to get pictures with Santa and plenty of fun for everyone.



Photo courtesy Sleepy Hollow Service Club

South Barrington

Santa Arrives By Helicopter in South Barrington

Saturday December 2nd, 2017

Time: 10:15am to 12 Noon

Village of South Barrington

South Barrington Community Center

3 Tennis Club Lane

South Barrington, IL 60106

www.sbpd.net/

For information: (847) 381-7515

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa comes in by helicopter, greets everyone and has pictures with the children and then heads for his workshop in the Community Center where the fun continues. Note —pre-registration is required for the workshop event.

South Chicago Heights

Santa at the South Chicago Heights Tree Lighting

Monday, December 4th, 2017

Time: 6pm

Village of South Chicago Heights

South Chicago Heights Senior Center

3140 Enterprise Park Avenue

South Chicago Heights, IL 60411

www.southchicagoheights.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The annual tree lighting will feature a performance by the Apostolic Church Adult Choir. The tree will be lit by the mayor and Santa will arrive on a fire truck to visit with the children.

South Elgin

Santa at An Almost Winter Day in South Elgin

Saturday November 18th, 2017

Time: 3pm to 4:30pm

Village of South Elgin

Seba Park & Time Plaza

151 Water Street

South Elgin, IL 60177

www.southelgin.com

For information: (847) 622-0003

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

South Elgin has a wonderful day planned for the arrival of Santa. There will be lots of activities in Seba Park for the children including horse drawn sleigh rides, cookie decorating, a petting zoo, a bonfire to keep warm and Polar Express rides for \$1 per person at the Fox River Trolley Museum. Santa arrives for pictures at 3pm until

4:30pm. He will then be at the tree lighting at the footprints in Time Plaza at 5pm where the tree will be lit.



photo curtesy The Village of South Elgin

South Holland

Santa Comes to South Holland

Friday, December 1st, 2017

Village of South Holland
Faith Family Future Center
16931 South Park Avenue
South Holland, IL 60473
(708) 331-7796

Registration required

www.southholland.org

Time: 6 pm Santa visits start at 6:30 pm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The Village tree lighting will be at the Faith Family Future Center where Santa will arrive on a bright red fire truck, Refreshments will be served and each registered child (up to age 12) will receive a small bag of treats from Santa. A photographer isn't available so remember to have a camera.



Photo courtesy Village of South Holland

Spring Grove

Santa at the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Village of Spring Grove
Horse Fair Park
8105 Blivin Street
Spring Grove, IL 60081
(815) 675-2121

<http://www.springgrovevillage.com>

Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

A terrific day is planned for the kids and the entire family. There will be visits with

Santa and Mrs. Claus, storytelling, hay wagon rides, crafts and the tree lighting at 5pm.

Spring Valley

Santa at Christmas in the Valley

Saturday, November 11th, 2017

City of Spring Valley
Downtown Spring Valley
Spring Valley, IL 61362
(815) 664-4221

www.spring-valley.il.us

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be there mugging it up for the camera and visiting with the kids—other things to do include a petting zoo, pony rides, refreshments, holiday music and more.

The Lighted Santa Parade in Spring Valley

Saturday, December T/B/A, 2017

Time: 6pm
Downtown Spring Valley
Tree lighting in the Mini-Park
Spring Valley, IL 61362
(815) 664-2753

www.spring-valley.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Everyone wearing a seasonal costume is welcome to participate in the Lighted Santa Parade. After the parade Santa will light the Christmas tree in the Mini-Park. He will be available for visits at Video Vision following the ceremony



Photo courtesy City of Spring Valley

Stickney

Santa & The Caroling Princesses in Stickney

Tuesday, December 12th, 2017

Time: 6pm to 7:30pm
Stickney-Forest View Library
6800 W. 43rd Street
Stickney, IL 60402
708-749-1050
Registration required
www.sfvpld.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa is coming to town and he will be stopping by the Library to meet the kids for a great evening of photos, crafts, refreshments and caroling.



Photo courtesy Stickney-Forest View Library

Streamwood

Santa & Mrs. Claus at Luminaria in Streamwood

Friday, December 1st, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm

Ceremonial Park

Village Hall Complex

301 E. Irving Park Rd.

Streamwood, IL 60107

(630) 837-3800

www.streamwood.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Streamwood kicks off their holiday season with Christmas carols, a tree lighting, refreshments and visits by both Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Santa at Luminaria in Streamwood

Streator

Santa at Light Up Streator

Saturday, November 25th, 2017

Time: 10am - 4pm

City Park.

Streator, IL 61364

(815) 672-2055

www.ci.streator.il.us

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The Village of Streator comes alive when the holiday lights go on in City Park. Santa will be there, listen to live music and then go to the Weber House at 1503 Baker Street to enjoy a "Family Christmas".

Sugar Grove

Santa at Holiday in the Grove

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Time: 7:45 am - Santa will be arriving early
 Sponser: Holiday in the Grove
 Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce
 Sugar Grove Community House
 141 Main Street
 Sugar Grove , IL
 60554

www.holidayinthegrove.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Be sure to join us for the Ceremonial Tree Lighting and to meet with Santa Claus early and to welcome him to Sugar Grove!

Sycamore

Walk with Santa in Sycamore

Friday, December 1st, 2017

Time: 5:45pm
 Sponsor: Discover Sycamore
 Sycamore Chamber of Commerce
 407 W. State St.,
 Suite 10
 Sycamore, IL 60178
 (815) 895-3456

discoversycamore.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Meet Santa as he makes his grand entrance in Sycamore for the annual Walk with Santa and tree lighting . Children walk with Santa and Mrs. Claus down State Street to the Courthouse lawn for this spectacular tree lighting. The festivities begin at the Midwest Museum of Natural History on State Street where there will be holiday stories, crafts as well as cocoa and cookies before Santa arrives. After the parade Santa will meet with the children in his Santa House.



Photo courtesy Discover Sycamore

Thornton

Holiday Open House at the Thornton Historical Society

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

Time: 2pm to 4pm
 Place: 114 North Hunter Street
 Thornton, IL 60476
 (708) 877-4454

Reservations required

www.thornton60476.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Come to the museum, meet with Santa and tell him what you would like, enjoy caroling and Holiday refreshments. Remember to bring your camera.

Tinley Park

Santa at Tinley Park's Holiday Market and Parade

**Friday, December 1st, Saturday, December 2nd,
and Sunday, December 3rd, 2017**

Times: Friday 6pm to 9pm

Saturday 12pm to 6pm

Sunday noon to 6 pm

Place: From 175th Street to Zabrocki Plaza

Tinley Park, IL 60477

(Events take place in & around Oak Park Train Station in Tinley Park)

(708) 444-5678

www.tinleypark.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Here comes Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arriving for Tinley's Toyland Parade the tree lighting ceremony and Holiday Happenings. There will be ice carving, carriage rides, and much more. Children will receive complimentary photos and a gift from Santa who will be inside of the large heated tent. Other activities include the popular holiday market, music and entertainment by local groups. The weekend ends with the Parade of Lights which steps off at 5pm on Sunday evening with Santa and Mrs. Claus making a special appearance.

Santa at the Rudolph Dash in Tinley Park

Friday, December 8th, 2017

Times: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Place: Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center

8125 W. 171st Street

Tinley Park, IL 60477

Reservations required

www.tinleyparkdistrict.org

Cost: \$15 for each child; \$20 non-residents - for ages 3 to 8

Rudolph has to get himself in shape so he can help Santa make his rounds on Christmas Eve. The kids will wear a lighted red nose during the fitness games and activities. They will then run twice around the track where they will meet Santa who will be handing out awards as they cross the finish line. There will be crafts, hot cocoa and cookies. Don't forget to bring a camera.



Photo courtesy Tinley Park Park District

Santa at the Senior Holiday Party in Tinley Park

Tuesday, December 19th, 2017

Times: 10:30am to 1pm

Place: Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center

8125 W. 171st Street

Tinley Park, IL 60477

(708) 444-5678 Reservations required

www.tinleyparkdistrict.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT for Drop-In Members

\$5 for Non-members

For adults 55 and over

Now it's the seniors turn to meet Santa Claus. This holiday happening features a great meal, good cheer, raffles. entertainment plus time to meet with friends and of course a visit from the old guy.

Vernon Hills

Santa at Vernon Hills Tree & Menorah Lighting

Saturday November 25th, 2017

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Place: Vernon Hills Golf Course

291 Evergreen Drive

Vernon Hills, IL 60061

(847) 367-3700

www.vernonhills.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Hey kids, be sure to come out for the Vernon Hills tree lighting where you'll find Santa and the mayor flipping the light switch. There will be cider, hot chocolate and cookies for all.

Villa Park

Santa at Villa Park's Joyful Traditions

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Time: 6pm - 8:30pm

Ruggard Gazebo

Ardmore and Park Blvd.

Villa Park, IL 60181

(630) 941-9133

www.villaparkchamber.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be front and center at Joyful Traditions in Villa Park where he arrives on an antique fire truck. Join in for the lighting of the trees on the Prairie Path and an afternoon of fun. The kids are sure to want to enjoy food samples, cocoa and coffee, and other activities and then have their pictures taken with Santa Claus.



Photo courtesy Villa Park Chamber of Commerce

Volo

Santa at Volo's Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 25th

Sunday, November 26th, 2017

Time: 10am - 5pm

Sponsor: Volo Antique Mall

27640 Volo Village Road

Volo, IL 60073

(815) 344-6062

www.voloshopping.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be at Volo's Holiday Open House on both days, bring the kids—refreshments will be served and there will be mall wide sales and gift card drawings.

Warrenville

Santa at Warrenville Holly Days

Friday, December 1st, 2017

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Sponsors: Warrenville Park District &

Warrenville Chamber of Commerce

Warrenville Park District Recreation Center

Event at: 3 S 240 Warren Avenue

Warrenville, IL 60555

(630) 393-9427

www.warrenvilleparks.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Enjoy a warm-up by a fire pit, free horse and carriage rides, hot chocolate, cookies, and of course, a visit with Santa. School dance troops, singers, and bands entertain attendees during the event. Warrenville turns on its holiday tree on this special night.



Photo Courtesy Warrenville Park District

Wauconda

Santa at Wauconda's Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Times: 6pm

Sponsor: Wauconda Park District

Place: Wauconda Community Center

600 N. Main street

Wauconda, IL 60084

(847) 526-3610

www.waucondaparks.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Here comes Santa and he's arriving on a fire truck for Wauconda's tree lighting ceremony. Later there will be crafts, games, refreshments, goody bags and pictures with the old guy and Mrs. Claus at the community center. Remember to bring your camera.



Photo Courtesy Wauconda Park District

Santa at the Wauconda Holiday Walk

Saturday December 2nd, 2017

Time: 2pm to 6pm

Sponsors: The Village of Wauconda
& The Rotary Club of Wauconda

Place: Main Street Wauconda

Wauconda, IL 60084

(847) 526-9600

<http://wauconda-il.gov>

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Hey you'll find Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus too at the Holiday Walk on Main Street.

There are crafts for the kids, contests, horse drawn carriage rides and plenty of fun for everyone. Don't miss the Holiday Walk.



Photo Courtesy Village of Wauconda

Westchester

Santa at Westchester's Holiday Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday December 6th

and Thursday, December 7th, 2017

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm both days

Sponsor: Westchester Park District

Place: Westchester Community Center

10201 Bond Street

Westchester, IL 60154

(708) 865-8200

www.wpdparks.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The Holiday Party and Tree Lighting is a two day annual event in Westchester. Santa helps out with the tree lighting and then goes into the Community center where he and Mrs. Claus meet with the children. They will be back the next night to see the boys and girls once again. There will be a lot going on around Westchester during the fest, including musical entertainment, rides, storytelling and holiday treats.



Santa at Westchester's Holiday Party

West Chicago

Santa at Frosty Fest in West Chicago **Saturday, December 2nd, 2017**

Time: 4pm - 7pm

Downtown West Chicago on Main Street

West Chicago, IL 60185

(630) 231-9474

www.we-goparks.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa and Mrs. Claus both show up for the Frosty Fest which bring a lot of excitement to West Chicago. There's the Frost Parade, the city tree lighting, horse drawn sleigh rides, carolers, crafts, hot chocolate, games and plenty of fun for everyone.



Santa arriving at Frost Fest courtesy West Chicago Park District

West Dundee

Santa at the West Dundee Tree Lighting Ceremony **Friday, December 1st, 2017**

Time: 6pm to 8pm tree lighting at 7 pm

Sponsor: Village of West Dundee

Place: West Dundee Village Hall

102 South 2nd Street

West Dundee, IL 60118

(847) 426-2956

www.dickensindundee.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be at the Village Hall before the tree lighting ceremony and will be visiting with the children again afterwards. There will be holiday music, hot cocoa and treats for the kids.

**Santa at the Spirit of Christmas Parade
& Santa's Workshop & Petting Zoo
Saturday, December 2nd, 2017**

Time: 10am to 1pm

Sponsors: Villages of East & West Dundee

Place: Parade from 2nd St. in West Dundee Main Street (Route 72) West Dundee to River St. in East Dundee

Santa's Workshop & Zoo

Grafelman Park

West Main Street & North 8th Street

West Dundee, IL 60118

(847) 426-2956

www.dickensindundee.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Come to this outstanding holiday parade where you'll see classic floats and Santa in all his seasonal finery. After the parade be sure to take the kids to Grafelman Park where they can visit with the old guy and his furry friends, make a craft and have some tasty treats and hot chocolate.

Westmont

**Santa at Westmont Holly Day's Opening Ceremony
Saturday, November 25th, 2017**

Time : 3:45pm - 8pm

Village of Westmont

Downtown Westmont

& Westmont Centre Lawn

75 E. Richmond Street

Westmont, IL 60559

(630) 963-5252

www.wpd4fun.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa, his reindeer and elves will be on the Westmont Center lawn before the parade kicks off. They will stay for the parade and the official lighting of the Holly Days Tree after the parade. The jolly old man will then have plenty of time to see the kids at the Westmont Center, where he will have treats for the children.



Photo courtesy Westmont Park District

**Santa at Westmont's Winter Wonderland
Saturday, December 9th, 2017**

Times: 5pm - 8pm

Westmont Park District

Administration Building

Veterans Memorial Park

55 E. Richmond Street

Westmont, IL 60559

(630) 963-5252

www.wpd4fun.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

A great Saturday night is planned for the children in Westmont where Santa and his elves will be waiting to meet them in his workshop. Next, you'll find some dog sleds and their huskies or you can take the Trackless Train and ride around the park. Enjoy

some hot cocoa, a bonfire and lots of outdoor fun on a cool December evening.

Wheaton

Santa at Dickens of a Christmas Celebration Tree Lighting Ceremony & Lighted Holiday Parade Friday, November 24th, 2017

Time: 6 pm

Downtown Wheaton

Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 682-0633

www.downtownwheaton.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Wheaton's holiday celebration runs for almost a month from November 25th through much of December. The season gets in full swing the day after Thanksgiving when things get going with the tree lighting ceremony at Martin Plaza at 5:45 pm and the lighted parade with lighted floats at 6 pm through downtown Wheaton. Other activities include the Lions Club Reindeer Run, the Holiday Stroll and visits with Santa at his Playhouse, in Wheaton starting Saturday, November 26th—see [Santa Houses](#) listing for details.



Santa in the Lighted Holiday Parade - Photo Courtesy Downtown Wheaton

Santa at Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival at Cantigny Park Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Time: 5pm to 7pm

The McCormick Museum

Cantigny Park

1S151 Winfield Road

Wheaton, IL 60189

(630) 668-5161

www.cantigny.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Join in the Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival at Cantigny Park where the mansion will be decked out for the holidays with a number of stunning trees and other decorations. Both Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there for visits with children. In addition Mrs. Claus will be reading Christmas favorites in Freedom Hall. Attractions include the tree lighting ceremony, carolers, ice carving demonstrations and holiday crafts. Regular parking rates apply.



Santa at Cantigny - Photo Courtesy McCormick Museum

Wheeling

Santa at Lights Around Wheeling

Sunday, November 28th, 2017

Time: 4:30pm - 6:15pm

Village of Wheeling

Friendship Park

(Corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road)

Wheeling, IL 60090

(847) 459-2600

www.vi.wheeling.il.us/Community/SpecialEvents

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

The evening kicks off with holiday music, hot chocolate and cookies and the holiday train followed by the Lighting of the Lights countdown. After the lights are lit, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive and they be on hand to visit with the children.

Willowbrook

Santa at A Dicken's Christmas and the Willowbrook Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Time: 4 to 8pm - tree lighting: 6:30 pm

Sponsor: Village of Willowbrook

Event at: Willowbrook Village Towncenter

Route 83 & Plainfield Roads

(Directly behind Starbuck's along Route 83)

Willowbrook, IL 60527

(630) 323-8215

www.willowbrookil.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Start the Holiday Season with an event that is bound to become a Village tradition. There will be wagon rides, real reindeer, entertainment, refreshments and of course Santa Claus at the tree lighting.

Santa at the Willowbrook Children's Holiday Party

Sunday, December 10th, 2017

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Sponsor: Willowbrook Park District

Event at: Hinsdale South High School Cafeteria

7401 Clarendon Hills Road
Darien, IL 60561
(630) 323-8215

While this is a free event, please RSVP by December 5th

www.willowbrookil.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

This holiday party is a long standing Willowbrook event. There will be entertainment, crafts, music and visits with Santa. The party is open to residents and their immediate relatives. Children are asked to bring non-perishable food items for needy area families.

Wilmette

Santa at Wilmette's Tree Lighting & Holiday Parade

Friday, November 17th

Saturday, November 18th, 2017

Times: Tree lighting - 7pm on Friday 20th

Parade - 10:30am - 1pm Saturday 21st

Sponsor: Wilmette Chamber of Commerce

1150 Wilmette Avenue

Wilmette, IL 60091

(847) 251-3800

www.wilmettechamber.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Wilmette kicks off the holiday season with its tree lighting on Friday evening. Saturday morning is the annual holiday parade featuring bands, floats and many other attractions. After the parade enjoy holiday music and horse drawn carriage rides. Santa will be available for photos with the children at the Village Hall.



Wilmette's Santa - Photo Courtesy Wilmette Chamber of Commerce

Wonder Lake

Santa at Winter Wonder Walk

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Time: 10am - 1pm

Wonder Lake, IL

(815) 728-0682

www.wonderlake.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Come to downtown Wonder Lake for the annual Wonder Walk where you can ride in a horse drawn carriage, enjoy holiday treats and best of all visit with and have pictures with Santa.



Santa and Tiny - Photo Courtesy Wonder Lake Chamber

Wood Dale

Santa at Wood Dale's Holly-Day Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Time: 2:30pm - 5pm

City Hall

404 N. Wood Dale Road

Wood Dale, IL 60191

(630) 766-4900

www.wooddale.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa comes to Wood Dale's City Hall for an afternoon of fun for the kids. There will be wagon rides, Christmas crafts, holiday music, visits and pictures with Santa and a great ending to a great day with the lighting of the city tree and fireworks.

Woodstock

Santa at the Lighting of the Square in Woodstock & the Woodstock Holiday Parade Friday, November 24th, & Sunday, November 26th 2017

Times: 6:30 pm Friday - Lighting in the Square

& 2 pm Sunday - Woodstock Holiday Parade

Place: The Village Square

Woodstock, IL 60098

(815) 338-5300

www.woodstock-il.com

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

On Friday, the day after Thanksgiving at seven in the evening, Santa is on hand when the lights are turned on in the historic Square in Woodstock—suddenly all of the downtown trees and buildings are ablaze with colorful Christmas lights. Activities—which will go on all day will include caroling, street musicians and carriage rides and treats for the children. The Holiday Parade around the Square is a grand event on Sunday afternoon, which officially welcomes Santa to Woodstock. After the parade kids can meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Dial-a-Ride Garage, behind City Hall for milk and cookies. This is the perfect time for the little ones to discuss what they would like for Christmas.



Santa at the Lighting of the Square in Woodstock

Worth

Santa at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Worth Friday, December 1st, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

contact: Worth Park District

Event at: Veterans Memorial Park

111th Street & Harlem

Worth, IL 60482

(708) 448-7080

www.worthparkdistrict.org

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

Santa will be in Worth for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Afterwards you'll find him at the American Legion, at 11001 Depot Street in Worth, where he will be meeting with the kids.

Yorkville

Santa at Yorkville's Holiday Celebration & Winter Wonderland Saturday, November 18th, 2017

Times: 11am - 4pm & 5:30pm - 7 pm

Circle Center Grade School

and Riverfront Park

Route 47 and Main Street

Yorkville, IL 60560

(630) 553-4357

<https://www.yorkvilleparksandrecreation.com>

Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT

There's a lot going on at this annual event—Santa will be on hand to talk to the kids at Circle Center Grade School, from 11am to 4pm. Other events include the holiday parade at 5:30pm, tree lighting at 6:45 pm, carriage rides, holiday music, food and drinks, trolley rides and the fireworks at 7 pm.

Please note—all of the above events are subject to change without notice

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