

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN 2009 WINTER EVENTS

Tree Lighting in Public Square

Monday, November 23, 2009 beginning at 5 p.m.

Public Square in Downtown Hagerstown

Featuring performances by North High, South High and Girls, Inc. Santa's Elves will be face painting. Hot chocolate and goodies will be provided by M & T Bank. Help us welcome Santa Claus as he arrives in Downtown Hagerstown! Mayor Robert E. Bruchey II will light the Christmas tree. This event is sponsored by the City of Hagerstown and M & T Bank.

Hollyfest at the Maryland Theatre

Monday, November 23, 2009 beginning at 7 p.m.

The Maryland Theatre • 21 South Potomac St.

This free, family holiday program features music, dance and more from Smithsburg High School Jazz Ensemble, Potomac Classical Youth Ballet, North Hagerstown High School Show Choir, Washington County Showkids & Show Company, Dancin' Time Studios Hip Hop Company, Hagerstown Children's Theatre, Barbara Ingram Mixed Ensemble and Women's Ensemble, Smithsburg High School Orchestra, E. Russell Hicks Middle School Chorus, Barbara Ingram Women's Musical Theatre Ensemble, Williamsport High School Orchestra, Barbara Ingram Musical Theatre Ensemble, South Hagerstown High School Dance and Authentic Community Theatre, Inc. Special appearances by the Dean of Magic, Lou Scally, Santa and Miss Washington County, Whitney Colombo! No tickets necessary. Sponsored by the City of Hagerstown, Antietam Cable Television/Disney and Holcim (US) Inc.

City Center Holiday Showcase

Thursday, December 3, 2009; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, December 4, 2009; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 5, 2009; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Downtown Hagerstown

Come see the downtown shine! The City of Hagerstown has many exciting things happening in its City Center during the holidays and this event will highlight a few including art exhibits, refreshments, musical entertainment, an open house and more! Free popcorn in the Square from Otterbein United Methodist Church. Visit www.hagerstownmd.org/CCHS.html for more information.

Saturday, December 5, 2009 - Lunch with Santa will be held at the Gourmet Goat. This very special event will include a meal, a visit & photo with Santa and a hayride with Santa. Reservations required. Call 301.739.8577, extension 183 for reservations. Lunch with Santa is sponsored by The Columbia Bank - Hagerstown Trust Division. Adults \$10, Children \$6 - 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

FREE PARKING

From November 23 through December 25, 2009 for your holiday convenience, the City of Hagerstown invites you to enjoy two free hours parking in the North Potomac Street and Arts and Entertainment District parking decks on weekdays. Parking is free in both the North Potomac Street and A. & E. decks evenings after 7 p.m. and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. Also enjoy free parking at all Downtown street and lot meters after 5 p.m. every day and all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

City Park Lighting

Friday, December 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

City Park, Virginia Avenue

Watch the illumination of City Park on this special evening as it begins to sparkle in lights for the holiday season. A beautiful Christmas tree will appear to float on the glittering lake, along with fun and fanciful shapes and characters dancing across the water including this year's new display sponsored by Columbia Bank - Hagerstown Trust Division. Join us for a reception at the Jonathan Hager House immediately following the lighting featuring caroling by Hagerstown Children's Theatre, a winter petting zoo and free refreshments. At the Mansion House Art Center there will be music by the Rhinelanders German Band and free refreshments. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts will feature music by Wally McClure and the North High School Choir and Madrigals, free refreshments and a scavenger hunt for the kids. Hay rides will provide transportation around the park at no cost.

Holiday Happenings at The City Farmers Market

Saturdays, 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

25 West Church Street | 301.739.8577 ext 190

Saturday, November 21, 2009 - Stop in at the Market and get your Thanksgiving goodies! Enter for a chance to win a basketful of Market items. Free to enter. Basket drawing at 11 a.m.

Saturday, December 5, 2009 - Lou Scally broadcasts live from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Children's Crafts at the Market 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa's Elf will be face painting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Don't forget to place your holiday special orders EARLY!

Saturday, December 12, 2009 - Help decorate the market tree with popcorn string 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. while supplies last. Don't forget to place your holiday special orders EARLY!

Saturday, December 19, 2009 - Santa will visit the Market today. Children's crafts from 10 a.m. to noon while supplies last! Gifts for You Drawings Every ½ hour 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Don't forget last minute gifts & goodies for your holiday gatherings.

Saturday, December 26, 2009 - Happy New Year! City Farmer's Market closed for the holiday. See you next week!

Night of Lights in Hagerstown

Sunday, December 13, 2009 beginning at 6 p.m.

This Sunday evening neighborhoods will be "strung together" through a series of luminaries lining the City's sidewalks. This event is sponsored by Neighborhoods 1st. For more information or to participate visit www.neighborhoods1st.net or call 301.739.8577, ext. 191.

German Christmas

December 1 to December 27, 2009. Regular Museum Hours

Jonathan Hager House, City Park, Virginia Avenue

This seasonal display features authentic German Christmas customs and traditions in a holiday decorated atmosphere. Call 301.739.8393 for more information, museum hours and admission fees. Closed Christmas Day. Reservations required for Sunday Tours.

***Events and Scheduled Performers Subject to Change.**

For information on winter events, call 301.739.8577, ext 183.