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WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAYS IN SPENCER

Our community has a long tradition of enjoying the holidays together with special events, celebrations, and more. We hope this special "Holiday Happenings" edition of the Town newsletter will be a helpful resource for everything happening in Town to celebrate the season.

With long-standing events like a parade the afternoon before Thanksgiving, to Winterfest the first two weekends of December (kicking off with a tree lighting on December 2!), and more... there is something for everyone to enjoy. On behalf of the Board of Aldermen, I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you around Town!

- Mayor Jonathan Williams



Experience Winterfest: Spencer's German Christmas Marketplace

December 2-3 & 9-10, 2022

Fridays from 4-8 pm, Saturdays from 12-8 pm

Soak up the sights and sounds of Christmas as you meander through our market of sparkling lights, trees, and merry music. Wooden huts are filled with Holiday gifts, crafts, and festive food. Watch with wonder at the lighting of the Town tree in Market Square. New this year is Spencer on Ice, a 2,000 square foot ice skating rink. People of all ages are invited to put on your skates for an exciting winter experience.

Kids Korner includes Christmas crafts, Gingerbread houses, a Scavenger hunt and Jingle Bell games. And don't miss pictures with Santa at Santa's Haus.

Winterfest is free of charge, including ice skating, entertainment and kids' activities. Find out more at spencerexperience.org.



Event Schedule

Friday, December 2

- 4:00pm Opening Ceremony
- 4:00pm Gingerbread Wreaths + Alpine Hats (Kids Korner)
- 4:30pm Mountain Top Polka Band
- 5:00pm Gingerbread Houses (Kids Korner)
- 6:00pm Christmas Tree Lighting
- 7:00pm Opening Night Finale
Ricky Howsare
Rowdy Rowan Dancing Wranglers

Saturday, December 3

- 12:00pm Freeze Your Buns Run (Fun Run at 12:00, 5K at 12:30)
- 1:00pm Make a Flag (Kids Korner)
- 3:00pm Veterans Salute
Piedmont Prime Time Community Band
- 4:00pm Thank you notes to Veterans (Kids Korner)
- 5:00pm Salisbury Dance Academy
- 6:00pm North Rowan High Drama Club
- 7:00pm A Team: Alexis Cowan, Alexis Greer, Adrian Smith

Friday, December 9

- 4:00pm Middleshire
- 4:00pm Decorate a Sweater Cookies (Kids Korner)
- 4:30pm Create Ugly Sweaters (Kids Korner)
- 5:00pm Phoenix Readers
- 6:00pm Carson High Chorus
- 6:30pm Ugly Sweater Contest
- 7:00pm Christmas Revue: Lee St. Theatre

Saturday, December 10

- 12:00pm To The Pointe Dance Company
- 12:00pm Decorate a Bike (Pedal Factory Charity Tent)
- 1:00pm Piedmont Players Theatre
- 1:00pm Christmas Crafts (Kids Korner)
- 2:00pm Doo Dah Kid's Parade
- 3:00pm Symphony Activity (Kids Korner)
- 4:00pm Salisbury Choral Society
- 5:00pm Salisbury Symphony Quintet
- 5:00pm Snow Crafts (Kids Korner)
- 6:30pm Closing Ceremony
Divided by Four

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride

Nov 11-12, 18-20, 25-27 and Dec 2-4, 8-11, 13-23
NC Transportation Museum, 1 Samuel Spencer Drive



Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, families are sure to enjoy their trip to the North Pole, complete with hot chocolate and cookies served on board the train. Passengers are entertained by a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's classic, *The Polar Express*. Upon arrival at the North Pole, passengers disembark to watch Santa present the first gift of Christmas. Before

exiting the train at Candy Cane Lane, all passengers who BELIEVE will receive their own sleigh bell. Find out more: nctransportationmuseum.org/the-polar-express-train-ride

Native American Heritage Month

Nov 15 at 11 a.m. | Spencer Public Library, 300 Fourth Street

Celebrate Native American heritage month with Catherine Ritch and Chief Fleming Otey. Ritch is a published composer and author of 29 books and will be the first speaker. In research for her most recent book, *Voices of Victory: The Navajo Code-Talkers*, Ritch spent two and a half years on a Navajo reservation. She will speak on the lives of the storied Marines who made it possible for the US to win WWII through secret messages using the Navajo language. Our second speaker that day will be Chief Fleming Otey who will represent the Cherokee tribal culture. For more information call 704-636-9072.



'Tis the Season Spectacular Parade

Nov 23 at 2 p.m. | Along Salisbury Avenue

The 'Tis the Season Spectacular is a community event open to the public. This year's parade will once again take place the day before Thanksgiving. The holiday parade will follow the route of Salisbury Avenue/Main Street through Spencer and Salisbury's historic downtowns. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. in Downtown Spencer and reach Downtown Salisbury at 3 p.m. The parade will present musical acts, floats and more. The parade festivities will continue at Salisbury's Bell Tower Green with the band Too Much Sylvia performing on stage and more. Find out more and reserve seats online at tistheseasonspectacular.com.

Winter Holiday Train Rides

Dec 27-31; 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.
NC Transportation Museum, 1 Samuel Spencer Drive

Join the museum for special train rides during the winter break between Christmas and the New Year! It is another seasonal tradition families love to do together, especially when children are on break from school. Find out more:



nctransportationmuseum.org/winter-holiday-train-rides

Spencer Candlelight Tour of Churches

Dec 4 at 5 p.m.

Oakdale Baptist | Dorsett Chapel | Calvary Lutheran | First Baptist | Spencer Presbyterian | Central United Methodist

The Spencer Candlelight Tour of Churches is back and will take place on Sunday, December 4. The tour is free to the public and starts at 5 p.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church (200 Charles Street), continuing until 8 p.m. with special Christmas entertainment provided at each church. Additional stops may be added to the list above. Refreshments will be served at the final stop. For additional information about the tour please contact Beth at 704-239-3559 or Kevan at okbptst@aol.com.

Spencer Senior Christmas Luncheon

Dec 6 at 12 noon | Oakdale Baptist Church, 200 Charles Street

The Spencer Senior Council welcomes every resident of Spencer age 55 or older to the annual Senior Christmas Luncheon. All are invited to enjoy a barbecue buffet, fellowship, and even singing your favorite Carols. No Charge for this event (funded by the Town of Spencer) but reservations are required before November 27. Sign up at your church or call Sue Schultz at 763-412-2478.

SWC Art Supply Drive and December Party

Dec 8 at 7 p.m. | Spencer Woman's Club, 101 Third Street

The Spencer Woman's Club is hosting an art supply drive for the local schools. If you are interested in donating supplies, please contact Susan at 704-239-3559 or bethamyent@gmail.com. Clubwomen will meet on Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Third Street. The meeting will include a Christmas Party, making cards for homebound residents (members can pick up card kits), and continuing the school art supply drive.

If you are interested in joining the club, please stop by during the party to meet our members and find out what we're all about!



Old-Fashioned Christmas Open House

Dec 9 at 6 p.m. | Spencer Public Library, 300 Fourth Street



Take a short walk from Winterfest to the library's Old-Fashioned Christmas open house. Gifts for children and Christmas stories will be presented while Ken Bloom, luthier and musician from Pilot Mountain, plays beautiful classical and Christmas music on the hammered dulcimer. Three extra surprise guests will provide entertainment for the children. Moravian cookies and hot apple cider will be served. Children will decorate a small tree with old-fashioned handmade ornaments. For more information call 704-636-9072.

CAC Christmas Decorating Contest

Nominations Due Dec 16

This Christmas, the Community Appearance Commission (CAC) will award two prizes for Best Christmas Display. Nominations are due by Friday, Dec. 16, by submitting the nomination form available at spencernc.gov/christmas-contest. Or you can email your nomination to Kyle Harris at kharris@spencernc.gov. Please include the address of the display and 2-3 color digital photographs. You can nominate yourself or a neighbor.

Town Services Through the Holidays

Town offices will be closed for various holidays, on November 11, 24, 25; December 23, 26; and January 2. Please note there may be other service impacts for each holiday. Please find out more at spencernc.gov or call Town Hall with questions at 704-633-2231.