

HOLIDAY EVENTS 2024

Oak Park Park District Events

The Park District partners with several local businesses/organizations to host a variety of holiday events, such as The Santa Trolley, the Oak Park Conservatory Candlelight Walk, the Ridgeland Common Holiday Exhibition, and many more! For a full list of events sponsored by the Park District, please visit:

<https://pdop.org/holidayevents/>

Small Business Saturday – November 30 | 11 am – 2 pm

Come over to Downtown Oak Park to help celebrate all things small business! Specials and promotions for this event can be found at: <https://www.downtownoakpark.net/event/small-business-saturday/>

Shop Small Celebration – November 30 | 10 am – 5 pm

Head over to the Hemmingway District to celebrate Small Business Saturday and participate in a tree lighting ceremony, create a bracelet and explore the district by visiting beading stations, or write a letter to Santa! More information, along with an events schedule, can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HFoMA46lnMDZoUWrRoAO7PXtf9sbjo7rmstt8fO1mqs/edit?pli=1&tab=t.0>

Christmas Bingo: It's a Ho-Ho-Holy Night! – December 1 | 3 pm

Join in for some unique fun at Madison Street Theatre with this interactive show written by Vicki Quade. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://madisonstreettheater.org/event/christmas-bingo-its-a-ho-ho-holy-night/>

Breakfast with Santa – December 3 | 9 am – 12 pm

Warm up with a cozy breakfast and enjoy visiting with Santa at Egg Harbor Café, located at 1111 South Boulevard. Information for this event can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1746517819420219/>

Frosty Affair: Holiday Makers Market – December 5 | 3:30 – 7:30 pm

Join the OPRF Chamber of Commerce at their annual holiday makers market, hosted at the Nineteenth Century Club (178 Forest Avenue). There will be local vendors, live entertainment, and festive fun, including photos with Santa and complimentary gift wrap for attendees. For more information about the event, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-frosty-affair-holiday-makers-market-tickets-1076719720669>

The Gingerbread Ball – December 6 | 7:30 pm

The Madison Street Theatre presents two of the area's finest retro cover bands performing a medley of classic rock and holiday songs. Tickets for the event can be purchased at:

<https://madisonstreettheater.org/event/4873/>

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Holiday Housewalk & Market – December 6-7

Participate in the long-standing tradition that is the OPRF Infant Welfare Society Holiday Housewalk and Market! With two different days, there is plenty of fun to be had checking out the decorated homes and shopping at the market. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://oprfiws.org/holiday-housewalk>

Holiday Bazaar – December 6-8

Animal Care League's annual Holiday Bazaar is happening at a new location this year, the Liberty Cultural Center at 6445 27th Place in Berwyn, IL. All proceeds from this event go to benefit the Oak Park animal shelter and provide care to the animals housed there. Details about the market can be found here: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/FmW/>

Handmade & Vintage Holiday Market – December 7 | 10 am – 2 pm

Come out and support local producers, artisans, and makers at this market hosted by Tomato Lady at the Oak Park Friends School, Arts District location (902 S. Ridgeland). Check out the link for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1225289015191640/1225289021858306/>

Holiday Artisan Market & Cookie Walk – December 7 | 10 am – 2 pm

Support the Pilgrim Community Preschool Scholarship Fund and shop till you drop at this free holiday event. Browse a variety of local artisans and take part in the Cookie Walk for a day full of family-friendly fun! More information about the event can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1127688342250661>

Winterfest 2024 – December 7 | 10 am – 3 pm

Hosted by Downtown Oak Park, this event includes a free screening of Elf at the Lake Theatre, carols, live performances, a visit from Santa, and the yearly Cookie Walk. Information, including times and locations of the various events, can be found here: <https://www.downtownoakpark.net/event/winterfest-cookie-walk/>

Holiday Makers Market with Santa on the Rooftop – December 14 | 11 am – 3 pm

The fourth annual Holiday Makers Market at One Lake Brewing (1 Lake Street) features a variety of local artists and makers for all of your shopping needs. Come out to pick up some unique goods and take a photo with Santa on the rooftop! For more information, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1207800070525188>

Art and Wine Walk – December 14 | 3-7 pm

The Second Annual Art and Wine Walk, hosted by the Oak Park Arts District, gives attendees an opportunity to try new wines while enjoying small bites and checking out local businesses. Each attendee will receive a wine glass and wine bag, a bottle of wine from Anfora, and discounts at various shops and restaurants along the walk. Tickets for this event can be found here:

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<https://oakparkartsdistrict.com/art-wine-walk/>

Home for the Holidays – December 21 | 11 am – 3 pm

Visit with Santa, enjoy some hot chocolate, or get a ride on a horse-drawn carriage during this Downtown Oak Park Event. More information, including a schedule for the event, can be found at:

<https://www.downtownoakpark.net/event/home-for-the-holidays/>