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Accompanied by elves on stand up paddle boards, Santa sets course for the Lake Anne Plaza dock, Reston to participate in Jingle on the Lake.

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# HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Santa's Secret Shop.** Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3 p.m. thru Dec. 22. At Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, at Route 28 and Route 7 at Claude Moore Park in Sterling. Children can shop in the barn theatre for their parents, grandparents, siblings, and teachers with the help of volunteer elves and museum staff. It will offer a selection of gifts priced under \$10. Santa's helpers will be available to help children wrap purchases with special bags and ribbons. When they are finished shopping, children can send a postcard to Santa at the North Pole. While waiting, parents can browse the museum gift shop where most items will be marked down 50%. Visit the website: [www.heritagefarmmuseum.org](http://www.heritagefarmmuseum.org)

**"Matilda The Musical."** Now thru Dec. 22. At NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Show times are Thursdays through Sundays. A Broadway musical about a courageous girl with an unbounded imagination who proves that despite the odds, you can do anything you put your mind to — and change your destiny. Based on the book by Roald Dahl. Tickets start at \$40; Family 4-pack available — Buy 3 get one free with code "NextStopFam." Call 866-811-4111 or visit the website: [nextstoptheatre.org](http://nextstoptheatre.org).

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

**Wednesday Morning Book Club.** 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. This month's title is "Animal Farm" by George Orwell. Visit the website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Kalypso's Holiday Party.** 6:30-9 p.m. At Kalypso's Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N, Reston. An event catered to Restonians, business professionals and the self-employed. For those that may not have an office holiday party or just want to kick off the holiday, come and enjoy wine tastings featuring Ancient Peaks, Duckhorn Decoy, Elouan, Catena and Laurent Perrier Wineries, Heavy Appetizers, DJ spinning the tunes, Photobooth and two drink tickets included in the package. Come dressed with some holiday flare and have a chance to win some fun prizes. Purchase discount tickets by midnight this Friday for \$20 (Regular Price: \$25).

**Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body.** 7 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. To help people age well, the Alzheimer's Association, National Area Chapter, this workshop covering four areas of lifestyle habits that are associated with healthy aging: cognitive activity, physical health and exercise, diet and nutrition, social engagement. Visit the website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 12

**Thai Chi Fitness Classes.** 6:30 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join in a fun Tai Chi fitness class led by local instructor Susan Shen. Adults. Visit the website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## FRIDAY/DEC. 13

**"Nightmare Before Christmas."** 7-9:30 p.m. At Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Bring your floats and rafts, kick back, relax, and enjoy a showing of the movie, "Nightmare Before Christmas" in the pool. Doors open at 7 p.m. and movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 6 must have a parent or guardian in the water with them. Pizza, candy, soda, and water will be sold. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Visit [herndon-va.gov](http://herndon-va.gov), or call 703-787-7300.

**Holiday Concert.** 7:30-9 p.m. At Heritage Fellowship Church, 2501 Fox Mill Road, Reston. Encore Chorales of Reston and Fairfax present traditional and contemporary holiday music with 100-plus voices. This is a joint concert with Encore Chorales of Reston and Fairfax. Singers come from various communities in western Fairfax and eastern Loudoun. All ages welcome. Email: [EncoreReston@gmail.com](mailto:EncoreReston@gmail.com). Visit the website: [www.EncoreCreativity.org](http://www.EncoreCreativity.org).

## SATURDAY/DEC. 14

**Children's Holiday Shopping.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Secret shoppers will assist your



## Wreaths Across America in Herndon

The Wreaths Across America event will take place Saturday, Dec. 14 at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Herndon.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 14

**Wreaths Across America.** 12 noon. At Chestnut Grove Cemetery, 831 Dranesville Road, Herndon. The Town of Herndon, in partnership with the Herndon Woman's Club, will join Wreaths Across America to honor 850 veterans who were laid to rest at Chestnut Grove Cemetery. The goal is to place a wreath on every veteran's grave. Volunteers, including members of the military, fire and police departments, Herndon Fortnightly Club, Herndon Boy Scouts Troop 1577, Reston Chorale, and South Lakes Junior ROTC, will participate. The cost to sponsor a wreath is \$15. To show your support and to sponsor a wreath, send a check made payable to Herndon Woman's Club, P.O. Box 231, Herndon, VA, 20172. Donations are needed by Dec. 2, 2019. Donations are also accepted online at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/search?searchType=group](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/search?searchType=group). When you either click on this link or type this website in your browser, you will be brought to a search page. Here you will type in Herndon Woman's Club for the Group Name and select Herndon Woman's Club (VA0143P). Visit [www.herndon-va.gov/recreation](http://www.herndon-va.gov/recreation), or call 703-787-7300.

children in choosing gifts for everyone on their list — parents, grandparents, siblings and friends — and help wrap them for the holidays. You can set a budget, and kids can choose from a variety of reasonably priced items in the store. Register for a time slot on the half-hour. The cost is \$5 per child. Call 703-437-9101 or visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park>.

**Reston Holiday Open House.** 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join the staff as they celebrate the holiday season with light refreshments, music, entertainment and fun. Visit the website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**European-Style Holiday Market.** 12 noon to 8 p.m. At Town Hall Square, 730 Elden Street, Herndon. Some 30 artisans and food vendors will offer their handcrafted goods for sale. In addition, there will be German beers, waffles, lebkuchen (traditional German gingerbread cookies), stollen (cake-like fruit bread), glühwein (warm mulled wine), Swiss raclette, smothered poutines and grilled German sausages. Also handmade toys, jewelry, arts, woolen and wooden crafts. German bands, holiday choirs and fantastical skits. Visit the website at [herndon-va.gov/recreation](http://herndon-va.gov/recreation) or call 703-787-7300.

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**Handmade Holiday Ornaments.** 1-2:30 p.m. At Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston. Combine holiday fun with DIY ingenuity and what do you get? The most creative handmade ornaments you will ever make! Sign up the whole family for this fun workshop led by GRACE staff. (Note: Parents will need to assist children with the creation of ornaments, and children must be accompanied by a participating adult. Adults may come on

their own and do not need to be accompanied by a child, it will be fun for everyone). All ages. Sponsored by Reston Community Center. \$10 for residents/\$20 for non-residents.

**Nuttin' Like the Nutcracker.** 4-5:30 p.m. At Aldrin Elementary School, 11375 Center Harbor Road, Reston. Holiday family fun with selections from The Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky and presentations by Aldrin Elementary students. Bring your own bells or other favorite instruments, as well as your voices. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated. Visit the website: [www.restoncommunityorchestra.org](http://www.restoncommunityorchestra.org).

**Calamity Improv.** 7:30 p.m. At ArtSpace, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Come ring the bells! Improv with a seasonal twist. Recommended donation of \$10. Call 703-956-6590 or visit the website: [artsherndon.org](http://artsherndon.org)

**"The Nutcracker."** 7:30 p.m. At Reston's CenterStage, RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Presenting the Conservatory Ballet's 47th rendition of The Nutcracker. This year's performances in Reston are especially meaningful as they represent a mother-daughter team working together to keep a 47-year-old family tradition alive. This year's performance features many young, local dancers including: Ana Bustamante (Reston), a Junior at Herndon High School with a passion for singing and music; and Audrey Kelley (Reston) a Senior at South Lakes High School with a passion for ballet and sports; Audrey has been performing with the company since she was 5 years old. Tickets are \$23-\$28. Visit [www.principalballet.co](http://www.principalballet.co) or email [nutcracker@conservatory-ballet.com](mailto:nutcracker@conservatory-ballet.com).

### SATURDAY/SUNDAY DEC. 14-15

**Holiday Model Train Show.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. W&OD caboose and Depot Museum also open for tours. Free. Call 703-437-5556.

### DEC. 14-22

**"Santa's Funky Hawaiian Christmas Cabaret."** At StageCoach Theatre Company, 20937 Ashburn Road, Suites 115 and 120, Ashburn. StageCoach Theatre Company presents a musical revue, "Santa's Funky Hawaiian Christmas Cabaret". Dinner theatre performances on Dec. 22 and non-dinner performances will be held on Dec. 14, 15 and 21. Ticket prices range from \$25 for non-dinner performances to \$60 when dinner is included. This show will feature the vocal talents of Lisa

Alford, Kat Brais, Doug Marcks, Joey Olson, Katie Pond, and Jolene Vettese. This musical revue is produced by Jerri Wiseman, a co-owner of StageCoach Theatre Company. Reservations for dinner theatre performances are required for catering purposes. Reservations can be made online at <https://stagecoachtc.com/santas-funky-hawaiian-christmas-cabaret/>

### DEC. 14-23

**"A Seussified Christmas Carol."** At StageCoach Theatre, 20937 Ashburn Road, Suites 115 and 120, Ashburn. StageCoach Theatre for Young Audiences presents a family-friendly tale, "A Seussified Christmas Carol". The show is a whimsical reinvention of Dickens' most beloved Christmas story in wacky rhymed couplets. With zoot fruited juices and binka bird geese, from Bed-Headed Fred to Timmy Loo Hoo, this tale of glorious holiday cheer is similar to something Dr. Seuss might have come up with — if he ever had his way with the story. This classic story has been "Seussified" by playwright Peter Bloedel and brought to life by director Linda Cirba. This show will open on Dec. 14 with performances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The show continues Dec. 15 and 22 at 2 p.m., Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and again during the week leading up to Christmas on Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 3-12. Reservations are encouraged at <https://stagecoachtc.com>. Tickets will be sold at the door pending availability. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show time.

### SUNDAY/DEC. 15

**Wagon Rides with Santa.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. You're in for a jolly time when Santa takes the wheel on the "Wagon Rides with Santa" at Frying Pan Farm Park. Celebrate the holiday season with Santa in the driver's seat. Enjoy hot cocoa and roast marshmallows by the fire before or after your wagon ride. Age 2 to adult. Register for rides on the half-hour. The cost is \$5 per person. A registered adult is required to attend with all registered children. Call 703-437-9101 or visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park>.

**West Coast Swing Lesson plus Social Dance.** 5-8 p.m. at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. #1, Herndon. Instructor Tim Bowker and partner Laura Martin will teach West Coast Swing, 5-6 p.m. Classes videotaped for individual review. Basic skills recommended. Social dancing, 6-8 p.m. WCS crossovers and ballroom, Latin, Hustle contemporary mix. \$10; \$8, USA Dance members. Email [herndonsocialdancers@gmail.com](mailto:herndonsocialdancers@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/herndonsocialdancers](http://www.facebook.com/herndonsocialdancers).

### MONDAY/DEC. 16

**Hour of Code.** 6:30 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join in an Hour of Code, a hands-on opportunity to learn and practice your coding skills using computer games and robotics. All experience levels welcome. Adults, Teens. Visit the website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

### FRIDAY/DEC. 20

**Family Board Game Pop-Up.** 6-8 p.m. At Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. The Starting Player Pop-Up Company brings a wide variety of board games you've never tried: quick silly games, strategic, games for small or large groups, plus the knowledge and expertise to teach them quickly. Games can take between five minutes and up to an hour. Create your own nut-free trail mix. Cost is \$4 person/\$14 per family, per date. visit [herndon-va.gov/recreation](http://herndon-va.gov/recreation), or call 703-787-7300.

**Friday Sound Series.** 7:30 p.m. At ArtSpace, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Holiday music and stories from Appalachia with local musicians, and storytellers. Recommended donation of \$10. Call 703-956-6590 or visit the website: [artsherndon.org](http://artsherndon.org)

### SATURDAY/DEC. 21

**Children's Winter Wonderland.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. At Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Free admission. Includes crafts, face painting, holiday letter writing, games, sweet treats, storytime and more. Please bring a canned/non-perishable food item to donate to a local food bank. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

**Angel Workshop & Sale.** 2-4 p.m. At Hambrook Holistic Healing Center, 297 Herndon Parkway, Suite 105, Herndon. They will use meditation to get you in contact with your angel. After the meditation, they will share angel stories and get to know each other. Free. Visit the website: <https://www.hambrookholistichealing.co/>