

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:30 PM: LIGHTING OF THE TREE OF LIGHTS on the “Pocket Park” at Main St. and Connecticut Boulevard. Sponsored by the East Hartford Woman’s Club to benefit E.H. Outreach Program for the Human Needs Fund. Purchase a light in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one - \$5.00. Contact: 860-338-3150.

7 PM : MUSICAL FEST

A musical celebration by members of the East Hartford community. Sponsored and held at Riverside Healthcare Center, 745 Main Street.

ONGOING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

INDOOR STORY WALK: Come read and experience the magic of “SNOWY DAY” by Jack Ezra Keats. This indoor Story Walk will be available at both libraries.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE: Stop by the ongoing book sale held at the Raymond Library during library hours.

Help us help others! Please bring a non-perishable food item to each event.

All proceeds will be donated to the East Hartford Food Bank.

EAST HARTFORD HOLIDAY FEST 2023 PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

East Hartford Beautification Commission

All Saints’ Episcopal Church

Boy Scouts - Troop 1

Commission on Culture and Fine Arts

Democratic Women’s Club of EH

EH Lion’s Club

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EH Senior Center

EH Summer Youth Festival

EH Woman’s Club

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Parks &. Recreation Dept.

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Public Library

Public Schools

Public Works Dept.

Riverside Healthcare

Santa Claus

Service Press

South Congregational Church

WWII Legacy Foundation

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Cookie Collection and Packaging event on Sunday, December 3rd at the Hillstown Grange Hall, 617 Hills Street. Homemade or store bought cookies will be collected from Noon to 1pm with packing completed by 3pm. Volunteers are needed to pack and sort cookies, which will be sent to soldiers stationed around the world. Monetary donations for shipping costs are needed.

Sponsored by Support Our Soldiers-Connecticut



In case of inclement weather, please visit www.easthartfordct.gov for updates



EAST HARTFORD HOLIDAY FEST 2023



Wishing You A Happy Holiday Season

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 THRU MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

FOUR DAYS OF SPECIAL EVENTS PRESENTED BY THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Events listed as **EHCCC**, will be held at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center at 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT 06108
Raymond Library : 840 Main Street
Wickham Library : 656 Burnside Avenue

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

10AM - 4PM: DECORATE A SNOW PERSON OR SNOWFLAKE

Stop by the library to decorate a snow person or a snowflake. Best Suited for ages 2 and older with an adult. Sponsored by and held at both library branches.

DURING OPEN HOURS DEC 1st -DEC 4th PAPER, BOXES AND BOWS

Have presents to decorate? Come to the library for materials and instructions to learn how to make bows and small gift baskets from recycled books and magazines. Sponsored and held at both library branches.

1:00 PM: "EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH POLE CHRISTMAS SHOW" Join Kathy Gregory who is a singer and story teller. She will take you on a magical trip to the North Pole. Seating is limited. Register early by calling 860-291-7460. Christmas cookies and Hot Cocoa will be served. Sponsored and held at the East Hartford Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Dr.

6:00 PM: TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND SING-A-LONG ON THE TOWN GREEN

Sponsored by the Beautification Commission and Parks & Recreation Department. The EH High & Middle School Chorus will be on hand. Featuring cookies, hot cocoa, children's activities and the traditional visits from Frosty, Rudolph and, of course, Santa Claus. MC will be Kevin Nathan, news anchor at NBC Connecticut.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8 - 10:30 AM: PANCAKE BREAKFAST & VISIT WITH SANTA. Cost is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for a picture with Santa. Held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St. Proceeds to benefit East Hartford families at Christmas. No reservations needed.

8 - 10:30 AM & 4:30-6:30 PM: CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE Hand crafted ornaments, wreaths, wall decor, gift baskets, candy & kitchen knives. Sponsored and held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

8 - 10:30 AM: POINSETTIA SALE Purchase beautiful holiday plants. Sponsored by EH Lions Club and held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

9 - 12 PM: COOKIE WALK Dozens of different varieties of holiday cookies to choose from. Priced per pound. Held at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St.

9 - 2 PM: CHRISTMAS FAIR "Famous Waffles", Chili & Soups, baked goods, fudge, jams, crafts, and local beeswax products. Soup & Chili available to purchase to go. Held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 444 Hills St.

10AM - 2 PM: SELDEN BREWER HOUSE OPEN HOUSE TOUR Come see the beautiful Victorian Christmas decorations. Sponsored by the East Hartford Historical Society and held at 167 Main Street



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11AM - 1PM: AMERICAN ST. NICK

Author Peter Lion will be telling the WWII story of American GI's of the 28th Infantry who brought Christmas to the children of Wiltz, Luxembourg on December 5, 1944. Following his presentation, the documentary "American St. Nick" by Tim Gray will be shown. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the WWII Legacy Foundation. Held at the Raymond Library.

12 NOON: "MIDWINTER NIGHT AND DREAMS"

A loose adaptation of Shakespeare's "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" Written by EHSYF'S North Ackley. It follows Jack Frost and Jill Blossom as they attempt to quell a fight between the seasonal Lords. Seasonal treats and a festive sing-a-long. Play sponsored by East Hartford Summer Youth Festival at EHCCC.

2 - 4 PM: "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS IN EAST HARTFORD" A holiday piano concert presented by East Hartford's Paul Bisaccia, celebrated world renowned pianist. Sponsored by EH Commission on Culture and Fine Arts and held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

3 - 5PM: SWIM WITH SANTA

Get out of the cold and take a dip in the EHMS pool with Santa! Open to families and includes an underwater photo with Santa in his scuba gear! Registration required online at www.ehparks.org. Admission is a new unwrapped toy. Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and held at the EHMS Pool, entrance off of Scotland Road.

4PM: CITY SINGERS OF HARTFORD PRESENTS "IMPRESSIONS OF WINTER: SACRED REFLECTIONS AND SECULAR JOYS" Suggested donation is \$20, Sponsored by and held at the South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes Street.

4:30 - 6:30 PM: SPAGHETTI SUPPER Continuous serving. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1. \$14 per person, \$10 seniors, \$8 children 5-13. Children under 5 free. Proceeds benefit EH. Food Banks. Held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 - 11 AM: HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Come enjoy pancakes featuring plain, chocolate and a variety of holiday inspired pancakes and sauces including sausage, coffee, tea and juice. \$6 and \$3 for kids under 14. Held at the historic 131 year old Hillstown Grange at 617 Hills St.

11:30 AM: HOLIDAY BRUNCH \$28 per person. Advance Purchase Only. Call for reservations: 860-416-8345 by November 28th. Sponsored by the Democratic Women's Club of East Hartford held at One Wood Pub, 130 Long Hill Street.

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1 - 4PM: CHRISTMAS AT THE 1830 BREWER HOUSE You are cordially invited to enjoy Victorian Christmas decorations. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Historical Society of East Hartford and held at the Brewer House, 167 Main St.

2 - 4PM: KID AND TEEN GIFT MAKING Come and make gifts and cards. Best suited for ages 8-18 years old. Registration is required on the library's online events calendar or call 860-290-4332. Sponsored by and held at the Raymond Library.

4 -5PM: COMMUNITY CAROL SING AND CRECHE LIGHTING Prepare your hearts for the arrival of the Christ child at this Advent Celebration. Please bring a new pair of socks for men, women, or children for our local shelter. Hot chocolate and holiday treats served. Held on the front lawn of South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes Street.

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