

# {TOP 10} Family Events for December and January

Explore holiday and winter fun in and around the Frederick area

BY FC STAFF

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## THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

### COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS AT THE WAY OFF BROADWAY DINNER THEATRE

Start counting down to Christmas all month long with a family-friendly look back through Christmases of the past that hones in on the true meaning of the season. Stop in for dinner and a show in Frederick at 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month through Dec. 23.

*Tickets: TBD*  
[wayoffbroadway.com](http://wayoffbroadway.com)

## THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

### GARDEN OF LIGHTS

Little ones will be dazzled by more than a million colorful LED lights handcrafted into artworks depicting animals, flowers and other elements from nature in this garden stroll in Wheaton. Take a day trip with your family to Brookside Gardens throughout the holiday season and New Year's Day. Timed entry from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25.

*Tickets are \$10; children 4 and younger enter free*  
[montgomeryparks.org](http://montgomeryparks.org)

## DEC. 2-4

### HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET

How about a visit to a family farm for some holiday shopping and photo ops? Chartreuse and Co.'s vintage market in Frederick offers artisan boutiques, locally-grown plants and greenery, wine and cocktails, gourmet food trucks and lawn games, weather permitting, Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Free*  
[chartreuseandco.com](http://chartreuseandco.com)



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## DEC. 3-4 & 10-11

### SANTA'S FARM FEST

Enjoy two weekends at Green Meadows Petting Farm in Ijamsville from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Farm fun includes feeding the animals for free, taking pictures with Santa, a free festive hayride and a Frozen-themed snow globe with a real Elsa (and blow-up Olaf!) Enjoy heated stables and smores by the fire to warm up.

*Tickets are \$16 (credit only); children younger than age 2 enter free*

[greenmeadowsevents.com](http://greenmeadowsevents.com)

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## DEC. 16

### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

More than 30 years ago, Julia Hanna encouraged her community to display candles in their windows in tribute to the warmth and fellowship of an old-fashioned holiday. Today, her tradition continues in downtown Frederick with holiday greetings, carols and a candle lighting in City Hall Courtyard at 7 p.m.

*Free*  
[Celebratefrederick.com](http://Celebratefrederick.com)



## DEC. 21-22

### HERSHEL AND THE HANNUKAH GOBLINS

What's a weary traveler like Hershel to do when he returns home to find a band of goblins has taken over the synagogue on the first night of Hannukah? ESP Theatre at New Spire Arts in Frederick presents this holiday tradition of bringing Hannukah stories to life on the stage. Shows start at 3 p.m.

*Tickets are "pay what you can" from \$5-50*  
[weinbergcenter.org](http://weinbergcenter.org)

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**DEC. 28**

**KWANZAA CELEBRATION**

Learn all about Kwanzaa at the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center in Columbia. From 5:30-8 p.m., there will be local vendors, a themed kids' corner, presentations and musical performances to celebrate Kwanzaa and African American culture.

*Free*

Reserve a spot via Eventbrite through Dec. 22: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kwanzaa-celebration-2022-tickets-459127612047?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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**JAN. 7**

**JANUARY FIRST SATURDAY**

Every first Saturday of the month in downtown Frederick, shops pull out all the stops to offer special events, from in-store tastings to new exhibits to explore. Downtown Frederick Partnership will post date-specific events online. Stay tuned for updates.

*Free*

[Downtownfrederick.org](http://Downtownfrederick.org)

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**DEC. 31**

**FREDERICK COUNTY 275TH:  
NOON YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION  
AND KEY DROP**

Celebrate Frederick County's 275th year at several branches of Frederick County Public Libraries. Families with children ages birth to 5 years old can gather for a "Noon Year's Eve" with stories, songs and a special "key drop" to kick off the year-long anniversary festivities at 11:30 a.m. See calendar for details.

*Free*

[frederick.librarycalendar.com](http://frederick.librarycalendar.com)



**JAN. 17**

**HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD**

Frederick County Public Libraries' Elementary Explorers series puts an international spin on the holiday season. In January, children in grades K-5 will learn about holidays around the world in areas such as art, science and history. Event runs from 4-4:45 p.m. at Thurmont Regional Library.

*Free*

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