Monday, December 7th, 7:00pm
ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS ARTS COUNCIL- RSO Holiday Pops- Ignite the spirit of the season with this local tradition. Maestro David Wiley and the RSO will bring all the magical elements our audience has come to expect - high energy, glorious musicianship, and exuberant warmth. Located at Covington Middle School Curfman Hall, 606 South Lexington Avenue, Covington. Call 540-962-ARTS (2787) for additional information.

Friday & Saturdays, Dec 11, 12, 18, 19, 11:00am - 5:00pm
Blue Spring Run Farm - Christmas Open House-Join us for our Christmas open house. Enjoy some wintry treats as you shop for gifts for friends, loved ones, and why not even something special for yourself. 3901 Blue Spring Run Rd, Covington. Also Open by Appointment: 540-632-2444

Saturday, December 12th, 7:00pm
"Christmas in the Highlands" at The Historic Masonic Theatre- The Imaginaries, an Oklahoma-based duo featuring Shane Henry and Maggie McClure, bring their signature blend of Americana and roots-rock to the stage. With music featured in major films and performances alongside legendary artists, the duo will deliver their rich harmonies and musical talent to a special Christmas show. For tickets call 540-862-5655 or visit HistoricMasonicTheatre.com.

Saturday, December 12th, 1:00pm
Town of Iron Gate, Christmas Parade- Charlie Brown Christmas is the theme for 2026. The parade is sponsored by the Town of Iron Gate and Iron Gate Volunteer Fire & Rescue. Line up starts at 12pm. For more information and entry form please call 540-862-0770

Sunday, December 13th, 3:00pm
STARS-The Historic Masonic Theatre is thrilled to announce the return of the Special Theatrical Artists Revue & Showcase (STARS) program. The highly anticipated event is made possible through the generous support of the City of Covington, Town of Clifton Forge, and Alleghany County. Visit www.historicmasonictheatre.com/masonic-event/stars/ or call 540-862-5655 for more details. **FREE EVENT!**

Monday, December 14th, 7:00pm
ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS ARTS COUNCIL- Alleghany Highlands Chorale Holiday Concert- Local singers present an inspiring afternoon of holiday music that will leave the audience with a heart full of Yuletide spirit. Located at First Presbyterian Church (185 N Maple Ave, Covington). Admission is by Donation. For more information, call 540-962-ARTS (2787) **FREE EVENT!**

Friday, December 18th, 7:00pm
Mountain Opry Presents: Christmas in the Forge with the Alleghany High School (AHS) Choir at The Historic Masonic Theatre - The Mountain Opry presents a night of music at the Christmas in The Forge Celebration, with the AHS Choir performing along with the Mountain Opry band. Doors open at 6PM and the show starts at 7PM. If you'd like to, you may bring non-perishable food to be donated to the local food pantries. A monetary donation will also be taken, with all proceeds going to the AHS choir. **FREE EVENT!**

Saturday, December 19th, 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Wreaths Across America Ceremony - Wreaths Across America will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Saturday, December 19th, 6:30pm & Sunday, December 20th, 2:00pm
Shenandoah Ballet-The Nutcracker at The Historic Masonic Theatre-
The Shenandoah Ballet returns with the beloved Nutcracker Ballet just in time for Christmas. For tickets call 540-862-5655 or visit HistoricMasonicTheatre.com.

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Light Displays



Friday, November 20th - Saturday, January 30th, Daily from dusk until 11pm - Illumination Garden, a festive display of holiday lights outdoors in the garden of Clifton Forge School of the Arts.

Lighting Sched. TBA - Clifton Forge Sensory Trail Lights transform the trail into a beautiful holiday display, perfect for a festive stroll and a little Christmas spirit.



Sunday, November 22nd-January, Daily from 6:00pm - 10:00pm
Covington Parks and Recreation - Covington's Twinkling Trail - A holiday light extravaganza at the Jackson River Sport Complex, 870 W. Edgemont Drive, Covington, VA. Donations are appreciated.

Shop LOCAL this Holiday Season

Looking for a *unique, last-minute gift?*

We have a growing little Alleghany Highlands Store right inside the Chamber & Visitor Center!



Keep the CHEER Here!

Thank you for shopping locally! We encourage you to shop at the wonderful stores in the Alleghany Highlands, where you can find one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list!

By supporting local businesses, you are helping keep jobs in the Alleghany Highlands. Remember, gift certificates to local businesses make great gifts.

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Monday, December 28th. Gallery Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10:00am-4:30pm & Sundays, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center Fx2 Photo Exhibit - This exhibit features local and regional photographers working in traditional film and/or digital imaging. Awards are given, and you can vote for the "People's Choice" award for the photographs you judge as the best. The FX2 Exhibit is always sure to please and will be open for your viewing through Christmas. So see the exhibit and visit the shop during the Holidays! For more information, call 540-862-4447 (439 E. Ridgeway Street, Clifton Forge)

Weekly from November 19th-December 17th
Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce & Tourism - Cash Mobs – Help us support small businesses this holiday season by shopping local! **How it works**: The **first 10 people** to show up will get $20! We just ask that you spend $20 of your own. This will provide the business with at least $400 of sales that day! Call 540-962-2178 for additional details.

Friday, November 20th, 10:00am - 8:00pm
& Saturday, November 21st, 10:00am - 5:00pm
Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center - Christmas Open House
We have extended our hours for this weekend. Get an early start on your Christmas shopping this weekend. From Christmas decorations to a unique gift for the relative who has everything, stop in to shop for gifts made with talent and love. Interested in a class to make your own holiday ornaments? There are classes for children, adults, and families, too! Check out our class offerings on our website: highlandsartsandcraft.org

Friday, November 20th, 10:00am - 9:00pm
& Saturday, November 21st, 10:00am - 5:30pm
Hometown Christmas Open House – Downtown Clifton Forge Clifton Forge-Merchants, in partnership with the Town of Clifton Forge and Clifton Forge Main Street, invite you to celebrate the holiday season at the Hometown Christmas Open House in Downtown Clifton Forge! Come out, enjoy the festive holiday atmosphere, support local businesses, and experience the hometown charm of Christmas in Clifton Forge.

Friday, November 20th, 11:00am - 6:00pm & Saturday, November 21st, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Betsy Franklin Rogers and The DEPOT on Main A Good Ole Fashioned CHRISTMAS - Join us for A Good Ole Fashioned Christmas featuring: Over 30 LOCAL vendors, Art, Handcrafted Quilts, Pottery, Jewelry, Clothing & Furniture, Antiques, Vintage Christmas decor, gifts and more. There will also be LIVE Christmas Music, Free coffee, Hot chocolate & Photos with Santa, shopper Gift Registration, Gift Certificates, Door prizes ALL DAY, And the best yet; The Opportunity to SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON! 528 Main Street, Clifton Forge

Friday, November 20th, 2:00pm - 8:00pm & Saturday, November 21st, 10:00am - 5:00pm
Clifton Forge School of the Arts 15TH ANNUAL KRISKINDLMARKT- Join us to discover the enchantment of an Appalachian mountain town's take on a European advent market with over 50 artisans and holiday activities. The heart of our event is nestled within "The Mill," a beautifully repurposed 100+ year-old lumber mill right behind the Clifton Forge School of the Arts. In addition to The Mill, explore the main CFSOTA building, where you'll find more vendors, a Children's Makerspace, an art store, wood-fired pottery, Lucinda Rowe's gallery exhibit, story time with Santa, and info about the wide range of creative classes offered by the School of the Arts. You can also enjoy a selection of German food and beverages, listen to live music, take holiday pictures at our photo booth, and visit with Santa. Admission is $5, and children enter free! Kriskindlmarkt is a wonderful event for the whole family, and our proceeds go directly to supporting the arts education programming here at CFSOTA! 518 Church Street, Clifton Forge

Saturday, November 21st, 3:00pm
Movies@theMasonic: The Polar Express - Grab your cocoa, wear your favorite pajamas, and snuggle in for festive fun, laughter and holiday magic on the big screen. Come say hi to Santa at 2:00pm, before the movie in the Underground, then settle in for a heartwarming holiday film! **FREE EVENT!**

Saturday, November 21st, 6:00pm
Clifton Forge Town Hall ANNUAL TOWN TREE LIGHTING- Join us at Clifton Forge Town Hall as we kick off the community's Christmas celebrations with the official lighting of the Town Christmas Tree! Enjoy festive dance performances by Garlynda's Fancy Feet and Cora Dance, followed by classic Christmas carols performed by the Immanuel Baptist Church Choir. Watch as our special guest lights the Town Christmas Tree! Be sure to bring the children by Santa's booth for a special visit and a photo with Santa. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season with family and friends!

Sunday, November 22nd, 2:00pm - 6:00pm
Covington Parks and Recreation Holiday Market at The Jackson River Sport Complex- Come do your holiday shopping from over 30 vendors selling homemade items. Holiday music will be available throughout the afternoon and into the evening. We are excited to announce that at 3:30pm we will have the Statler Experience Christmas Show (there will be no charge) Food will be available for purchase, and roasted chestnuts. From 6-8pm for a donation there will be horse and buggy rides available. At 6pm our little friends from Edgemont Preschool will be there to help Mr. Dressler count down to the lighting of our Twinkling Trail for the 2026 season. Mark your calendars, this is awesome event.

Friday, November 27th & Saturday, November 28th, 11:00am - 5:00pm
Blue Spring Run Farm - Small Business Friday & Saturday - Thank you for supporting small businesses! 3901 Blue Spring Run Rd Covington, VA - Also Open by Appointment: 540-632-2444

Saturday, November 28th, 7:00pm
Ushering in Christmas with Bobby & Teddi Cyrus - presented by The Historic Masonic Theatre and The Virginia Opry-Bobby & Teddi Cyrus bring the heart of bluegrass and country music to the holiday season with authentic mountain charm, traditional sounds, and the warmth of faith. Enjoy ringing in the season as they make their debut appearance on the theatre stage. For tickets call 540-862-5655 or visitHistoricMasonicTheatre.com

Sunday, November 29th, 5:30pm
Covington Parks and Recreation Annual Hometown Christmas Celebration - City Hall 333 W Locust Street. There will be performances by Patsy's Dance Studio and Edgemont Preschool. THEN AT 6PM OUR HONORARY TREE LIGHTER WILL ILLUMINATE THE TREE. Then everyone is invited to bring their little ones into city hall to have a free photo taken with Santa and have milk and cookies.

Friday, December 4th, 2:00pm - 7:00pm & Saturday, December 5th, 9:00am - 4:00pm
Good News Church on Main-9th Annual Good News Christmas Bazaar-Feeling Christmassy-50+ Returning and NEW Vendors, Bakers, Toymakers and Artisans offering something for you and everyone on your gift list. Photo with Santa! Door Prizes, Surprises and KidZONE for the kids. Good News Church on Main, 331 W. Main Street, Covington. Admission is FREE but be sure to collect your ticket for the door prize drawings.

Friday, December 4th, 6:00pm
CHRISTMAS PARADE-Clifton Forge Annual Christmas Parade-Candy Cane Lane-Clifton Forge Main Street, Inc. invites you to be a participant or be a spectator in our 2026 Christmas Parade! The parade will begin at the intersection of Ridgeway and Roxbury Street and continue down Ridgeway Street through the Historic District to the Clifton Forge Fire Station on D Street. Trophies will be given out for best religious float, best private and public vehicles, best marching unit, best dance entry, best clogging entry, most creative entry, best animal entry, best overall float, and judges favorite. Call 540-862-2000 or email cliftonforgemainstreet@gmail.com to participate in the parade.

Saturday, December 5th, 9:00am - 10:30am
Good News Church on Main-BREAKFAST WITH SANTA- FREE Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, December 5th, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Clifton Forge Woman's Club-2026 Holiday Home Tour and Silent Auction-Feat. five beautifully decorated properties, each showcasing its own unique architecture and holiday charm. Home Tour tickets are $15 per person and can be purchased at the Clubhouse and each tour location on 12/05. At the CF Woman's Club Clubhouse, 717 Commercial Avenue, Clifton Forge. Clubhouse admission is FREE to enjoy refreshments and participate in the silent auction featuring a Bartocci quilt. For more information, call 540-865-0373 or visit holidayhometourcfwc.com

Saturday, December 5th- Downtown Covington Olde Town Covington, Inc. Presents: An Olde Town Christmas

9:00am – 4:00pm
Welcome Center Location at the Mid-City Mall Parking Lot- Stop by for information and directions to all the day's activities.

9:00am – Noon
Bow Making at Formals & Floral on Main- Come test your bow making skills with the experts and learn how to make bows for your Christmas packages and holiday decorating.

11:00am
Story Time & Craft with Santa's Elves at the Library- Join Santa's elves at the library for magical story time and a hands on holiday event! Perfect for kids of all ages to enjoy!
11:00am – 1:00pm
Pictures with Santa at Good News Church on Main- Santa is ready to hear your wishes, share a smile, and make this season extra special.

11:00am - 3:00pm
Christmas Karaoke at the LOVE Pocket Park- Help spread Christmas cheer! Pick out your favorite Christmas carols and fill Main Street with holiday sounds!

Christmas Coloring Books at The Friendly Fork- Stop by The Friendly Fork and color a Christmas Picture.

Write Letters to Santa at Rise and Mend- Come by Rise and Mend to Write Your Letter to Santa.

Cookie Decorating at Patsy's Dance Studio- Come enjoy some sweet fun with cookie decorating! Held at Patsy's Dance Studio and sponsored by Peoples Bank. The 4-H team will be volunteering their time to help you create these sweet treats.

Fairy Hair at Patsy's Dance Studio- Add a little sparkle to your holiday look with Magical Fairy Hair! Shimmering strands are tied into your hair to catch the light and bring a touch of Christmas magic everywhere you go! This activity is **FREE and sponsored by Patsy's Dance Studio.**

Custom T-Shirts by Wicked Savvy Sisters at Patsy's Dance Studio- Check out Wicked Savvy Sisters for custom Olde Town Covington, Inc. shirts and Christmas shirts created on site along with all of their creative Christmas items.

Fairy Hair by Shear Designerz at Jay's Trading Post- Second Fairy Hair location inside Jay's Trading Post! This activity is **FREE and sponsored by Shear Designerz.**

Winter Wonderland Water Courtesy of Image Express- Stop by for a bottle of water to quench your thirst!

Face Painting at Mountain Rush- While enjoying the family fun at Mountain Rush, stop by the face painting station to get a little extra sparkle to your holiday fun! Kids of all ages can enjoy cheerful designs that bring Christmas magic to life.

Candy Cane Craft at The Discovery Center- Stop in to make a fun holiday craft.

Christmas Ornament Making at Make Room! Covington- Get creative this Christmas with holiday ornament making. Choose from a **FREE option** for festive fun or upgrade to a paid option for a keepsake you'll treasure year after year.

Santa's Train Rides with Calloway Enterprises- FREE Santa Train Rides available in the City Hall parking lot.

11:00am - 6:00pm
A Bite of Christmas Magic with Faithful Bakes & Deli- Take a break from the holiday hustle and stop in for a delicious Christmas sandwich and enjoy holiday cheer!

Noon – 1:00pm
Skating with the Grinch at Mountain Rush- Be the Grinch's roller-skating partner at the NEW roller-skating rink!

1:00pm – 3:00pm
Piano Lounge at Mountain Rush- Come soak in the cozy piano lounge vibe at Mountain Rush!

1:30pm – 3:10pm
Polar Express at Covington Movies 3- Enjoy a holiday favorite on the big screen, FREE from R/C Theaters, Covington Movies 3 complete with a FREE popcorn and a drink, sponsored by Olde Town Covington, Inc. A perfect way to relax, laugh and make memories this Christmas season.

4:00pm – 5:00pm
Christmas Caroling with Alleghany High School (AHS) Choir- Fill your heart with the sounds of the season! Enjoy the AHS Choir as they spread holiday cheer with classic Christmas carols before the parade. Carolers will be roaming downtown Main Street.

4:00pm – 7:00pm
Hot Cider at Collins & Hepler- Stop by Collins & Hepler to warm up with a hot cup of cider—a Christmas holiday delight!

6:00pm
Olde Town Covington Christmas Parade- A Story Book Christmas Parade- Olde Town Covington Christmas Parade kicks off in downtown Covington, Main Street then turns left on Maple