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Heavy Helping of Upcoming Holiday Happenings in Hampton, Virginia

--Enjoy street parades, nautical light shows, holiday shopping, and more--

Hampton, Virginia- This Holiday Season, slip into a warm sweater, grab a cup of hot cocoa, and head to Hampton, Virginia for a large helping of holiday cheer. Whether taking in a special seasonal performance at The American Theatre in Phoebus, enjoying a nautical parade of lights on the Hampton River, or cheering traditional street parades in Coliseum Central and downtown Hampton, there is an activity or event for every member of the family to celebrate this holiday season.

November 9-11, browse over 300 quality crafters, vendors, artists, and local businesses at the **Bodacious Bazaar**, a shopping extravaganza taking place at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. The three-day event will feature upscale gifts, gourmet foods, fine art, and more. The “Real” Santa Claus will also make an appearance, so be sure to bring the kids! Cost is \$7.00 for adults (\$10.00 for two days), \$4.00 for children, and children

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in strollers are free. Check out <http://www.bodaciousbazaar.com/fall/> for further information.

The **20th annual Coliseum Central Holiday Parade** returns on November 17.

Festivities include marching bands, floats, squads and animals parade through Coliseum Central. Santa Claus is also sure to stop by. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m., but get there early for a prime spot.

December 7-8, the **2018 Holiday and Kwanzaa Marketplace and Jazz Brunch** fills the galleries of Hampton University Museum. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on December 7, guests may purchase holiday and Kwanzaa gifts from the museum gift shop. The shop specializes in African, African-American, and other multicultural items and artwork. At 5:30 p.m., enjoy special holiday music, sales, and planned activities. On December 8, in addition to shopping Noon- 4:00 p.m., opt to partake in a delicious holiday and Kwanzaa inspired brunch. Though the event is free, there is a fee for the brunch.

The **30th annual Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade** sails back into downtown on Friday, December 7. Cruise into downtown Hampton for festivities beginning at 7:00 p.m., as this highly anticipated parade of illuminated power and sail boats will be visible from anywhere along the Hampton River. Those who don't have a vessel but want to join the action can board the *Miss Hampton II*. Attendees interested in riding on the *Miss Hampton II* are encouraged to make reservations by calling 757/722-9102. The admission is an unwrapped toy that will be donated to Toys for Tots. Captains who wish to enter their craft in the parade are encouraged to call 757/727-1271.

On December 8, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., the Hampton History Museum plays host to **Holiday Open House**, a brand new event featuring heirloom ornament making, live holiday music, train displays, face painting and more family fun to get you in the spirit of

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the season. Explore over 400 years of the city's past from the days of the Kecoughtan Indians to Space Race in the Hampton History Galleries. On the second floor, view 45 extraordinary watercolor drawings and maps in the special exhibit "Civil War Journey: The Maps and Sketches of Private Robert Sneden."

December 8 also marks the return of the **Hampton Holly Days Parade** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of enchantment at the Peninsula's largest illuminated holiday parade. Fun includes music from marching bands, spectacular floats, and the man of the hour, Santa. The parade goes from Eaton Street and Settlers Landing Road to Darling Stadium.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

November 2018

8-11 Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Enchantment

Enter the dazzling world of Disney magic LIVE ON ICE! Rev up for non-stop fun with four of your favorite Disney stories at Disney On Ice presents Worlds of Enchantment. Thrill to high-speed stunts as Lightning McQueen and the crew of Disney•Pixar's Cars race across the ice! Dive into adventure with Ariel and The Little Mermaid's undersea kingdom. The toys are back in town with heroic action when Buzz, Woody, Jessie and the Disney•Pixar Toy Story gang escape Sunnyside Daycare in their most daring adventure! Plus, enter the wintry world of Arendelle with sisters Anna and Elsa and pals Olaf and Kristoff from Disney's Frozen as they learn that true love comes from within. Get warmed up for the show and be your best with exclusive moves taught by the mouse

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that started it all at Mickey's Dance-Along Pre-Show. From wheels to waves, icy wonderlands to infinity and beyond, your family's favorite Disney moments come to life at Disney On Ice presents Worlds of Enchantment. Hampton Coliseum. Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 10, 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 11, 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Tickets start at \$20. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

9-11 Bodacious Bazaar

The Bodacious Bazaar is an amazing shopping experience that happens twice a year in the Coastal Virginia area. Vendors, artists, and shoppers alike can't afford to miss this amazing show! Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Adults \$7.00, Two Day \$10.00, Children \$4.00, and Children in strollers are free. 757/315-1610. www.bodaciousbazaar.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

16-18 22st Annual Mayflower Marathon

Help us provide meals to those that struggle with hunger in our community this Thanksgiving. It's as easy as driving by and dropping off donations while our spirited volunteers cheer you on and your favorite DJ's broadcast on the radio. Sponsored by FM99 and 106.9 The Fox! <http://www.hrfoodbank.org/event/mayflower-marathon/> (2160 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

17 20th Annual Coliseum Central Holiday Parade

Kick-off the holiday season with the 20th annual Coliseum Central Holiday Parade Presented by Sentara CarePlex Hospital! Come join in the excitement as marching bands, floats, squads and animals parade through Coliseum Central. Santa Claus is also sure to stop by! Coliseum Central. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Free Admission. 757/826-6351. www.coliseumcentral.com (4410 E Claiborne Square, Hampton, VA 23666)

30 Lightwire Theater: A Very Electric Christmas

Appearing magically out of the darkness, the dazzling visuals and unique characters of Lightwire Theater delight viewers of all ages. The show incorporates elements of puppetry, theater, dance and holiday music, which leave the audience with heartwarming memories. Former semi-finalist on America's Got Talent, Lightwire Theater has enthralled audiences worldwide with the beauty of their electric characters. The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. \$35. 757/722/2787. www.hamptonarts.net (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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December 2018

1-2 The Manhattan Transfer Holiday Show

The Manhattan Transfer kicks off a harmonic holiday season as the vocal group brings its signature sound to The American Theatre. Expect an evening of spectacular singing that has earned the group an astounding 10 Grammy Awards for its unique arrangements and performance style. The Manhattan Transfer's incredible vocal power has entertained worldwide audiences for more than four decades. During this special time of year, the group delivers a remarkable performance of holiday favorites from its hit albums, The Christmas Album, An Acapella Christmas, as well as selections from the recently released, chart-soaring album, The Junction. The Manhattan Transfer Holiday Show is a rare opportunity to see one of the music industry's most influential jazz vocal groups. The American Theatre. December 1, 8:00 p.m. December 2, 3:00 p.m. \$35. 757/722/2787. www.hamptonarts.net (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

4-30 Winter Whimsy at the Hampton Carousel

Make new holiday memories while enjoying festively adorned horses and the historic Hampton Carousel decked out for the season, along with special carousel organ-type Christmas music. Free candy canes! Rides \$1. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Carousel Park. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (602 Settlers Landing Road, Downtown Hampton)

7 Phoebus Annual Illumination

Join us for the seventh annual illumination event! Shop with Phoebus merchants for special deals, and more. There will special performances and Santa will even stop by! Mallory Street, Mellen Street and Hope Street in Phoebus. 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Free Admission. www.phoebusvaevents.com (212 E Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

7 Santa's Attic Craft Show

The Hampton Department of Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services presents its annual Santa's Attic Arts and Crafts Show every December. Shop one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted items made by local artisans. Admission is free and complimentary holiday refreshments will be available. Hampton City Hall Library. 757/727-8311. <http://www.hampton.gov/3316/Santas-Attic> (22 Lincoln St. Hampton, VA 23669)

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7 30th Annual Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade

Cruise into the spirit of the holiday season at the 30th annual Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade. More than 20 boats are expected to participate. This parade of illuminated power and sail boats will be visible from anywhere along the Hampton River, however spectators wanting to hear the narration will want to find a spot near the Hampton Maritime Center. Downtown Hampton waterfront. 7:00 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-1276. www.downtownhampton.com (710 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669)

7-8 26th Annual Holiday and Kwanzaa Marketplace and Jazz Brunch

You are cordially invited to join the Hampton University Museum for our Holiday and Kwanzaa Marketplace. On Friday, beginning at 10:00 a.m., purchase your holiday and Kwanzaa gifts from the museum shop and local vendors specializing in African, African-American and other handcrafted items. On that Friday evening from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., enjoy special performances including choral selections by Hampton City Schools Choirs; art activities for children sponsored by HUM Tree House; and refreshments provided by the Hampton Chapter of Links, Inc. Admission is FREE for all activities on Friday. Return on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for our Holiday and Kwanzaa Jazz Brunch and Marketplace which includes live music and performances; heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages. Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost (Saturday events only): \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children age 10 and under. 757/727-5308 <http://museum.hamptonu.edu/> (Hampton University, Hampton, VA 23668)

8 Mistletoe Tour – Holiday Homes Tour

See five amazing historic homes, all dressed up for the holidays, during the Mistletoe Tour at Fort Monroe National Monument. The homes highlight a variety of architectural styles and tickets are required for the event. At 4:00 p.m., join us for a free holiday concert from the Hampton Roads Philharmonic Orchestra in the Fort Monroe Theatre. 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance (beginning November 13), \$25 day of. <http://www.fmauthority.com> (20 Ingalls Rd. Fort Monroe, VA 23651)

8 Holiday Open House

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more family fun to get you in the spirit of the season. Explore over 400 years of the city's past from the days of the Kecoughtan Indians to Space Race in the Hampton History Galleries. On the second floor, view 45 extraordinary watercolor drawings and maps in the special exhibit "Civil War Journey: The Maps and Sketches of Private Robert Sneden." Hampton History Museum. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

8 Hampton Holly Days Parade

The Peninsula's largest illuminated parade! Join us for an evening of enchantment as you view the creative floats, listen to the high school bands, salute the military marching units and exciting drill teams, and wave at the beauty queens. Of course this parade is not complete without everyone's favorite, Santa Claus. Downtown Hampton. 7:00 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-8311. www.hampton.gov/parks (Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669)

8 Selfies with Santa at the Hampton Carousel

Festively decorated for the season, the historic Hampton Carousel welcomes youngsters of all ages to share their holiday wishes and snap "Selfies with Santa," and enjoy a free candy cane. A second face painting station will be set up at the carousel (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Admission to the carousel, "Selfies with Santa" and face painting are free. Stick around for the Hampton Holly Days Parade stepping off at 7:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. Carousel Park. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (602 Settlers Landing Road, Downtown Hampton)

9 Winter Classics and Holiday Favorites

Come hear the sounds of the season as the orchestra presents a program of holiday favorites including "The Nutcracker," "Sleigh Ride," "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," and a special guest appearance by the Golden Baton raffle winner. You won't want to miss this fan-favorite program for the whole family! The American Theatre. 2:30 p.m. \$20. 757/722/2787. www.hamptonarts.net (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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January 2019

11-13 Winter Wonderettes

The Wonderettes are back! This seasonal celebration finds the girls entertaining at the annual Harper's Hardware Holiday Party. When Santa turns up missing, they use their talent and creative ingenuity to save the holiday party! Featuring great 60s versions of holiday classics such as "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Run, Rudolph, Run," and "Winter Wonderland," the result is, of course, marvelous. Showcasing festive costumes, stellar voices, and fantastic vocal arrangements, Winter Wonderettes is a terrific way to continue the yuletide celebration into the New Year! This energetic and glittering holiday package is guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. The American Theatre. January 11 & 12, 8:00 p.m. January 13, 2:00 p.m. \$35. 757/722/2787. www.hamptonarts.net (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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