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Friday, Dec. 10

3:30 p.m.

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Dec. 10-16, 2021



Featured

Holiday Festival



December 10-12 & 17-19 - The Nutcracker

[Dayton Performing Arts Alliance](#); [Schuster Performing Arts Center](#), Second & Main sts.; call for times.

Join little Clara as she drifts into restless slumber amidst tiny tin soldiers and menacing rodents, floats dreamily among the snowflakes, and is escorted to the Land of Sweets, where she meets the sparkling Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. Dayton Ballet's *The Nutcracker* features the full professional Dayton Ballet company, dancers from Dayton Ballet II and the Dayton Ballet School, and over 100 children from the local Dayton area, all of whom have the pleasure of dancing to live music performed by the Dayton Philharmonic. Call for cost. 228-3630 or daytonlive.org.

Thru December 30 - Whimsical Windows Contest & Elf Hunt

[Dayton Holiday Festival](#); Several businesses throughout downtown.

This annual contest shows off the creativity of downtown Dayton's collection of small businesses as they decorate their storefront windows for the holidays in their own unique ways. [Find participating businesses on the map here](#). Enjoy shopping, dining, and exploring downtown in this festive atmosphere! [Vote for your favorite window display online at Dayton.com thru 30](#). Find the elf hidden in each Whimsical Window and snap a pic for a chance to win \$100 in Downtown Dollars! [Details here](#).



This Weekend at the Dayton Holiday Festival

[Dayton Holiday Festival](#); locations and times listed below.

The Dayton Holiday Festival fun continues through December with Family Fun Days presented by AES Ohio and other fun holiday activities! At 11 a.m. on Saturday, don't miss the next holiday film in the **Family Movie Series at The Neon**. Dec. 11th's film is *A Christmas Story*. Stop by the Oregon District Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m. for **Selfies with Santa**. RiverScape will have a **Holiday Mini Market** and **ice skating**. While you're downtown, don't forget to visit ongoing Dayton Holiday Festival activities including **Downtown Jingle Lights**, the **Rike's Holiday Windows** at the Schuster Center, and **Virginia Kettering's Holiday Train Display** at Stratacache Tower, plus the **Whimsical Windows** and **Elf on a Shelf Hunt** throughout downtown. For more information, please call 224-1518.





[Submit your events for inclusion in this e-newsletter and our online calendar!](#)

If you are holding an event downtown that is open to the public, be sure to submit it to us for consideration to be included not only in these weekly emails, but also in our online calendar of downtown events! We're happy to help you promote it.

You can submit your event via our website with the simple online form [here](#).

DOWNTOWN EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Thru December 9 - Holly Days at The Dayton Arcade

[Dayton Arcade](#), 35 W. Fourth St.; 3-8 p.m.

After almost a 30-year hiatus, Holly Days is back! This year's event will feature a local artisan gift market, live holiday entertainment, food and drink, and festive surprises in the Rotunda. Enjoy a Holly Bar in The Tank (6-8 p.m.), a Brixilated Community Lego Build, The Contemporary's Holiday Gift Gallery, and much more. Holly Days will be free and open to the public, and is a family-friendly event.

Thru December 11 - Exhibit: Small But Mighty

[The 48 High Street Gallery](#), 48 High St.,
Call for times.

Small but Mighty is a small works exhibition open to Dayton Society of Artists members. Work will be 12"x12"x 12" or smaller and priced at no more than \$400. More info at daytondsa.org.

Thru December 19 - Who's Holiday

[The Loft Theatre](#), 126 N. Main St.;
call for times.

This special holiday show is a wildly funny and heartfelt adults-only comedy that tells the story of Cindy Lou Who as she recalls that Christmas Eve she first met the Grinch and the twisted turn of events her life has now taken. Rated R for adult language and sexual innuendo. This show is for ages 18 and up. 228-3630 or daytonlive.org.

Thru December 19 - The Road to Mecca

[Dayton Theatre Guild](#),

430 Wayne Ave.; call for times

Helen Martins is a South African woman living in a Christian community. She realizes she is getting older, and her neighbors expect her to move into a nursing home. Pastor Byleveld comes to her house to collect the papers approving her move, but Helen refuses to sign. Her friend, Elsa comes to visit from Cape Town, hoping to help settle the situation, and Helen's neighbors are concerned about the odd sculptures Helen is creating in her yard.

Thru December 19 - Season's Greetings

[PNC Arts Annex](#), corner of Second and Ludlow streets; call for times.

SEASON'S GREETINGS is a live musical cabaret starring Gina Handy (Magnolia Theatre

Thru January 2 - Virginia Kettering's Holiday Train Display

[Dayton Holiday Festival](#); [Stratocache Tower lobby at the corner of Second & Main sts.](#)

Visitors of all ages can view this beloved, one-of-a-kind model train display that was given to the community by Mrs. Virginia Kettering. Use the Second Street building entrance to view inside the lobby Mon-Sat, or view through the windows from outside anytime. 224-1518.

Thru January 16 - Exhibitions at The Co

[The Contemporary Dayton](#),
25 W. Fourth St.; call for times.

The Contemporary Dayton presents its next set of exhibitions in the new galleries at the Dayton Arcade. Samuel Levi Jones' *The Empire Is Falling* features paintings comprised of rended book covers which investigate omissions and falsehoods embedded within the volumes. Willis "Bing" Davis' *Kneel* explores protests and civil rights through "kneelers." *The Boat People* from Tuan Andrew Nguyen follows a group of children who collect stories of a world they never knew. [More info.](#)

Thru February 27 - Ice Skating

[Riverscape MetroPark](#),

111 E. Monument Ave.; call for times.

Sheltered under the covered pavilion, the MetroParks Ice Rink sets the scene as a perfect winter wonderland in downtown Dayton. Patrons may skate daily, including all holidays. While the rink is open, you can enjoy delicious treats from the concession area, including a cup of hot chocolate. Take advantage of fun skating activities, such as lessons, themed skating nights and more. Visit metroparks.org/ice-rink to learn more, find daily open hours, and see a schedule of events. Admission: \$6 daily, ice skate rental: \$2 daily. Ages 3 and under are free with a paying adult. 278-2607.

December 11 & 18 - MetroParks Ice Rink Holiday Mini-Market

[Riverscape MetroPark](#),

111 E. Monument Ave.; Children: 4-8 p.m.

Visit the MetroParks Ice Rink this holiday season to shop great local gifts from our Second Street Market Vendors. The Holiday Mini Market will feature a rotating selection of vendors for the first three weekends in December in the Kettering Health Comfort Tent. Stay and skate and also sample delicious local food that will be sold at the RiverScape Cafe from our Second Street Market food vendors. Available while supplies last. Follow the RiverScape and Second Street Market Facebook pages for more information. Weather Dependent. All ages. Free admission.

December 12 - Learn to Skate

[Riverscape MetroPark](#),

111 E. Monument Ave.; Children: 11-11:30 a.m.; Teens: 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.; Adults: 12:20-12:50 p.m.

Adults, teens, and children, learn how to ice skate this winter! This three-week session will teach the basics of skating so that you can get out there and skate on your own. Fee includes use of skates. \$50. [Find more info here.](#)

December 12 - Half Priced Hot Chocolate

[Winans Chocolates + Coffees](#),

221 N. Patterson Blvd.; call for times.

Winans will offer half-priced hot chocolate during RiverScape's Learn to Skate courses. 732-1001.

December 12 - Home for the Holidays Concert

[Dayton Masonic Center](#),

525 W. Riverview Ave.; 3 & 7 p.m.

The MVSO and Dayton Masonic Center invites the entire family to come and celebrate the season at this annual free Christmas show, featuring the MVSO Community & Children's Chorus, Gem City Ballet, and soprano Tia Seay. Don't miss the pre-show performance by MVSO Youth Strings, starting at 2:15 and 6:15pm. Enjoy holiday favorites including themes from Home Alone; Winter Wonderland; Still, Still, Still; Go Tell It On the Mountain; and Hallelujah Chorus. Santa will join us on stage and welcome all the children to visit for a free photo and gift. [More info.](#)

Company, Short North Stage) and Philip Drennen (Dare 2 Defy, *Vegas! The Show*). Accompanied by Deron Bell and his merry melody makers, this unique holiday experience showcases two extraordinary voices with local ties as they offer up some of the season's classics in a fun and casual way. Relax and laugh with family and friends, grab a special holiday cocktail at the bar, and even send your special musical "wish list" to Santa! Songs featured include a swingin' "I'll Be Home For Christmas," a funky "Jingle Bells," and a soulful "O' Holy Night." You also won't want to miss out on the traditional sing-a-long to close out the evening! Tickets can be purchased at daytonlive.org/seasons-greetings.

Thru December 23 - Holiday Gift Gallery

[The Contemporary Dayton](#),

25 W. Fourth St.; *Weds-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Mon-Tues.*

The Co's popular fine art and fine craft giftable gallery is back, featuring ornaments, jewelry, ceramics, glass, photography and prints, cards, and art-to-wear by Dayton and Ohio craftspeople and creatives. Proceeds benefit artists and The Co's exhibition and education programs. "Beer & Peanuts" closing party Dec. 23, 6-8 p.m. More info at thecontemporarydayton.org.

Thru December 30 - A Carillon Christmas

[Carillon Historic Park](#),

1000 Carillon Blvd.; *5-9 p.m.*

See Carillon Historical Park's 65-acre campus transformed into a winter wonderland of sparkle, magic, and holiday cheer! Featuring the Carillon Tree of Light, Santa Claus, Candy Cane Slopes, Deeds Carillon Christmas Concerts, and much more. \$12 per adult, \$10 per senior, \$8 per child, children under 3 and Dayton History members free. [More info](#).

Thru December 31 - Rikes Holiday Windows

[Dayton Holiday Festival](#);

[Schuster Performing Arts Center](#),

Second & Main sts.; visit [website](#) for times.

Experience a reimagining of the Rike's department store holiday window displays that once stood at this busy downtown corner - but now all indoors and cozy warm. The windows were completely redesigned for the 2019 season and haven't been seen since. (Not accessible during private events. Call 228-7591 to confirm hours.) [More info](#).

Thru February 28 - Polar Bear Express

Routes throughout downtown; Call for dates, times, and cost.

Book a ride aboard the abominably decorated Pedal Wagon for a two-hour adventure through the festive streets of Dayton at a discounted rate. Reservations required. pedalwagon.com.

December 10 - Bach's Lunch

[The Loft Theatre](#), 126 N. Main St.; *10 a.m. and noon.*

The Carillon Brass returns to The Loft Theatre for their annual holiday concert, Bach's Lunch. Featuring your favorite traditional holiday songs alongside standard repertoire for brass ensembles, this is a lighthearted and fun performance sure to make your spirits bright. Tickets are free, and seating is general admission. Due to limited seating, we require ticket reservations to attend these performances. Patrons without a reserved ticket will not be able to enter the venue for the performance. *May be sold out - check for availability.* daytonlive.org.

December 10-16 - This Week at the DAI

[Dayton Art Institute](#),

456 Belmonte Park North; *call for times.*

This week, check out a variety of great art exhibits at the Dayton Art Institute, including "Norman Rockwell: Stories of Emotion," "Ralston Crawford: Air & Space & War," "Photography through Time," "Beyond the Woodblock," "Formless Form V," and "Spotlight on Africa: Gifts from Dianne Komminsk." Sunday brings the next Skinner Pipe Organ performance. On Thursday, children and caregivers can enjoy the popular preschool program, PNC Tiny Thursdays online from home. More info at daytonartinstitute.org.

December 10, 16, & 17 - Noontime Entertainment

[Dayton Holiday Festival](#);

[Stratcache Tower](#), Second & Main sts., and 130 W. Second St.; *noon.*

December 12 - Dayton Dinner Theatre Picture Show: Elf

[The Brightside](#), 905 E. Third St.; *6 p.m.*

See the holiday favorite movie, Elf. Doors open at 5:45, Food and live music is available from 6-7pm, Movie starts at 7pm, a short intermission for dessert and trivia will start at 8pm, movie ends around 9:15 pm. Themed food and drink provided. Themed attire encouraged. \$35.

December 13 & 15 - Mayhem & Mystery Dinner Theatre: Seasons Salutations

[Spaghetti Warehouse](#), 36 W. Fifth St.; *7 p.m.*

Join Mayhem & Mystery for dinner and a show. Dinner includes salad, bread, select entrees, beverage, and dessert. Tickets are \$39.95; tax and gratuity are not included. Call 937-461-3913 to make reservations.

December 14 - Live Comedy Standup Open Mic

[Yellow Cab Tavern](#), 700 E. Fourth St., *7:30 p.m.*

Every Tuesday at 7:30 you can attend or perform at a live comedy standup open mic at Yellow Cab Tavern. Free entry. Comics sign up at 7pm with comics taking the stage at 7:30pm.

December 14-16 - This Week at Flyboys

[Flyboys Deli](#), 219 N. Patterson Blvd., *times listed below.*

Play euchre every Tuesday at Flyboys! 6-9 p.m. Discounts on food and beverages! Want to test your knowledge? Flyboys has trivia every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Prizes given out to those who win! Aces Club is a weekly beer event where Flyboys dons a new beer every Thursday. After you have been there five times you get your name on the board - after 41 trips to Flyboys on Thursdays you can earn your very own flying vehicle that hangs above our bar. You sign it, they hang it!

December 15 - Trivia with a Twist

[Lock 27](#), 329 E. First St.; *6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Enjoy Trivia with a Twist in the Lock 27 Downtown Dayton Brewpub. Every Wednesday this summer except for Wednesdays that the Dragons have a home game! facebook.com/Lock27Brewing. Free.

Thru December 31 - Link Winter Warriors

Link stations throughout downtown Dayton. Sign up for Winter Warriors 2021! This year's competition will start on December 1 and go until December 31! Stay active all December by taking Link trips! The person with the most trips in December will win a new bike from New Belgium Brewery! We will also be giving away other prizes all month long. You can't win if you don't sign up, so [sign up today!](#)

Thru January 1 - Downtown Jingle Lights

Dayton Holiday Festival;
*Main Street between Monument & Fifth,
Third Street between St. Clair & Wilkinson
Monument Avenue from Patterson to Main;
evenings from 5 p.m. to midnight.* Experience an interactive, drive-thru light show, choreographed to the beat of your favorite holiday tunes! This free event is sponsored by the Downtown Dayton Partnership and iHeartRADIO with support from Five Rivers MetroParks. Tune your radio to **97.1 FM** as you drive the route. Enjoy different Jingle Lights music on different days of the week (see webpage for schedule). More info, including a map of the route, [here](#).

Thru January 1 - RTA Holiday Bus

Bus routes, including Downtown Dayton routes and stops. Santa's sleigh is at the RTA! The Greater Dayton RTA's holiday bus features Santa and his elves, who are RTA drivers helping spread good cheer by getting people to jobs this holiday season. The holiday bus will run along Dayton routes through Jan. 1 and features holiday music as well as free holiday masks and some surprise visits by the big man himself. For more info on the bus, or to join Santa's team at the RTA, visit www.irderta.org.

Downtown's buildings ring with the sound of music during the holiday season. Groups from throughout the Miami Valley perform a mix of holiday selections during the Dayton Holiday Festival's Noontime Entertainment Program. Starting at 12 noon, performing groups will present their holiday selections as lunchtime entertainment in selected building lobbies. Take a break from your chaotic schedule to get in the holiday spirit and enjoy the carols and instrumental sounds. Each musical group has a unique way to bring in the holiday season and entertain you with an upbeat performance you're sure to love. Free. 224-1518.

December 11 - Dragons Den Store Sale

Day Air Ballpark, 220 N. Patterson Blvd.;
9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop the Dayton Dragons team store for holiday gifts! This will be the only remaining date for in-person shopping.

December 11 & 12 - Holiday on the Hill

St. Anne's Hill Historic District; 4-8 p.m. One of Dayton's revitalized inner-city historic districts, St. Anne's Hill is set to welcome guests to enjoy the houses, histories, businesses and more at the first ever Holiday on the Hill: A Neighborhood Tour. Holiday on the Hill was planned after the neighborhood organizing committee opted to postpone the biannual Dickens of a Christmas Holiday Home Tour to 2022. Free entry. [More info.](#)

December 11 & 18 - Family Movie Series: A Christmas Story

*Dayton Holiday Festival; The Neon,
130 E. Fifth St.; 11 a.m.* Bring the family to The Neon for fun, festive holiday films. Enjoy the following movies during this year's series: Dec. 11 - *A Christmas Story*; Dec. 18 - *Jingle Jangle*. Titles subject to change. Free for kids 12 and younger, \$2 for adults. *Masks Required for all film screenings. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a*

December 15 - Handel's Messiah

*Dayton Performing Arts Alliance;
Schuster Performing Arts Center,
Second & Main sts.; 7 p.m.*

Although *Handel's Messiah* speaks directly to the gospel message of the passion and resurrection celebrated at Easter, this angelic piece has become a holiday tradition at Christmastime as well. With no distinguishable characters, the drama relies entirely on the communication of the story of Christ in words, as well as in the powerful, emotionally stirring, and at times heartbreakingly beautiful music of a composer for whom the oratorio proved a personal salvation. Join the Dayton Philharmonic Chamber Chorus and Dayton Opera in December for this glorious choral masterpiece. 228-3630 or daytonlive.org.

December 15-18 - Improv at Black Box

Black Box Improv, 518 E. Third St.;
8-10 p.m.

Did you know there was improv comedy done right here in downtown Dayton? If not, you do now! The Black Box Improv Theater is Dayton's best place to go for long form improv! We have shows every Weds-Sat! Wednesdays \$5, Thursdays \$10, Fridays & Saturdays \$15. For tickets to our shows please go to: daytonblackboximprov.com. Or you can pay at the door! ****Proof of vaccinations required upon entry for all patrons and performers. Masks will also be required while inside the theater.****



*negative test from the last 72 hours
required for everyone 12 and older.
Please stay tuned to neonmovies.com
for the latest health protocols. Titles
subject to change - call theater for
confirmation. 222-7469.*

December 11 & 18 - Selfies with Santa

[Dayton Holiday Festival:](#)

See times and locations below.

Santa is on the move! Catch him
outside with his sleigh at various
locations throughout downtown and
snap a photo with the big man in red.

December 11: 12-3 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Oregon District, Trolley Stop plaza.

December 18: 12-3 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Outside the Schuster Center on Main
Street. Free. 224-1518.

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EACC NEWSBRIEF: DECEMBER 7, 2021



Friends,

A truncated version of the Newsbrief this week - partly because our Publisher (Dayna) is on Jury Duty and partly because we don't have much going on through the end of the year. However, we did have a great *Stammtisch* networking event last Thursday, and encourage you to register now for the next one on 1/6!

Just because our schedule is light, however, doesn't mean we aren't busy. We are hard at work finalizing our 2022 budget and program calendar, including a new monthly breakfast series as well as a robust schedule of roundtables and other events intended to meet the needs of our members.

Our 2022 membership renewal cycle continues apace. Please save me some time chasing accounts receivable by paying your membership invoice promptly. And if you have a question about your renewal, contact Dayna or me.

FEATURED EVENT:



Thursday,
January 6

Stammtisch - EACC Networking

Join us at Hofbräuhaus Newport for business networking among current and prospective EACC members, as well as Ausirian-Swiss-German Committee members.

Stammtisch networking events are held on the first Thursday of every month.

REGISTER NOW

Finally, the EACC Newsbrief will not be published on December 28.



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UPCOMING PARTNER EVENTS

December 9

Barnes Dennig - The Rapidly Changing Landscape of Multinational Tax - Virtual Event



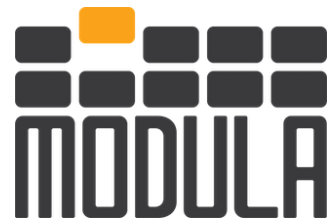
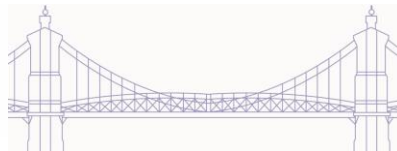
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Todd Schwartz

Executive Director, European American Chamber of Commerce

Our Bridge Builder Members





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Dayton Regional Green updated attendees during a luncheon on November 30 about 2020 and 2021 highlights:

BRING YOUR GREEN 2020 CHALLENGE

Last year, 2020 marked the 3rd Bring Your Green challenge as sponsored by Dayton Regional Green, AES (formerly DP&L), CenterPoint Energy, IGS Energy and Energy Optimizers USA where Miami Valley businesses, organizations and schools were challenged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, energy and resources used while reducing costs. It also marked a world with unprecedented challenges to public health with COVID 19 pandemic!

The challenge was different this year; engagement was difficult with restrictions, social distancing and uncertainty. However, despite all that, BYG participants **DELIVERED!**



BIG IMPACT

The BYG platform allowed cumulative environmental and economic results for Bring Your Green 3.0 participants. These numbers prove that together, we can make a difference.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than 40,281 tons of CO₂ release prevented
- \$3.8 million estimated in energy cost savings
- 48.7 million kwh in electricity saved
- 376,900 CCF in gas saved
- Equivalent to taking 5,480 homes off the grid, 7,821 cars off the road

2021 BRING YOUR GREEN GIVING GARDEN CHALLENGE



On April 22, 2021, Montgomery County Commissioners, Dayton Regional Green, Agraria Regenerative Farm and Five Rivers MetroParks launched the Giving Garden challenge to encourage any garden that donates food to the community or implements sustainable regenerative practices that regenerates the soil, restores biodiversity and mitigates climate change.

Eleven Organizations and 32 individuals participated in the challenge. Of the participating organizations, three reported donating 1,234 pounds of fresh produce to feed the hungry during the May-October 2021 challenge, proving again that together, we can make a difference.

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....



The Bring Your Green 2.0 Challenge separated participants into three categories: schools, organizations and individuals

SCHOOL AWARD:

\$1,800 - Tippecanoe Middle School

COMMUNITY GROUP AWARD:

\$1,800 – Christ United Methodist Church

INDIVIDUAL AWARD:

\$900 - Lisa Helm

Special recognition: \$250- The Miami Valley School



TIPPECANOE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Transformed a dismal school courtyard into a giving garden.

Zero funding! Project powered by student's hard work, grant writing and soliciting local businesses.

10 students worked this summer
140+ pounds of vegetables donated



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Started a garden with the sole purpose of growing nutritious food to donate to schools Backpack programs and local food pantries using only no-till and regenerative practices.

0 chemicals or pesticides used
469 + pounds of vegetables donated



LISA HANCOCK

Founder of Dayton Urban Grown.

Lisa has been volunteering 20-40 hours per week over the past 12 years to educate our community and help create a more resilient food system. During the pandemic her classes on no till, regenerative techniques moved online and drew hundreds of students from all over the world including Australia, Europe, South America and Canada!

Points were awarded based on number of online challenges taken; number of users with each group, review of project description by the judging committee, and whether or not the participant is a green certified business.

See more on the [Green Business Certification](#) and how you can be part of a progressive community focused on reducing environmental impact and building a greener region.



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