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## **FAYETTE COUNTY COMMUNITIES KICKING OFF HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Uniontown, PA** – When it comes to celebrating the holiday season, few counties are as festive as Fayette.

Beginning this weekend and continuing through December, communities and organizations across the county will host their annual light-up nights, Christmas kick-offs and other gatherings to officially welcome the “most wonderful time of the year.”

Uniontown Mall, located along state Route 40, will open this year’s festivities with Santa Claus’ arrival, which takes place 1 p.m., this Saturday.

The event begins with Santa’s arrival atop an antique fire truck, inside the former Burlington Coat Factory entrance. Guests can visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Jingle the Elf, while listening to festive music performed by the VFW Post 8543 Band.

ABC Balloon Twisting will also be on site creating balloon sculptures for children. Near the Santa House inside the mall, Head Start will offer free cookies, milk, juice, and a variety of children’s crafts.

For more information, visit [www.shopuniontownmall.com](http://www.shopuniontownmall.com).

In keeping with longstanding tradition, the Greater Brownsville Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Light-Up Night Nov. 29, bringing multiple communities and organizations together for an evening of holiday fun.

The event begins with a parade, starting at 6 p.m., at Hiller Volunteer Fire Department on First Street. The procession will wind along candlelit streets in Hiller, Brownsville, West Brownsville and Blainesburg, before ending at the South Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department on Water Street.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 7:30 p.m., at the fire department to visit with children and hand out treat bags supplied by the chamber. For more information, contact the Greater Brownsville Area Chamber of Commerce through its Facebook page.

On Nov. 30, the festivities will move to the county seat, as the Uniontown Downtown Business District Authority hosts its annual Home for the Holidays celebration in Storey Square.

The event kicks off with a parade down Main Street at 2 p.m., followed by a live performance by Fayette County’s own Blended Reality band from 3 to 5 p.m. Guests will have a chance to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus until 6 p.m.

Attendees are also invited to vote for Main Street's most festive, decorated storefront and the best gingerbread house. The event will also include Christmas tree lighting, face painting and other family-friendly activities.

For more information, contact the Uniontown Downtown Business District Authority. Reach Kendall Sisler at 724-557-9553 or Tina Allen at 724-557-3165.

Also on Nov. 30, Connellsville and its surrounding communities will come together for the annual Light-Up Night celebration at 5 p.m. Activities will be offered at Connellsville City Hall on Arch Street.

For more information, visit the City of Connellsville, PA page on Facebook.

The action will return to Uniontown Dec. 7, when the Fayette County Community Action Agency hosts its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Magic and Mistletoe event at the Fayette County Courthouse.

Located at 61 East Main St., the courthouse will be full of holiday cheer from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The festivities will include horse-drawn carriage rides, live musical entertainment, appetizers and beverages, and beautifully decorated, holiday-themed rooms.

A gift basket auction featuring prizes donated by Fayette County businesses will be held, and Home Depot of Uniontown will be on site doing craft projects with children. Of course, Santa Claus will attend to spread Christmas cheer.

All proceeds from the event will benefit local families in crisis through Community Action programs. Tickets are available online or at Community Action until Dec. 6, or at the door that evening, and children ages 6 and younger are free.

For tickets, visit [www.fayette-county-community-action.networkforgood.com](http://www.fayette-county-community-action.networkforgood.com). For more information, call 724-430-3013.

Perryopolis will also open its holiday season Dec. 7, with the annual Christmas at the Circle and Festival of Trees.

The busy day of activities begins with a parade at 1 p.m., followed by a vendor fair throughout the Circle. Food and Christmas trees will be available for purchase, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by wagon.

A DJ, live entertainment and family-friendly activities will take place all day, followed by the Christmas tree lighting at dusk. For more information, visit the Perryopolis Christmas at the Circle page on Facebook.

Masontown will close the weekend with its annual Santa on the Square and Church Tour, beginning at 3:30 p.m., Dec. 8.

Hosted by the Masontown Matters group, the event will be centered around the Masontown Borough Building, located at 1 East Church Ave. Christmas caroling, carriage rides, children's activities and more are slated for this free community event.

Santa will arrive at the borough building at 6 p.m., for photos with children, and refreshments will be offered. For more information, visit the Masontown Matters Facebook page or email [masonstownmatters@yahoo.com](mailto:masonstownmatters@yahoo.com).

Throughout the holiday season, Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort of Farmington - a Fayette County staple - will offer a jam-packed schedule of festive activities.

While all are invited to explore the property and take in its gorgeous lighting and decorations all season long, you won't want to miss Nemaocolin's weekly Light-Up Nights, beginning Nov. 29.

Each Friday at 5 p.m., the resort features light shows, live entertainment, food and beverages, luminous installations and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Train rides will also be offered through the property's holiday display, which includes more than 2 million lights.

Nemaocolin will also present charitable donations at each Light-Up Night, with proceeds slated to benefit Project Bundle Up, the Charlie Batch Foundation, Fisher House of Pittsburgh, Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, Animal Friends of Pittsburgh and more.

On Saturdays, the resort will offer its popular gingerbread house workshops, where guests can work with Nemaocolin's skilled pastry teams to create the perfect holiday treats. Reservations are required, as slots fill up fast.

Finally, Nemaocolin will offer multiple opportunities for families to enjoy breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus and other seasonal characters this December. Pictures are included in the events, which take place in the Marquis Ballroom.

Children's activities will also be offered, and reservations are required. For more information on any of Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort's upcoming holiday events, call 866-344-6957 or visit [www.nemaocolin.com](http://www.nemaocolin.com).

Fayette County residents are encouraged to attend these festive events, which are sure to make the holidays merry and bright.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit [www.FayetteCountyPA.org](http://www.FayetteCountyPA.org).

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