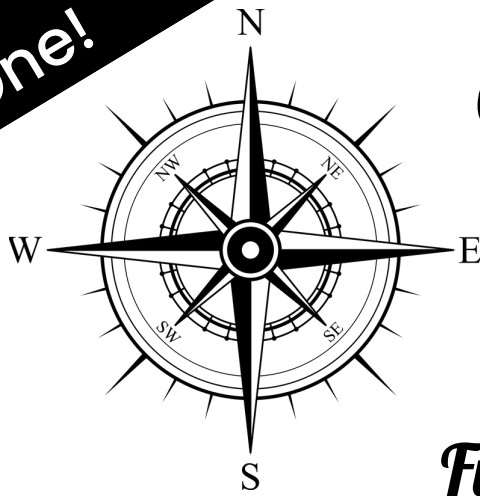


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# Navigator News

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## Upcoming Community Events

### The Great Holiday Train Show

New Castle Historical Society  
Nov. 19-Jan. 8

### Winter Wonderland

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla  
Nov. 25-Jan. 1

### Grand Holiday Illumination

945 North Broadway, Yonkers  
Dec. 9-Jan. 1 (4:30pm-8pm)

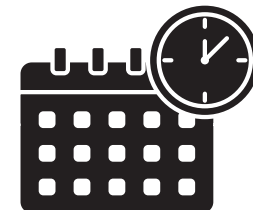
### A Soulful Christmas Gala and Show

Westchester County Center, White Plains  
Dec. 16 @ 5pm-11pm

### 2nd Annual Interactive Elf Movie Screening

Chappaqua Performing Arts Center  
Dec. 17 @ 3pm

  
**Would you like your event listed in the Navigator News?**  
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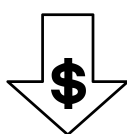
### The Nutcracker Performed by New York Theatre Ballet

Tarrytown Music Hall  
Dec. 10 @ 3pm & 6pm

### Cocoa Around the World

Muscoot Farm  
Dec. 16 @ 2pm-3:30pm

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## Artist Spotlight

*The artist of the month for December is John! He finds a lot of joy in creating art. He can be seen here working on creating coffee filter flames for our winter hearth creative arts project. What a cool idea! I hope you all get to enjoy the holiday season around the fireplace as well. Thanks, John!*



## The Funnies

**Although there is no "L" in Christmas, there is "Noel" in Christmas**

**Where do snowmen keep their money?**

In a snow bank

**Why did the boy keep his trumpet out in the snow?**

Because he liked cool music

**Why do reindeer fly?**

Because they can't drive

**If baseball players get athlete's foot, what do reindeer get?**

Mistle-toes

**What video game do they play in igloos?**

Snow Fortnite

By Kyle

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# Words Of Wisdom

By Kyle

Hey, every day's a revolution  
Welcome to the future

Look around, it's all so clear  
(Hey) Wherever we were goin', well we're here  
(Hey) So many things I never thought I'd see  
Happening right in front of me

My choice was for the words of wisdom for December is the song "Welcome to the Future" by Brad Paisley

I have chosen this song because as the new year approaches, I am reminded a new year could mean new changes in daily life. So this song is a reminder that while new modern conveniences might not be welcoming for you right away, you should appreciate how it improves your life and future.

## History of New Year's Resolution

By Bradley

With a new year approaching, people like to make resolutions in the new year. But where did this all start?

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year—though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted.

Another example is that in 1740, the religious man John Wesley, founder of Methodism, created the Covenant Renewal Service, most commonly held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. Also known as watch night services, they included readings from biblical writings and hymn singing, and served as a spiritual alternative to the fancy celebrations normally held to celebrate the coming of the new year.

Despite the tradition's religious roots, New Year's resolutions today are a mostly secular practice. Instead of making promises to the gods, most people make resolutions only to themselves, and focus purely on self-improvement.

But whatever you make your resolution, be knowing you're part of a big tradition many years in the making!

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## Change Can Be Good

By Josh

The end of December comes New Years eve where we celebrate the new year. What are you doing for New Years? There are lots of things you can do to celebrate. What I do for New Years is I invite my best friend.

We play video games and watch a movie then stay up and watch the ball drop. In New York City there are lots of parties and you can go to Times Square to watch it for real or if you have someone that has an apartment nearby you can watch it from the safety of your home. When I lived with my parents we used to order out Chinese food and have a bunch of family over and eat together and enjoy each other's company. If you live in the Westchester area there is a ball drop in White Plains area as well.

When it comes to New years eve it's good to stay nice and warm. Some people like to party hard.

It's all that you decide to have a great Happy Holidays and a very happy New Year.

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