



Holidays IN THE CITY

Season-long Celebrations MULTI-DAY EVENTS THIS SEASON



CHICAGO COLLECTS
Jewelry in Perspective
MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART
OCT 17 - JAN 5
Features 200 pieces of historical jewelry and objects from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Singing Christmas Tree
FRAUENTHAL CENTER
DEC 5 - DEC 7
Known as America's Tallest Singing Christmas Tree, the Mona Shores Choir returns for its 39th year of magic!

AR Holiday Games
HACKLEY PARK
NOV 30 - DEC 31
Holiday-themed augmented reality games; be sure to bring your phone.

Winter Coat Drive
MUSKEGON YMCA
DEC 9 - JAN 6
Drop winter coat donations off at the YMCA (1115 3rd St). Donations go to local schools.

Letters to Santa
HACKLEY PARK
NOV 30 - DEC 15
Drop your wish-lists into Santa's letterbox before Dec 15 and the notes with a return address on them will get a letter back!

Hackley & Hume Holiday Tours
HACKLEY & HUME HISTORIC SITE
DEC 7 / 14 / 21 / 27 / 28
A tradition since 1972, explore the Hackley and Hume Historic Site for the holiday season from 3:00 - 7:00 pm.

Holiday Punch Card
DOWNTOWN & LAKESIDE
NOV 30 - JAN 5
Pick up your holiday punch card at any participating location and shop local!

Lumberjacks Hockey Games
TRINITY HEALTH ARENA
DEC 6 - DEC 8
Three holiday-themed games: 6th Teddy Bear Toss, 7th North Pole Night & the 8th Ugly Sweater Day.

Festival of Trees
MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART
NOV 27 - JAN 5
Take a trip down memory lane with nostalgic vintage holiday collections at the Muskegon Museum of Art.

Lakeside Lights
LAKESHORE DRIVE
DEC 13 - DEC 24
Head to Lakeside at dusk to checkout the lights and vote for your favorite.

Find More Holiday Fun Online

This brochure gives you a sneak peek of the holiday happenings in Muskegon from Thanksgiving through the New Year. For full event details, pricing, tickets, and even more celebrations across the greater Muskegon area, head over to the Visit Muskegon online calendar by scanning the QR below or visiting mkgcity.com/holiday/

A Big Thank You!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the organizations and businesses that bring the holiday magic to life in Muskegon. Your creativity and efforts in building our community make this season truly special. This Holidays in the City brochure is brought to you by the Downtown Development Authority, Lakeside Business Improvement District, Visit Muskegon, and the City of Muskegon.

Holiday Calendar



mkgcity.com/holiday

Happy Holidays

Muskegon celebrates the diversity of our community by recognizing and welcoming all holiday traditions.




Festive First Day

ALL EVENTS ON NOVEMBER 30



\$ Teddy Bear Trail

MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART
9:00 - 11:00 AM

Jingle along the Teddy Bear Trail for donuts, teddy bear check-ups & adoptions, hot cocoa and candy canes with Santa Claus, and so much more!

Holiday Artisan Market

GREATER MUSKEGON WOMAN'S CLUB
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

An eclectic variety of items created by local artists. One-stop shopping for that special gift that is sure to impress.

Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus

HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Share your Christmas list with Santa and Mrs. Claus. All Ages.

\$ Hackley & Hume Holiday Tours Kick-off

HACKLEY & HUME HISTORIC SITE
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Tour the Houses on the kick-off and enjoy ornament & postcard decorating, and photos with an authentic carriage.

Polar Express Train

HACKLEY PARK
3:00 - 9:00 PM

Take a ride on the holiday themed train.

Letters to Santa

HACKLEY PARK
5:30 - 6:30 PM

Be sure to stop by and write a letter to Santa Claus! Include a return address and receive a letter back. Supplies will be provided. All ages.

Small Business Saturday

DOWNTOWN & LAKESHORE | ALL DAY EVENT

Shop local and begin participating in the 2024 Holiday Punch Card!

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

HACKLEY PARK
6:00 PM

The grand lighting of our magnificent Christmas tree by Santa! When the lights twinkle to life, it will mark the official start of the holiday season.

\$ Lumberjacks Hockey Game

TRINITY HEALTH ARENA
6:00 PM

Get jacked for a country-themed hockey game at Trinity Health Arena.

GLOW Lighting Event

DOWNTOWN MUSKEGON
AFTER TREE LIGHTING

See downtown light up and sparkle for the holidays! Join us on Western Ave as we light up the Lakeshore Legacy Project's display along Western and 3rd to Midtown.

\$ Holiday Nightcaps

DOWNTOWN SOCIAL DISTRICT
UNTIL 11:00 PM

While on Western Ave, enjoy a festive cocktail, mocktail, or snack while exploring the festive social district!

AR Holiday Games

HACKLEY PARK
ALL DAY

Bring your smart phone to Hackley Park through the holiday season to play games and challenges in augmented reality.



Season-long Celebrations

SINGLE DATE EVENTS THIS SEASON



\$ Ugly Sweater Open Skate

TRINITY HEALTH ARENA
DEC 1 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Wear your ugliest holiday sweater to this special open skate and receive \$1 off your \$5 entry fee.

\$ Cocktails & Candy Canes

ADELAIDE POINTE
DEC 6 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Arc's annual non-profit event. All proceeds support advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

\$ Clickity-Clack Ho Ho Ho

THE BLOCK
DEC 7 | 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Two 45-minute holiday concerts for kids 3-8 featuring the WMS brass quintet and 'Clickity Clack Ho Ho Ho'.

Holidays in Lakeside

LAKESHORE DRIVE
DEC 7 | 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Lakeside Business District will host a list of activities including carriage rides, Santa visits, cookie decorating, live music, window decorating contest, holiday shopping, and the social district!

Holiday LEGO Build

HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEC 7 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Youth, teens, and families come sort through LEGO bricks and build a candy cane forest! Your imagination is your only limit at this drop-in program!

Breakfasts with Santa

\$ THE LAKEHOUSE WATERFRONT GRILLE
DEC 7 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ticket includes a delicious breakfast, a special Christmas craft to take home, and a chance to see Santa himself!

\$ MCGRAFT PARK

DEC 7 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Ticket includes a delicious breakfast, festive kid crafts, and getting a picture with Santa!

Santa at the Brewer's Lounge

PIGEON HILL
DEC 7 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Live music from Brian Fedewa + Guest, games, giveaways, and an ugly sweater contest!

Holiday Bead Extravaganza

HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEC 11 | 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Youths & teens, stop in to make that tree sparkle by crafting festive holiday bead ornaments.

Hackley Holiday Movie Night

HACKLEY PARK
DEC 13 | 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Watch The Grinch under the twinkling lights and warm up with complimentary hot chocolate and s'mores.

\$ Cookie Crawl

DOWNTOWN MUSKEGON
DEC 14 | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Grab your pre-ordered cookie tin from the Farmer's Market to enjoy a delightful journey of handcrafted cookies.

\$ Hub for the Holidays

FAMILY FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION

DEC 14 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Get gifts wrapped by elves for any donation, shop homemade crafts, and support charity. Enjoy a stocking raffle, DIY ornaments, hot cocoa bar, and photos with Santa.

\$ The Nutcracker

FRAUENTHAL CENTER
DEC 14 | 3:00 PM

Performed by the West Michigan Youth Ballet, this timeless holiday tradition comes alive on the exquisite Frauenthal stage.

Ugly Sweater Party & Live Music

PIGEON HILL
DEC 14 | 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Live music in the Brewer's Lounge from Brian Fedewa + Guest, games, giveaways, and an ugly sweater contest!

\$ Super Saturday & Hot Cocoa Hop

MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART
DEC 14 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Create your own holiday ornament while you enjoy candy canes and hot cocoa at the art museum.

\$ A Jazzy Christmas

THE BLOCK
DEC 14 | 7:30 PM

Multifaceted jazz singer/pianist Bryan Eng brings his celebrated trio back to The Block for the holiday season!

Holiday Party

HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEC 18 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

An all-ages party with light refreshments, crafts, and holiday fun. Tours of HPL will be available. Registration preferred.

Lakeside After Hours

LAKESHORE DRIVE
DEC 19 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Savor seasonal cocktail specials, discover unique merchant deals, and immerse yourself in the enchanting holiday decor as you stroll through the lively Business and Social District of Lakeside.

\$ Home for the Holidays

FRAUENTHAL CENTER
DEC 20 | 7:30 PM

Join conductor John Varineau and the West Michigan Symphony for a festive night at the Frauenthal, featuring holiday music, youth choruses, a sing-along, and a visit from Santa.

Gingerbread Houses

HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEC 20 | 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Youths/teens can decorate a gingerbread house with all the festive flourishes. All supplies are first-come, first-served.

Crafternoon

HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEC 23 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Youth and teens, need a quiet moment away from the hustle and bustle? Come to HPL for a peaceful crafternoon.

Free Family Movie Days: Elf

FRAUENTHAL CENTER
DEC 29 | 3:00 PM

Gather your friends and family for a FREE showing of the holiday movie ELF paired with unique events and signature snacks!

Holiday Open House

MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE
JAN 3 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Holiday-themed crafts and science activities. Free for county residents.

New Year's Eve Ball Drop & Fireworks

WESTERN AVE & 4TH ST | DEC 31 | 8:00 PM

The 2nd annual NYE ball drop is brought to Muskegon by the Lakeshore Legacy Project. This event will offer music for all ages, food trucks, and more.



\$ = Requires Purchase

