

IT'S *beginning* *To look a lot like* Christmas in Cedarburg!

YOUR
GUIDE
TO

Shopping

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Santa & family fun

Luminaries, trolleys & decor

Holiday movies & performances

...so much more!

Visit www.CedarburgChristmas.com for a calendar of everything going on in Cedarburg this holiday season, including Festive Friday Eves, Santa & Mrs. Claus visits, performances, light displays, merchant events, Santa's Dash Away 5k and more!

Raise a glass, a fork, or shop 'til you drop in Cedarburg this holiday season!


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Cedarburg Celebrates with Enchanting Christmas Spirit

Cedarburg is delightful anytime of year, but especially so during the holiday season, when the city glows with Christmas lights, shop owners artfully decorate their store windows in expressive holiday fashion, and shoppers bundle up to stroll the historic downtown retail district.

With more than a hundred shopping venues throughout town, Cedarburg is a great place to check meaningful and unique gifts off your Christmas list. A stroll up Washington Avenue will take you past everything from toy and clothing stores to boutique shops offering gifts that are sure to touch the heart of any recipient. Have someone on your list who is notoriously hard to please? Maybe something edible is the solution - consider chocolate, popcorn, candy, teas, coffees and even wine, beer or spirits from our local craftsmen. Give the gift of a night out with gift cards from favorite restaurants, or a Chamber Gift Check that's accepted at

most retailers in town. Pair it with something uniquely personal and make it a "night out in Cedarburg" - more and more merchants are offering Cedarburg-branded items like sweat-shirts, hats, coasters, coffee mugs, puzzles and more to add that personal touch to any gift.

But there's more than just shopping to be had in Cedarburg! With dozens of entertainment venues and non-profits around town, there's almost always something happening to brighten your holiday spirit. Cedarburg can't be topped on Friday nights, starting in mid-November, with Festive Friday Eves, a long-standing celebration at the Cedar Creek Settlement offering live music, cider and cookies, food and product sampling, raffles and more. The event has inspired the whole city to participate....some stores adjust their hours to stay open later, the Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce places a thousand luminaries along Washing-

ton Avenue, and the city's Tourism, Promotion & Development Committee sponsors a free Friday night trolley to help move people around town. Make sure to stop into the beautifully decorated Cedarburg Art Museum & Garden for family photo opportunities, freshly baked cookies, children's activities, libations and hot cocoa!

The fun isn't just reserved for Fridays though! Starting December 1, the Rivoli Theater's Holiday Film Festival offers a Christmas classic every night leading up to Christmas Eve - and matinees on the weekends. Many bars and restaurants offer live music as we approach the holiday season, and the venues like the Cedarburg Cultural Center and the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center offer top-notch talent throughout the season to lighten your mood.

Adult fun includes the Tippy Elf holiday pop-up bar at the Kuhfuss House, a historic museum in the mid-

dle of town, from 4-11pm on Fridays and Saturdays; food and drink specials and holiday activities at places like the Union House and Stagecoach Inn; and live band karaoke and boom box bingo on Wednesdays (live music Thursdays through Sundays) at Art of Joy.

If you're coming into town with the kids, make sure to drive through Illuminate Ozaukee at Zeunert Park in Cedarburg for a winter wonderland of holiday lights. Downtown, kids will delight at the full size Santa's Workshop right on Washington Avenue! Santa is there most Friday nights and Saturday mornings, but his time is limited and the house is run by volunteers, so please be patient and understand if there are long wait times or no spots available when you arrive. Families should also check out opportunities to enjoy Breakfast with Santa (December 2, Junior Women's Club) or Cookies & Milk with Santa (December 18, Ozaukee Family Services), or visit Santa at the



Cedar Creek Settlement on Friday, December 8.

If hands-on activities are more your style, take an enchanting "Mouse Walk" through Cedarburg with your young kids; enjoy make-and-take crafts for kids at the annual tree lighting (November 27); book a holiday-oriented class at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts (ornaments, felted gift toppers and more!) or in art studios around town; or join in Santa's Dash Away 5k,

a delightful run/walk to benefit Santa's Workshop on Saturday, December 9. This year's theme is Elf, and participants who register by November 18 will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt, Elf hat, a ticket to the Rivoli Theater's Holiday Film Festival and in true Elf spirit, a serving of spaghetti with maple syrup. Yum!

Information on all these offerings, plus church services and more, can be found at www.CedarburgChristmas.com.



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Christmas stocking decorating tips and tricks

Hanging Christmas stockings is just one of the many traditions that fill the days leading up to Christmas. One theory regarding the origins of stockings says the tradition began when a poor widower who had three daughters worried over having enough money for their wedding dowries to help secure the daughters' futures. The women, who had hung their stockings by the fireplace to dry, woke up to find solid gold spheres inside. This legend suggests kindly St. Nicholas visited the home in the night and left the presents, helping ensure the daughters could marry well, after all.

Christmas stockings were the first places where gifts were stowed, before under the boughs of Christmas trees became the primary spot for placing gifts. Then stockings were secondary vessels reserved for small trinkets. Today stockings are largely Christmas decorations rather than places to

place gifts. Still, they're a key component of holiday magic.

When including stockings in holiday festivities, follow these tips for whimsy and more.

- **Utilize stocking holders.** Stocking holders are either metal or wooden devices that are placed on mantels. Hooks on the holders suspend the stockings. Just be sure the holders are sturdy enough to handle the weight of a stuffed stocking if you plan on filling it with goodies.
- **Determine your style.** There are Christmas stockings that coordinate to just about any interior design style. From farmhouse to modern to traditional, choose one that fits with your aesthetic. That isn't to say you can't mix and match stockings if you prefer a more eclectic, homespun feel.
- **Enhance your stocking look.** If stockings are strictly decorative, enhance their

look with a few tricks. First, use tissue paper or balled up shopping bags to stuff the stockings and give them shape. Fill a small baggie with sand or florist glass and place in the heel of the stocking to balance it out and prevent the stocking from blowing around in the breeze.

- **No fireplace; no problem.** Stockings are traditionally hung from the fireplace mantel, but if you don't have a fireplace there is no need to fret. Simply use ribbons to hang them from the bannister of a staircase, or hang stockings right on walls with removable hooks, or from sturdy shelves. You also can think creatively and hang larger stockings on a door like you might a wreath.

Whether they're decorative or functional, stockings can be an integral component of holiday decor in a home.



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Friday, Dec. 22, 5-8 pm Oh, My! 3 days 'Til Christmas



Most Festive Friday Eves include: Live music, entertainment, crafts, Mel's Charities Outdoor Cookout, food sampling, gift basket drawings, luminaries, trolley. Unique shops nestled in a festive holiday atmosphere. Free admission.

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