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## **Tis the season to enjoy holiday happenings in Hampton**

*-Reminder to mark your calendar for these upcoming events-*

**Hampton, VA** - Gather together with your family and friends in Hampton this holiday season. You won't want to miss all the good tidings the city has to offer. From winter-themed festivities, Downtown Hampton's Lighted Boat Parade, and much more, you're sure to find great joy all season long.

*Merry and Bright festivities in Hampton*

### **Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade**

The Hampton River will come to life as a fleet of decorated boats parade past the Downtown Hampton waterfront on December 10. [The parade](#) runs from 6-7 p.m and concludes with an awards ceremony at 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public! Santa will arrive by boat at 2 p.m. Join Santa for a complementary photo by S&B Photo Studios, LLC. Following the parade, Santa will rejoin the fun dockside from 7:15-8:15 p.m. to provide one last chance for your family to visit with him!

The Landing Hotel and Bull Island Brewery will offer fun holiday treats, hot chocolate and adult holiday beverages for purchase. DJ Mander with Melody & Co will be entertaining the crowd with fun family games and holiday music starting at 2 p.m. The Colonial Singers and Brass wind will entertain spectators throughout the evening beginning at 5 p.m., alternating sets and concluding at 9 p.m. Don't miss the party at the Downtown Hampton Maritime Center!

Shored Up VA will be set-up with oyster displays and fun, oyster-related facts for the whole family. Educational Activities take place from 2-5 p.m. Face Painter, Mandy Smith, will be on site from 2-6 p.m. providing free face painting for children.

### **Whimsical Winter Wonderland**

The Hampton Coliseum will transform into a [Winter Wonderland](#) with fun for the whole family on November 19 from 12-5 p.m.! There will be stage shows by aerialists, jugglers and illusionists in addition to roaming entertainers and stilt walkers. There will be ample opportunities for photos in the various photo booths and holiday-themed areas. In addition, there will be face painting, balloon and glitter tattoo artists. This event is free and open to the public!

## **Phoebus Holiday Illumination & Craft Market**

On December 3, Partnership for a New Phoebus will host an [outdoor market](#) for the holiday season. Featuring a variety of Hampton Roads food trucks and handmade works by 50 plus local artisans, family-friendly entertainment, and a special tree lighting ceremony, this event is sure to be fun the whole family can enjoy.

Beautiful historic Phoebus will turn into a holiday wonderland from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Mellen Street will be filled with a variety of holiday crafts and goods from local vendors, food trucks, live DJ and more! Kids activities, special performances, and Santa himself make this event wonderful for all! This event is free and open to the public.

## **29th Annual Holiday & Kwanzaa Marketplace**

Discover one-of-a-kind gifts at the annual [Holiday and Kwanzaa Marketplace](#) at the Hampton University Museum December 7-10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Support the local community and the Hampton University Museum by stopping and purchasing holiday gifts, crafts and more. There will also be entertainment each day and special activities for children. Family day will be held on Saturday, December 10. To RSVP, call (757) 727-5308.

The Hampton University Museum is located at 200 William R. Harvey Way.

## **The Grey Goose Breakfast with Santa**

Nothing says the holidays quite like good food. Get the whole family together for [Breakfast with Santa](#). On December 10, 17, and 24, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be celebrating the holiday season with the Grey Goose! Tickets include a breakfast meal, crafts and entertainment. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Children's tickets are \$17, adult tickets are \$22.

## **Cirque Musica: Holiday Wonderland**

[Cirque Musica: Holiday Wonderland](#) is a must-see holiday event to usher in the magic of the season. Igniting joy and wonder to the Hampton Coliseum on Sunday, December 11 from 7-9 p.m., “Wonderland” is an all-new musical journey that will transport audiences to a magical land far away for a fun-filled, unforgettable holiday-themed show experience.

Featuring the talented cast of Cirque Musica, spectators will be dazzled by the acrobats, aerialists, hilarious hijinks and holiday cheer. The show blends the spellbinding grace and daredevil athleticism of today’s greatest circus performers with a musical mix of timeless seasonal favorites played LIVE.

Cirque Musica: Holiday Wonderland is an unforgettable experience for the entire family to enjoy a world-class circus experience infused with the holiday classics we all love. Treat your family and create memories you will cherish forever at Cirque Musica: Holiday Wonderland!

## **Holiday Wonder Walk**

Hampton Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services offers a way for families to celebrate the season with the [Holiday Wonder Walk](#) along Hampton’s Waterwalk Trail December 19-25

from 5-8 p.m. This scenic walking path goes along the water's edge, crosses over bridges and winds through the woods. For almost three miles, strollers can ring in the season on this path while taking in decorative holiday lights with a "Sea to the Stars" theme. There is no admission fee, all activities and parking are free.

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collateral.***

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.