

COASTAL DELAWARE | 2026

Full Holiday Events Guide

The lights, parades, markets, performances and local traditions worth making time for.

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YOUR HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Pick a weekend. Make a plan.

From Thanksgiving week to New Year's Day, use this guide to choose a town, reserve the ticketed plans and leave room to wander.

NOV 26-29

Thanksgiving weekend

Rehoboth tree lighting and markets; Milton, Dewey and Ocean View lights; holiday runs; Schellville returns Nov 29.

DEC 2-6

The biggest celebration week

Lewes Hospitality Night and parade; Milton and Georgetown parades; Bethany Holiday Happenings; Rehoboth Unity Dinner.

DEC 7-13

Parades, homes and art

Rehoboth and Dagsboro parades; Milton house tour and Holly Festival; Rehoboth Art League; SODELO; Santa cruises.

DEC 14-20

Music and final gift stops

Milton Theatre's holiday calendar; Rehoboth markets and concerts; Lewes carol sing; Santa visits; Wreaths Across America.

DEC 21-27

Christmas week

Lewes lantern parade; final Santa visits; Christmas Eve plans; Schellville closes Dec 24-25, then reopens Dec 26.

DEC 28-JAN 1

A coastal New Year

Final Schellville nights through Dec 30; Lewes Lights through Dec 31; countdowns, a daytime 5K and New Year's plunges.

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All times are Eastern. Tap the blue links for official details, tickets, weather changes and current availability. Prices may change or carry booking fees.

LEWES

A classic Lewes Christmas

Hospitality Night, decorated homes and an old-fashioned parade make the first week of December especially worth planning around.

DEC 3

5–8 PM

Merchants' Hospitality Night

Historic downtown Lewes

Shop the downtown streets as merchants welcome the season. Santa makes a brief appearance at his house at Second and Bank Streets.

Public street event; Second Street closes to traffic 3–8 PM.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 3

5–8 PM

Zwaanendael Museum Hospitality Night

102 Kings Highway

Holiday decorations, costumed interpreters, and the history of tea and festive drinks add a museum stop to the downtown evening.

See the state museum calendar for visitor information.

Museum calendar ›

DEC 5

9:30 AM–4 PM

Holiday House Tour & Holiday Village

Historic Lewes campus, 110 Shipcarpenter Street

Tour eight decorated private homes and explore the campus market, artisans and music. Some homes require driving; last house entry is 3:30 PM.

$50 house-tour ticket; ages 12 and younger free with a paying adult. Buy ahead.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 5

5 PM

Lewes Christmas Parade

Historic downtown Lewes

The 94th annual parade is followed by the Zwaanendael Park tree lighting and candlelight caroling. Tree lighting begins after the parade, not at 5 PM.

Rain/snow date: December 6 at 5 PM.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 5–31

5–9 PM

Lewes Lights

Decorated homes and businesses around Lewes

Follow the organizer's current map for a self-guided evening of neighborhood light displays.

Free. Download the 2026 map when released.

Tour map & updates ›

> For December 5, choose a daytime activity, leave time for dinner, and arrive downtown before parade road closures. The house tour and evening parade make a natural full-day pairing.

LEWES

Music, movies & a winter walk

A holiday film with live orchestra, an intimate museum movie night and a lantern parade offer different ways to slow down.

DEC 5
7:30 PM

Holiday Joy

Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes

Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra presents seasonal orchestral favorites, carols and vocal soloists.

Ticketed; choose seats through the orchestra.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 6
3 PM

Snowflakes and Sleigh Bells

Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes

Delaware Symphonic Winds brings its holiday concert to the high school stage.

Ticketed; book through the organizer.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 12 & 13
3 PM

The Snowman & Holiday Classics

Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes

SODELO accompanies the animated film The Snowman live, then continues with holiday film music.

$30 adults; $10 students/military; ages 10 and younger free.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 14
6–7:30 PM

Scrooge (1935) Movie Night

Maritime History Museum Theatre, 101 Adams Avenue

Settle into the museum theatre for the classic film. Refreshments are available separately.

$5.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 20
3 PM

Holiday Peace

Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes

Rehoboth Concert Band's holiday performance takes place in Lewes.

$20 adults; ages 18 and younger free, with a ticket.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 21
5 PM

Winter Solstice Lantern Parade

Canalfront Park, Lewes

The lantern procession starts and ends at the park. Make a lantern in a registered workshop December 19 or 20, 10 AM–noon or 1–3 PM.

Workshop registration required; check city listing for fees.

Parade & workshop registration ›

LEWES

On the canal & around town

Make room for a Santa cruise, a tavern sing-along or a quieter cultural stop between the larger celebrations.

DEC 5, 12 & 19

BOOK A DEPARTURE

Canal Cruise with Santa

Cape Water Tours, 217 Anglers Road

Aboard Discovery: a one-hour canal outing with Santa, holiday music and treats. December 5 and 12 list noon departures; confirm December 19's time when booking.

From $25; advance reservations recommended.

Details & tickets ›

NOV 28

4 PM

Kaleidoscope: Holiday Classics with a Twist

Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 W. Fourth Street

Capital Ringers' seasonal handbell program adds percussion, synthesizer and visual elements.

$20 adults; ages 18 and younger free.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 4

2 PM

Maritime Museum Grand Opening

101 Adams Avenue

Historic Lewes welcomes visitors to its new maritime museum. A community-history stop to pair with a December visit.

See Historic Lewes for opening-day details.

Official calendar ›

DEC 4

4–7 PM

First Friday Community Night

Historic Lewes campus, 110 Shipcarpenter Street

An evening community gathering on the historic campus. Check the organizer's current program for activities.

Free.

Official calendar ›

DEC 19

NOON–6 PM

Sussex Tavern Carol Sing

110 Shipcarpenter Street

Join the Sussex Shanty Singers for historic holiday songs, with seasonal drinks available.

See organizer for visitor details.

Details & tickets ›

NOV 28 & DEC 5

9 AM–NOON

Historic Lewes Farmers Market

820 Savannah Road

Shop the final Saturday markets of the season for local food before heading to a holiday outing.

Market shopping; purchases separate.

Market hours & location ›

MILTON

Small-town holiday traditions

Milton's park lights, parade and decorated homes pair easily with a theatre visit.

NOV 28
5:30–7 PM

Light Up the Park

Milton Memorial Park, Chandler Street

Caroling begins at 5:30 PM, with the park illumination at 6 PM.

Public town celebration.

Town calendar ›

DEC 2
7 PM

Milton Christmas Parade

Downtown Milton, Union and Federal Streets

An evening community parade through downtown.

No spectator ticket advertised.

Town calendar ›

DEC 12
HOURS VARY

Milton Holly Festival

Multiple locations around Milton

Browse holiday crafts, gifts and greenery around town. Check the organizer's current announcement for individual venue hours and the route.

Check individual venues for hours and shopping details.

2026 organizer calendar ›

DEC 12
2–6 PM

Milton Holiday House Tour

Decorated homes around Milton

The Women's Club tour runs rain, shine or snow; purchase through the organizer's listed outlets.

$25 advance; $30 day of tour.

Details & tickets ›

THROUGH DEC 13
SELECT SHOWS

Elf: The Musical

Milton Theatre, 110 Union Street

Buddy's holiday story comes to the stage. Choose a remaining matinee or evening performance in the booking calendar.

Ticketed; displayed range $43.57–$53.25. Some performances have limited seats.

Details & tickets ›

> On December 12, shop the Holly Festival first, then leave enough time to enjoy the house tour before its 6 PM finish. Festival hours vary by location.

MILTON THEATRE

A whole season on stage

110 Union Street, Milton. Choose the exact performance in the theatre's booking calendar; many shows have limited seats.

DATE	PERFORMANCE	TIME
Dec 9	Cartoon Christmas Trio	7 PM
Dec 13	Polar Express Pajama Party & Film	10 AM & 6 PM
Dec 14	Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite	7 PM
Dec 15	Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Band	7 PM
Dec 16	Twelve Twenty Four	3 & 7:30 PM
Dec 17	A Not-So-Silent Night	3 & 7:30 PM
Dec 18	Slay Belles holiday drag show	7:30 PM
Dec 19	Sinatra's Christmas with Tony Sands	2 PM
Dec 20	Holiday Tea interactive show	11 AM
Dec 20	Milton's Merry Melodies	3 & 7:30 PM
Dec 21	Milton's Merry Melodies	2 & 7 PM
Dec 23	It's a Wonderful Life (1946), film	2 & 7 PM

Milton Theatre: full schedule, seat availability & prices ›

A Not-So-Silent Night: the December 17 evening was listed sold out; check the matinee. The Polar Express is a film and pajama party, not a train ride. Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite is a big-band concert, not a staged ballet.

REHOBOTH BEACH

Downtown holiday favorites

Start at the Bandstand, browse downtown shops, then return for the parade or a community dinner.

NOV 27
6:30 PM

Christmas Tree Lighting & Sing-Along

Rehoboth Beach Bandstand, 1 Rehoboth Avenue

Clear Space leads the 6:30 PM sing-along; the tree lights at 7 PM.

Public community celebration.

City event details ›

NOV 28
NOON–4 PM

Holiday Stroll

Downtown Rehoboth Beach

Small Business Saturday brings shopping, Santa and Mrs. Claus photo opportunities, and participating-merchant promotions.

Shopping purchases separate.

Organizer details ›

DEC 4
6–8 PM

Dogfish Head Tree Lighting

Brewings & Eats, 320 Rehoboth Avenue

A holiday gathering around the tree at the downtown brewpub. Check this year's announcement for the final activity lineup.

See organizer for current details.

Current event listing ›

DEC 6
4:30 PM

Community Unity Dinner

Convention Center, 229 Rehoboth Avenue

A pasta dinner, holiday entertainment and community recognition. The evening runs from 4:30 to 7 PM.

$20 general admission, age 9+; $5 drink wristband for 21+.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 7
6:30 PM

Hometown Christmas Parade

Rehoboth Avenue

After the parade, visit the Volunteer Fire Station Museum for Santa's Christmas Party, refreshments and small gifts for children.

No spectator ticket advertised.

Parade & Santa party ›

SELECT DATES
NOV 27–DEC 22

Santa's House on the Boardwalk

Boardwalk at the end of Rehoboth Avenue

Bring a camera for a Santa visit by the water. The exact date and hour calendar appears later in this guide.

Donation-based; weather dependent.

Santa schedule ›

REHOBOTH BEACH

A little holiday theatre

Three Clear Space productions and a decorated art campus give you indoor plans to build a weekend around.

NOV 27–DEC 20
SELECT SHOWS

A Christmas Story

Clear Space Theatre, 20 Baltimore Avenue

The stage musical brings Ralphie's Christmas wish and the familiar holiday film to life. Performance times vary; choose your date in the ticket calendar.

Ticketed.

Details & tickets ›

NOV 29 & 30
7–9 PM

A Merry Little Christmas with Edmund Bagnell

Clear Space Theatre, 20 Baltimore Avenue

Violinist and singer Edmund Bagnell joins pianist Mark Hartman for an intimate cabaret of seasonal songs and stories.

Ticketed.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 13
7:30–8:30 PM

Ashley Williams' Slay Ride

Clear Space Theatre, 20 Baltimore Avenue

A holiday cabaret with Ashley Williams, powerhouse vocals and special guests.

Ticketed.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 12
10 AM–4 PM

Holiday Open House at the Art League

12 Dodds Lane, Henlopen Acres

Visit the decorated campus, shop art and handmade gifts, and enjoy live music.

Free admission; purchases separate.

Open house details ›

> Choose the performance before making dinner reservations. A multi-week show run does not mean there is a performance every evening.

REHOBOTH BEACH

Holiday music, close to home

From a small string ensemble to brass and handbells, these concerts offer a relaxed alternative to the busiest outdoor weekends.

DEC 1
5:30–6:45 PM

We 3 Strings Holiday Concert

Rehoboth Beach Public Library, 226 Rehoboth Avenue

Seasonal music in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Reserve through the library's event page.

No charge listed; use the registration link.

Library registration ›

DEC 5
4 PM

Making Spirits Bright

Epworth UMC, 19285 Holland Glade Road

Southern Delaware Chorale sings holiday favorites and Kirke Mechem's Seven Joys of Christmas.

Ticketed; verify current ticket tiers.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 12
3–4:30 PM

Kaleidoscope: Holiday Classics with a Twist

Epworth UMC, 19285 Holland Glade Road

Capital Ringers' handbells are joined by percussion, synthesizer and visual elements.

$20 adult tickets; check youth admission.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 16
7 PM

Sussex Tech Holiday Concert

Epworth UMC, 19285 Holland Glade Road

An evening holiday concert from Sussex Tech.

Free; donations accepted.

Venue holiday calendar ›

DEC 18
7 PM

Encore Chorale Holiday Concert

Epworth UMC, 19285 Holland Glade Road

The Encore Chorale of Sussex County celebrates the season in song.

Free; donations accepted.

Venue holiday calendar ›

DEC 19
3 PM

Holiday Brass

Epworth UMC, 19285 Holland Glade Road

Mid-Atlantic Symphony's brass quintet presents its holiday traditions program.

Venue lists $40; purchase through the orchestra.

Details & tickets ›

REHOBOTH BEACH

Markets, makers & giving back

Shop locally, meet the makers and leave space for a holiday activity with a community purpose.

NOV 27 & 28

10 AM–3 PM

Reindeer Stampede Holiday Market

Convention Center and Cambria Hotel

Holiday vendors at 229 Rehoboth Avenue and 17222 Hood Road. Check organizer details for how admission works across the two venues.

$5 listed admission.

Details & tickets ›

8 MARKET DATES

11 AM–3 PM

Holiday Creative Market

West Side Creative Market, 19826 Central Street

November 27–28; December 5–6, 12–13 and 19–20. Rotating local artists, handmade gifts and seasonal drinks. Outdoor venue with covered areas.

Free entry and parking; all ages and dogs welcome.

Market calendar ›

NOV 28

NOON–3 PM

Farmers Holiday Market

Grove Park

The seasonal market brings local food and holiday shopping to the park. Allow extra time for parking; the Grove Park lot is used for market setup.

No admission ticket advertised.

Current market listing ›

DEC 5

1 PM

Rehoboth Beach Santa Bar Crawl

Boardwalk at Wilmington Avenue, then downtown venues

Meet for the group photo at 1 PM sharp, then visit participating locations at your own pace.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy and donate at least $5 to Tunnel to Towers.

Participation & donations ›

DEC 12

9 AM

Epworth Cookie Walk

Epworth UMC Fellowship Hall, 19285 Holland Glade Road

Browse the holiday cookie fundraiser early: it runs until the cookies are gone.

Cookie purchases support the event; see organizer for prices.

Venue holiday calendar ›

DEC 19

NOON

Wreaths Across America

Epworth Church Cemetery, 143 Henlopen Avenue

Join the community in laying wreaths to honor veterans. Follow the local organizer page for access and sponsorship information.

Wreath sponsorships/donations are separate.

Local ceremony details ›

REHOBOTH BEACH

Make room for a holiday run

Thanksgiving morning, the weekend after and New Year's Eve each have an option. Register before planning the rest of your day.

NOV 26
9 AM

Rylie's Smile Turkey Escape

Thompson Island Brewing Co., 30133 Veterans Way

5K and one-mile outing supporting Rylie's Smile Foundation. The free Kiddie K for ages 9 and under starts at 8:45 AM.

Paid race registration; no dogs.

Details & tickets ›

NOV 27
9:30 AM

1925 Eagle Foundation Turkey Trot

Rehoboth Beach Country Club, 221 West Side Drive

Choose the 5K run, competitive walk or untimed one-mile walk. A free Kiddie K begins at 9:25 AM.

Paid registration; supports the foundation scholarship program.

Details & tickets ›

NOV 28
9 AM

Huffin' for Pumpkin Pie

Grove Park

A 5K and noncompetitive one-mile walk supporting Toys for Tots. The park lot is unavailable that morning because of market setup.

$35 5K/$25 walk through Nov 27; race-day prices higher.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 5
7 AM

Rehoboth Seashore Marathon & Half

Start: Rehoboth Beach Bandstand

A major race morning and a good time to cheer on runners. Finish is on Fourth Street behind Rehoboth Beach Running Company.

Registration announced sold out; occasional openings may return. No race-day registration.

Race & availability ›

DEC 31
NOON

Race Into the New Year

Bandstand, 1 Rehoboth Avenue

Finish 2026 with the 5K. A free quarter-mile dash for children 9 and under starts at 11:50 AM.

5K registration required; kids' dash needs no registration.

Details & tickets ›

> Race times, entry fees and availability can change. The linked registration pages are the best final check; plan extra time around road closures and market setup.

SCHELLVILLE

Choose the right night

Enchanted Winter Celebration | 36470 Seaside Outlet Drive, behind Tanger Outlets Seaside in Rehoboth Beach.

Regular entry is free and needs no reservation. Explore the lighted village, tree maze, train, artisans and food vendors. Skate rental is $5; bring your own skates free.

DATES	OPEN HOURS
November 24–25	5–9 PM
November 29	1–4 PM and 5–9 PM
December 3	5–9 PM
December 4–6	1–4 PM and 5–9 PM
December 10	5–9 PM
December 11–13	1–4 PM and 5–9 PM
December 14–17	5–9 PM
December 18–20	1–4 PM and 5–9 PM
December 21	Special Needs Night only; tickets required
December 22–23	5–9 PM
December 26–27	1–4 PM and 5–9 PM
December 28–30	5–9 PM; final evening December 30

> Closed November 26–28 and December 24–25. Also closed November 23 and 30; December 1–2, 7–9 and 31. December 21 has no general-public entry. Outdoor conditions may change the schedule.

Official 2026 calendar, opening hours & weather updates ›

SANTA & SPECIAL DATES

The details that make the day

Save the exact Santa calendar, and check ticket requirements before promising a special outing.

SANTA'S HOUSE ON THE REHOBOTH BOARDWALK

At the end of Rehoboth Avenue. Bring a camera; donations welcome. Visits are weather dependent.

November 27	1–3 PM and 4:30–6:30 PM
November 28–29	1–3 PM
December 5–6 and 12–13	1–3 PM
December 19–22	1–3 PM

Official Santa's House schedule >

SCHELLVILLE SPECIAL DATES

DEC 5 | 1–4 PM

Kids Market

Regular free entry. This afternoon is not one of the quieter sessions; Santa visits in the evening, not during the market.

DEC 13 | 10 AM–NOON

Christmas Cookie Bake-Off

Entry drop-off, not a public tasting festival. Register by Dec 12: $10 first entry, $5 additional, up to three; supports Jusst Sooup Ministry.

DEC 20 | 9–11 AM

Breakfast with Santa

Sold out; a waitlist is offered on the ticket page. Separate ticketed breakfast, not ordinary free village admission.

DEC 21 | 5–9 PM

Special Needs Night

Sold out. Reserved for individuals with special needs and their families. Tickets required; no general-public entry.

Special-event tickets, waitlists & cookie registration >

> Schellville Santa visits end December 23. The 1–4 PM sessions are generally quieter hours, except Dec 5. Use free shuttle parking at the Little League fields or behind The Fresh Market; do not park at Epworth Church.

BETHANY BEACH

A holiday day in Bethany

Use the free town festivities as your anchor, then explore local shops or reserve a trolley ride to see the lights.

DEC 5

FROM NOON

Holiday Happenings & Tree Lighting

Town Hall area and Bethany Bandstand

Family activities include Santa, rides and face painting. The tree lighting is at 5 PM, with the SDSA Show Choir.

Free admission; activity times and queues vary.

Town holiday schedule ›

NOV 28

DEC 5, 12 & 19

Holiday Trolley Light Tours

Bethany Beach; reserved departure points

Ride through the Coastal Christmas Showdown displays. Choose an available departure when reserving.

Free, reservations required; no waitlist.

Reserve a trolley tour ›

DEC 12

11 AM–2 PM

Christmas at the Cottage

Dinker-Irvin Museum, Bethany Beach

Visit the decorated cottage, meet Mrs. Dinker, enjoy carolers and take part in a craft activity.

Free.

Town holiday schedule ›

DEC 5, 12 & 19

GENERALLY 10 AM–5 PM

Weekend Wonderland

Participating Bethany Beach businesses

Shopping specials, in-store festivities, Santa visits and seasonal promotions. Individual business hours and activities vary.

Purchases separate.

Participating businesses ›

DEC 5

5–7 PM

South Bethany Tree Lighting

Town Hall, 402 Evergreen Road

An evening of music, snacks and community celebration.

Food-pantry donations encouraged.

Event details ›

> Begin with activities at noon and stay for the 5 PM tree lighting. Check the town program for Santa and ride hours, and reserve trolley tours separately.

FENWICK & OCEAN VIEW

Lights along the southern coast

A park market, a town tree lighting and smaller shopping celebrations make an easy route through the Quiet Resorts.

NOV 28

1–5 PM

Old Town Market & Tree Lighting

John West Park, 32 West Avenue, Ocean View

Browse the eighth annual holiday market and enjoy the town's tree event.

See town calendar for current visitor details.

Town calendar ›

DEC 4

5 PM

Fenwick Island Tree Lighting

Town Park, 800 Coastal Highway

Music by Jamming by the Sea, cider, cookies and Santa welcome the season.

Check the town's event page for weather updates.

Town event details ›

DEC 4, 11 & 18

HOURS VARY

Festive Fridays in Fenwick

Participating Fenwick Island businesses

Explore merchant promotions and seasonal activities along the southern coast.

Shopping purchases separate.

Shopping events ›

NOV 28

DEC 5 & 12

Shop Local Extravaganza

Participating Quiet Resorts businesses

Local shopping promotions and raffle activities; check participating stores for their hours and details.

Purchases separate.

Shopping events ›

JAN 1, 2027

10:30 AM

Fenwick Freeze

Bayard Street Beach, Fenwick Island

Start the year with the 22nd annual ocean plunge. Registration runs 9–10 AM; bonfire and cocoa follow the plunge.

Supports Fenwick Island Beach Patrol; check participation fee.

Plunge details ›

DEWEY BEACH

From the tree to the first plunge

Dewey's season mixes family traditions with a charity crawl and a countdown by the coast.

NOV 28
5:30 PM

Dewey Beach Tree Lighting

Fifer's Market, Coastal Highway

The community tree celebration starts at 5:30 PM, with Santa expected at 6:15 PM.

Public gathering.

Organizer calendar ›

DEC 5
NOON–9 PM

Dewey Santa Crush Crawl

Starts at Starboard Claw

A festive bar-crawl outing through Dewey. Check the organizer for participation details and venue rules.

Food and drink purchases separate.

Organizer calendar ›

DEC 24
RESERVATION ONLY

Santa Sleigh Ride

Dewey Beach

A Christmas Eve Santa tradition arranged through Dewey Business Partnership.

Reservations required; confirm time, route and price with organizer.

Reservation information ›

DEC 31
11:30 PM

Dewey Crush Drop

Route 1 and New Orleans Avenue

Gather for Dewey's New Year's countdown.

Public countdown; check organizer updates.

Countdown details ›

JAN 1, 2027
11:30 AM

Dewey Dunk

Dagsworthy Street Beach

A New Year's ocean dip with DJ, bonfire, hot chocolate and participant swag.

$20 donation age 21+; $15 under 21. Free parking.

2027 event details ›

> The Crush Drop is a late-night gathering; the Dunk is a separate New Year's Day event. Arrange a safe ride for evening celebrations and check the weather before an ocean plunge.

NEARBY SUSSEX TOWNS

Parades & a train-station Christmas

Add Georgetown, Selbyville or Dagsboro to your calendar for traditions just beyond the beach towns.

DEC 3

FROM 6 PM

Caroling on the Circle & Parade

The Circle, Georgetown

Caroling begins at 6 PM, tree lighting at 6:55 PM and the Christmas parade at 7 PM.

Free public evening; bring nonperishable food donations.

Evening schedule ›

DEC 5

NOON–2 PM

Christmas at the Train Station

140 Layton Avenue, Georgetown

Model trains, museum displays, carols, refreshments and Santa. This is a station celebration, not a passenger train ride.

See organizer for visitor details.

Station calendar ›

DEC 4–6

SELECT SHOWS

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Possum Point Players, 441 Old Laurel Road, Georgetown

A staged 1940s-style radio broadcast brings the story to life. Choose a performance in the ticket calendar.

$25–$27.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 4

7 PM

Selbyville Christmas Parade

Church Street, Selbyville

The 65th annual parade features community floats, marching bands, firetrucks, Santa and food vendors.

No spectator ticket advertised.

Parade details ›

DEC 4

6 PM

Delmarva Chorus Holiday Sing Along

Carl M. Freeman Foundation Office Building, Selbyville

A cappella holiday harmonies in the foundation office building, rather than on the outdoor pavilion stage.

Reserved tickets through Freeman Arts.

Details & tickets ›

DEC 8

7 PM

Dagsboro Christmas Parade

Main Street and Clayton Street

Floats, bands, fire departments and Santa. Roads close 6:45–9 PM.

No Santa visit in Katie Helm Park this year.

Parade & road closures ›

NEW YEAR IN REHOBOTH

Choose your countdown

Ticketed live music, a dinner-and-drag celebration and an early evening dance party offer several ways to welcome 2027.

DEC 31
DOORS 5:30 PM

New Year's Eve Jingle Ball

Convention Center, 229 Rehoboth Avenue

The Girls Room plays 6-9 PM; DJ Sheek continues through midnight, with dancing and a champagne toast.

$40 advance/$50 door; age 18+. Cash bar.

Details & tickets >

DEC 31
8 PM–1 AM

Fabulous New Year's Eve at Freddie's

Freddie's Beach Bar, 3 South First Street

Dinner/heavy hors d'oeuvres, Magnolia Applebottom and cast, live singing, DJ, dancing and a midnight toast. Show starts at 9:30 PM.

Ticketed; gratuity not included.

Details & tickets >

DEC 31
DOORS 7 PM

Sweet Leda & Lower Case Blues

Rehoboth Ale House On the Mile, 20859 Coastal Highway

Live music runs 8:30 PM–12:30 AM, with a champagne toast; dinner and other drinks are purchased separately.

$55 seated presale/$30 standing room before fees; 21+.

Details & tickets >

JAN 1, 2027
4–8 PM

Two Shows, One Decade

Diego's Bar Nightclub, 37298 Rehoboth Avenue

Start the new year with Pamala Stanley Live and DECADE80.

Ticketed; 21+; free parking.

Details & tickets >

> Prefer a daytime celebration? Rehoboth's Race Into the New Year begins at noon on December 31. On January 1, Fenwick Freeze is at 10:30 AM and Dewey Dunk at 11:30 AM.

MORE WAYS TO ENJOY THE SEASON

Quiet plans & one longer outing

Keep a few smaller gatherings on hand for an open evening, and check the weather before heading outside.

NOV 29
6 PM

Raise Our Voices for the Children

Epworth UMC, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth

A community concert supporting Miriam's Table and Epworth Youth Group.

Free; offering collected.

Venue holiday calendar ›

DEC 8
5–6:30 PM

A Christmas Carol: Book & Movie Discussion

Rehoboth Beach Public Library, 226 Rehoboth Avenue

Read Dickens's novel, then meet for A Muppet Christmas Carol and a discussion with the Reel Readers group.

No charge listed; adult and teen audience.

Library event ›

DEC 10
10 AM

Moments to Remember

Epworth UMC, Rehoboth Beach

The Parkinsons Choir performs in the sanctuary.

Check venue calendar for visitor details.

Venue holiday calendar ›

DEC 20 & 24
SEE TIMES

Reflective & Christmas Eve Services

Epworth UMC, Rehoboth Beach

Blue Christmas: Dec 20 at 7 PM in the chapel. Christmas Eve: 5 PM especially for children; 8 PM candlelight worship.

See the church's current holiday schedule.

Holiday services ›

NOV 26–JAN 3
EVENINGS

Gift of Lights at Dover Motor Speedway

1229 Persimmon Tree Lane, Dover

A farther-afield drive-through light outing. Fri/Sat 5–10 PM; Sun–Thu 5–9 PM; Dec 20–27 5–10 PM.

Ticketed per vehicle; choose date for price. Dover is outside the beach towns.

Details & tickets ›



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The holidays are one more reason to love these towns. If a coastal home is part of your next chapter, Coastal Homestead Group can help you explore the communities and find the right fit.

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