

# 39TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 8, 2024 | 11:00am - 4:00pm Main Street, Newtown





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# **NYFS Programs**

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### **Positive Youth Development**

- Youth Employment Program
- Reaching Everyone's Capabilities (REC Club)
- Life Skills Program
- · Safety Town
- FUSION Peer-to-Peer Mentoring
- Sibshop
- · Homework Clubs















# **Activity Schedule**

Activity	Time	Location
Festival of Trees	11:00am - 4:00pm	Trinity Episcopal Church, Glover Community Room
Gingerbread House Competition	11:00am - 4:00pm	Trinity Episcopal Church, Glover Community Room
Online Silent Auction Item Display	11:00am - 4:00pm	Trinity Episcopal Church, Glover Community Room
Cookies with Mrs. Claus	11:00am - 12:00pm	Edmond Town Hall Alexandria Room
Nutcracker Suite	12:00pm and 2:30pm	Edmond Town Hall Theatre
Holiday Tea	12:30pm - 4:00pm	Edmond Town Hall Alexandria Room
Historic Trolley Tours	11:10am, 11:45am, 12:20pm, 12:55pm, 1:30pm, 2:05pm, 2:40pm, 3:15pm	Begins and Ends outside Edmond Town Hall First come, first serve
Kids Crafts	11:00am - 4:00pm	Edmond Town Hall Gym
Holiday Market (Inside)	11:00am - 4:00pm	Edmond Town Hall Gym
Holiday Market (Outside)	11:00am - 4:00pm	Along Main Street
Holiday House Tours	11:00am - 4:00pm	Main Street, West Street and Glover Ave.
Meet and Greet Moana	12:15pm - 1:00pm 1:15pm - 2:00pm 2:15pm - 2:45pm	CH Booth Library – Children's Library
Stories with Mrs. Claus	1:00pm - 1:30pm and 1:45pm - 2:15pm	CH Booth Library – First Floor Periodicals

# **Event Map**

#### **Edmond Town Hall**

Nutcracker Suite
Holiday Tea
Cookies with Mrs. Claus
Kids Crafts
Holiday Market (Inside)
Historic Trolley Tour
Concessions - Popcorn, Pizza, and Water

#### Main Street

Holiday Market (Outside)

### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

Festival of Trees Gingerbread House Competition Online Silent Auction Item Display

### C.H. Booth Library

Stories with Mrs. Claus Meet and Greet Moana

### **Holiday House Tours**

62 Main Street

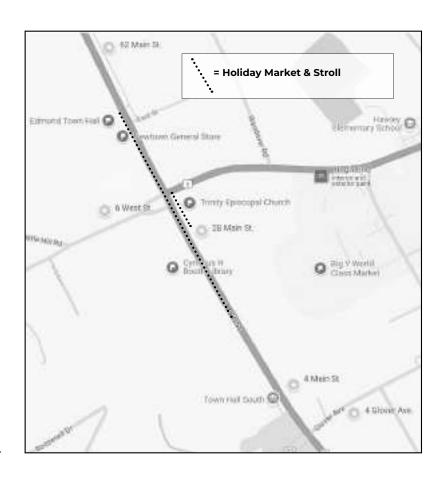
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6 West Street

4 Glover Avenue

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## The Nutcracker Suite

### Edmond Town Hall Theatre Two Performances: 12:00pm & 2:30pm

The Ballet Company of Newtown Centre of Classical Ballet and Voice, under the direction of Artistic Director Tory Gozzi, presents two enchanting performances of The Nutcracker Suite, a condensed, family-friendly adaptation of the classic ballet with a narrated storyline.

Join us on this magical journey where the Christmas tree grows, and the mysterious Uncle Drosselmeier guides Clara and her Nutcracker through the enchanting forest to the dazzling Sugar Plum Palace. There, they are greeted by lively characters who dance in Clara's honor: Spanish Hot Chocolate, Arabian Coffee, Chinese Fortune Cookies, Russian Tea, the Waltz of the Flowers, and Ribbon Candy.

Let this beloved holiday tradition transport you to a world of wonder and joy!

### **Company Members Performing:**

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# **Holiday Market & Stroll**

Along Main Street & Indoor at Edmond Town Hall 11:00am - 4:00pm

### Celebrate & Support Local Small Businesses!

Rain or Shine

Step into a festive wonderland at Newtown's 39th Annual Holiday Festival Market, where you'll discover a lovely selection of local artisans and makers, each bringing something unique to the season.

### In the event of severe weather, the outdoor market will be cancelled.

#### OUTDOOR Vendors:

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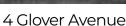
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# **Holiday Tea**

### Edmond Town Hall - 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Stop by the Alexandria Room at Edmond Town Hall between 12:30 PM and 4:00 PM. Indulge in delightful holiday teas, seasonal treats, and live holiday music, creating the perfect atmosphere to celebrate this cherished tradition.

### **Holiday Music Schedule:**

12:30pm - 1:00pm - NHS Singers

1:05pm - 2:05pm - Trio Insolito

Mikisha Odette, Ron Phelen, Patricia Reinhardt

2:10pm - 3:10pm - FaLiSaD (pronounced felicity)

3:15pm - 4:00pm - Vocal Rewind Acapella



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## **Festival of Trees**

Trinity Episcopal Church, Glover Community Room 11:00am - 4:00pm

### Festival of Trees: A Beloved Holiday Festival Tradition

Each year, local businesses, organizations, and families generously donate beautifully decorated trees, wreaths, and gift baskets, creating one of the most stunning displays of the Holiday Festival.

Visit the Festival of Trees exhibit and view the array of donated holiday trees, wreaths, and decorations—each a unique expression of seasonal cheer!

To participate, simply purchase raffle tickets and place them in the box of any item(s) you'd like a chance to win.

Raffle Ticket Pricing: \$10 for 5 tickets, \$20 for 15 tickets, \$30 for 25 tickets

**Drawing, Winners, and Pick-Up Information:** Winners will be drawn at 4:15 PM on Sunday, December 8th. Ticket holders are welcome to stay for the live drawing, and winners will also be posted on our social media channels, website, and notified via email.

**Item Pick-Up:** Winners can pick up their item(s) immediately after the drawing on Sunday, December 8th, from 5:00 - 6:30 PM, or on Monday, December 9th, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church (Glover Community Room). Please bring your winning raffle ticket to claim your item(s).

\*All items not picked up will be donated locally!

# Gingerbread House Competition

Trinity Episcopal Church, Glover Community Room 11:00am - 4:00pm

Experience the creativity of the Holiday Festival's Gingerbread House Competition! View the beautifully crafted gingerbread houses on display in the Glover Community Room at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 8th.

### Cast Your Vote:

Choose your favorite gingerbread creation by scanning the QR code provided at the event. Online voting opens on Saturday, December 7th at 11:00 AM and closes on Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 PM, so be sure to vote for your favorite before the deadline!

### Awards and Pick-Up:

Prizes will be awarded to the entries with the most votes in each category. Participants can pick up their gingerbread houses on Sunday, December 8th, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

Thank you for celebrating this sweet tradition with us!



## **Additional Holiday Festival Activities**

## **Online Silent Auction**

November 29th - December 13th

### Win Exclusive Experiences, Products, and Gift Certificates!

Don't miss the chance to bid on incredible items and experiences generously donated by businesses and organizations. Every year, our Online Silent Auction is one of the most exciting and successful events of the Holiday Festival, offering unique prizes for everyone to enjoy!

- Friday, November 29th: Bidding opens at 9:00 AM
- Friday, December 13th: Bidding closes at 8:00 PM
- Monday, December 16th Saturday, December 21st:
   Winners can pick up items at Newtown Youth & Family
   Services during office hours.

 Saturday, December 21st: Final day to claim items. Any unclaimed items will be offered to the next highest bidder after this date.

Go to **www.newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org** or scan QR code to join us in celebrating the season while supporting a great cause!

#### Businesses & Organizations supporting the Auction (as of print date)

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# Discover History: Main Street Trolley Tour

### **Tour Times**

11:10am, 11:45am, 12:20pm, 12:55pm, 1:30pm, 2:05pm, 2:40pm, 3:15pm

Join Us on December 8th for a Journey Through Newtown's Past!

**Location:** Edmond Town Hall (Front Parking Lot) Your Holiday Festival ticket includes one trolley ride.

### Ticketing Details:

Trolley tickets will be distributed in the Edmond Town Hall lobby on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited seating. Be sure to get your trolley ticket early if you wish to ride! Please note that you'll need to purchase a Holiday Festival ticket or pick up your wristband before obtaining a trolley ticket.

### About the Tour:

Step back in time as you travel down Newtown's historic Main Street, formerly known as Newtown Street. This route showcases a fascinating array of American architectural styles and local lore. Learn the unique story behind the iconic flagpole in the middle of the road, discover who C.H. Booth Library was named after, see where Mary Hawley originally lived, and uncover many more hidden stories of our town's rich heritage.

Hop on the trolley and let history come alive this holiday season!

# **Kids Crafts**



Holiday Festival Fun: Creative Kids' Craft Decorating Extravaganza! Join Us December 8th - 11:00am - 4:00pm - Edmond Town Hall Gymnasium

Bring your imagination and holiday cheer! We'll provide everything you need to create your very own festive holiday craft to take home. From snow globes to seasonal decorations, there's something fun for every young artist. Don't miss this opportunity to get crafty and celebrate the season with us!

# Cookies and Stories with Mrs. Claus

Holiday Fun with Mrs. Claus: Cookie Decorating & Storytime!

Join us on December 8th for a Sweet and Festive Experience



### Decorate Cookies with Mrs. Claus

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Edmond Town Hall, Alexandria Room

Get ready to decorate delicious holiday sugar cookies with Mrs. Claus herself! We'll provide frosting, sprinkles, and all the festive toppings to make your cookie unique and tasty. Don't forget to thank Mrs. Claus for her hard work in the kitchen before you enjoy your treat!

### Stories with Mrs. Claus

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM and 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM at C.H. Booth Library, First Floor Periodicals Room

After cookie decorating, head to the library to join Mrs. Claus for a cozy storytime filled with holiday tales. It's the perfect way to continue the festive fun and get into the holiday spirit!



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Enjoy Warm Holiday Spirits with Moana!

Join Us on December 8th at the C.H. Booth Library (Children's Library)

Bring your holiday spirit and meet Moana in person! She'll be at the Children's Library, ready to share the magic of the season and take photos with her fans.

### **Photo Schedule:**

- · 12:15 PM 1:00 PM
- · 1:15 PM 2:00 PM
- · 2:15 PM 2:45 PM

Don't miss this special opportunity to snap a picture with Moana and create lasting memories this holiday season!



### Continue the Holiday Spirit: Exciting Activities to Enjoy After the Festival!

## **Elf Chats**

Join Us for a Live Elf Chat from the North Pole!

Bring the Magic of the Holidays to Your Home!

Location: Virtually on Zoom

Please note: This experience is not included in the Holiday Festival ticket.

During your scheduled Elf Chat, your child or children will have the unique opportunity to see and talk to an Elf LIVE from the North Pole! Discover what it's like to help Santa prepare for Christmas, and don't forget to ask all your questions about life in the North Pole!

### A Totally Personalized Experience!

To ensure that each chat is special, we'll ask a few questions about your child or children during registration. This way, the experience is truly unique and memorable! Register at:

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/newtownyouthfamilyservices/1452951 or scan QR code.

### Schedule:

Wednesday and Thursday, December 12th and 18th: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturdays, December 14th and 21st: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Don't miss this enchanting opportunity for your children to experience the holiday season like never before!

### Pricing for Each 10-Minute Time Slot:

- \$18 for up to 2 children
- \$25 for up to 3 children
- \$30 for up to 4 children







## **Letters to Santa**

Write a Letter to Santa and Receive a Personalized Response! Experience the Magic of the Holidays!

Location: The Toy Tree, 32 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT

Dates: November 8th - December 16th

Get into the holiday spirit by writing your very own letter to Santa!

You can write your own heartfelt letter or use our helpful template for guidance (scan QR code) or go to: https://www.newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org/Special-Events/test/letters-to-santa/). Simply drop your letter in the special mailbox located outside The Toy Tree, and eagerly await a personalized response delivered right to your home!

Important: To ensure you receive a reply, all letters to Santa MUST INCLUDE a stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

### **Deadline for Letters:**

Please make sure your letters are dropped off by Monday, December 16th, to guarantee a response in time for Christmas. Don't forget to include your return address and stamp!

Join us in this cherished holiday tradition and let Santa know what's on your wish list!



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