

# Newport News Virginia

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The Mariners' Museum and Park Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 757-596-2222  
The Newsome House Museum and Cultural Center 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 757-247-2360  
Virginia Living Museum Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 757-595-1900  
Virginia War Museum Thursday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 757-247-8523

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK DECEMBER 9 – 15, 2021

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES AT NEWPORT NEWS ATTRACTIONS AND PERFORMING ARTS VENUES

#### DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### **ICEBOUND: SHIPWRECKED AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD**

##### **The Mariners' Museum and Park**

**December 9; 7 p.m.**

Presenter: Andrea Pitzer, author and journalist this is a Virtual Lecture. Set off on a glacial trip with author Andrea Pitzer as she shares the tale of William Barents's Arctic adventures along with stories of her own polar explorations. About the lecture: In the bestselling tradition of Hampton Sides's *In the Kingdom of Ice*, *Icebound*, a "gripping adventure tale" (*Boston Globe*) recounts of Dutch polar explorer William Barents's three harrowing Arctic expeditions — the last of which resulted in a relentlessly challenging year-long fight for survival.

In *Icebound*, Pitzer conducted extensive research learning how to use 400-year-old navigation equipment, setting out on three Arctic expeditions to retrace Barents's steps, and visiting replicas of Barents's ship and cabin. Come hear how she masterfully combines a riveting tale of survival

with a sweeping history of the great Age of Exploration — a time of hope, adventure, and seemingly unlimited geographic frontiers. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

### **VIRTUAL CIVIL WAR LECTURE: REAR ADMIRAL STEPHEN DECATUR TRENCHARD**

**The Mariners' Museum and Park**

**December 10; 12 p.m.**

Presented by John V. Quarstein, director emeritus of the USS *Monitor* Center FREE. Advance registration is required. Join us for a virtual lecture with author and historian John V. Quarstein, director emeritus of the USS *Monitor* Center. Quarstein will give a presentation on the decorated naval career of RADM Stephen Decatur Trenchard. Viewers are welcome to send any comments or questions to John, and he will answer them following his talk. About the presentation: Stephen Decatur Trenchard was born in 1818 in Brooklyn, New York. Named for the great naval hero Stephen Decatur, Trenchard joined the Navy in the 1830s. Trenchard was twice assigned to the Coast Survey. In his ship, USS *Vixen*, on August 16, 1856, he rescued the British bark *Adieu*'s crew off Cape Ann, Massachusetts. Queen Victoria presented him with a sword for his heroic actions. While on USS *Powhatan*, he participated in two rescues, including one during the June 1859 Battle of Taku Forts in China. He commanded the USS *Rhode Island* and helped save many USS *Monitor* crew members when the ironclad sank off Cape Hatteras, NC, on December 31, 1862. Trenchard continued to serve in the Navy after the Civil War and was eventually promoted rear admiral. His naval legacy is outstanding based on his rescue operations. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **FERGUSON NLIGHTN EVENT SERIES: ARTECH LIGHTS**

**Brooks Crossing**

**December 10; 3:30 p.m.**

An animated light and sound show displays on the holiday tree at ARTech Lights nightly from 5 PM to 9 PM every half hour, with synchronized music and seasonal décor throughout the area. On December 10, enjoy special hands-on "techtivities" from 3:30 PM to 8:00 PM where children are immersed in a variety of STEM-related activities provided by Newport News Shipbuilding and the Innovation Lab at Brooks Crossing. To go along with the "techtivities" will be food and beverage vendors, a DJ, "silent disco," a bonfire and a skating rink, which will also be open on Dec 11 & 12. 550 30<sup>th</sup> Street, 757-926-1400. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **HOLIDAY FROST – HOLIDAYS IN OUTER SPACE**

**Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center**

**December 10; 4 p.m.**

Join us for Holiday Frost, our holiday giveaway event. Explore the holidays in Outer Space – featuring a Martian candy store, a visit to the moon with Apollo 8 and games with your favorite characters from Star Wars. Admission is free, reservations for timed entries required. If you take a picture at the photo-op, be sure to tag us on Facebook (Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center) and/or Instagram (@downinggross). We would love to share your posts! 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **HOLIDAY POPS!**

**Ferguson Center for the Arts**

**December 10; 7:30 p.m.**

Robert Shoup, conductor, Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Join us for the must-see holiday tradition of the season – Holiday POPS! There's no better way to lift your spirits than with seasonal songs and traditional carols delivered in full sound and spectacle by the Virginia Symphony and special guests. Holiday POPS will have all the magical elements you've come to expect and more – high energy, familiar carols and lots of holiday warmth! And we'll even throw in a surprise or two! We can't wait to celebrate the 2021 holiday season together! 1 Avenue of the Arts, 757-594-8752. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **THE HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS JUBILEE**

**Peninsula Community Theatre**

**December 10; 8 p.m.**

Pastor Bobby has come to the town of Harmony just in time for the 25th Annual Harmony Baptist Church Christmas Jubilee. As the town readies for the celebration, things start to fall apart. No one can decide who will play the angel in the pageant, the star on the Christmas tree won't light up, the fruitcake bake-off is a disaster and, worst of all, the baby Jesus is missing. But as the town fights to hold on to their traditions, they learn that maybe "progress" isn't a dirty word. 10251 Warwick Boulevard, 757-595-5728. Click [here](#) for more information

## **DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

### **OWL BE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**Virginia Living Museum**

**December 11; 9 a.m.**

Welcome the holidays with the Virginia Living Museum. Join us as we celebrate the season with treats and activities. And don't forget to write out your letter to give to Santa and Mrs. Claus! 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **STORYTIME WITH SANTA**

**The Mariners' Museum and Park**

**December 11; 9 a.m.**

Photos, cookies, and more! Santa Claus is coming to The Mariners' Museum! Join us for holiday fun as jolly St. Nick shares one of his favorite stories, and everyone indulges on yummy cookies. Celebrate the day with us! After storytime, be sure to stick around for another fun holiday program for the whole family! These casual, family-friendly events are free with \$1 Museum admission. Storytime with Santa will take place in the Museum's Main Lobby. First come, first serve. Registration is not required. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

**Lee Hall Train Depot**

**December 11; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Holiday décor and model trains! The Tidewater O Gauge Association will operate a large interactive layout that kids of all ages can enjoy. 9 Elmhurst St., 757-525-7373. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **THREE MEN, THREE GIFTS AND A JOURNEY**

**The Mariners' Museum and Park**

**December 11; 11 a.m.**

Presenter: Erika Cosme, content and interpretation developer at The Mariners' Museum FREE with \$1 admission. Lower Lobby of the Museum. About the presentation: "We Three Kings of Orient are..." is a popular Christmas song which tells a unique story of three wise men. But have you ever thought about who these men really were? This unique holiday program will unravel some of the origins of the three wise men whose story is told in song each holiday season. Come discover the historical texts and cultural lore to gain insight into three kings from the east, and enjoy holiday crafts with your family during this program. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **FREE FAMILY HOLIDAY CHEER**

**City Center at Oyster Point**

**December 11; 12 p.m.**

Outside across from the Market Stage enjoy a free family Holiday Cheer. Free Hot Chocolate and cookies. Paint homemade Christmas ornaments, and enjoy holiday music. Photos with kids characters and an 8.5-Foot Elf, What a fun way to spend a winter day together. 701 Town Center Drive, 757-873-2020. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **NEWPORT NEWS HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center**

**December 11; 3 p.m.**

Get in the holiday spirit with a family-friendly performance highlighting the talented youth of the Peninsula. This performance is presented in partnership with the Goode Dance Project. Tickets \$10. Capacity is limited and masks are strongly encouraged. 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **HISTORIC HILTON VILLAGE GINGERBREAD CELEBRATION, PARADE &**

**MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE**

**Hilton Village**

**December 11; 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

The 2021 Village Gingerbread Celebration has been announced! Join us, December 11th as we cast our votes for the amazing gingerbread creations in our Historic Hilton Village Business District! Participating business locations will have extended Open House hours and offers for this special once a year event. **\*\*Lighted Holiday Parade\*\* 5pm**

Bring your kids, wagons, and LIGHTS to join in the fun heading down Main Street. Civic groups, churches, clubs, troops, classic cars, Jeeps, motorcycles welcome!! Interested in walking the parade- make sure your family is LIT UP and accompanied by an adult!

Parade will begin at Hilton Presbyterian corner of River Rd and Main St, head down Main Street and wind up in front of Kismet. The perfect spot to start your Merchant District Fun! Click [here](#) for more information.

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## **DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

### **FRIENDLY HOURS**

#### **The Mariners' Museum and Park**

**December 12; 9 a.m.**

Have a family member, friend, or loved one who needs a tailored museum experience? Join us for Friendly Hours on the second Sunday of each month! Friendly Hours is an inclusive time reserved for guests, including those with mobility, cognitive, or physical challenges, who prefer to experience the Museum in a quieter, less crowded environment with reduced sound and lighting. Safety protocols also take precedent during this time to ensure all guests, volunteers and our Museum team are protected. Space is limited, and we encourage you to purchase advance tickets online so we know that you are coming for this unique program. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **THE HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS JUBILEE**

#### **Peninsula Community Theatre**

**December 12; 2:30 p.m.**

Pastor Bobby has come to the town of Harmony just in time for the 25th Annual Harmony Baptist Church Christmas Jubilee. As the town readies for the celebration, things start to fall apart. No one can decide who will play the angel in the pageant, the star on the Christmas tree won't light up, the fruitcake bake-off is a disaster and, worst of all, the baby Jesus is missing. But as the town fights to hold on to their traditions, they learn that maybe "progress" isn't a dirty word. 10251 Warwick Boulevard, 757-595-5728. Click [here](#) for more information

## **CONTINUING EVENTS**

### **29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION IN LIGHTS**

#### **Newport News Park**

**Continuing through January 1; 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Celebration in Lights, Virginia's first drive-through holiday light event, opens for its 29<sup>th</sup> season on Thanksgiving night (November 25, 2021). Newport News Park will be transformed by over a million individual lights, creating animated holiday and fanciful scenes. For its 29<sup>th</sup> year, the event will add new magical trees and upgrade the entrance arch in the Santa's Enchanted Kingdom area, add candy theme display pieces and upgrade the brightness of the bulbs in the Candyland area, add additional deer display pieces and 3D trees to the deer arch area, and upgrade the rope lighting at the event entrance. The event will be open each evening, 5:30 - 10:00 p.m., through January 1, 2022. This year, admission on weeknights (Monday – Thursday) will be \$12.00 per car, a savings of \$3.00 off the weekend night (Friday – Sunday) rate of \$15.00 per car. Additionally, advance purchase tickets (good any night) can be purchased for \$10.00 at the Newport News Visitor Center at Newport News Park. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NATURE NIGHTS HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

#### **Virginia Living Museum**

**Continuing through December 30; 5:30 p.m.**

An evening Nature Night Walk through the museum's outdoor trail decorated with lights and holiday decor. Happy Holidays... naturally! Have your picture taken with Otter Claus Friday and Saturday nights! Enjoy the planetarium show Star of Wonder at 6 pm and Holiday Magic Laser Show at 7 pm each night for an additional fee. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **STAR OF WONDER: MYSTERY OF THE CHRISTMAS STAR**

**Virginia Living Museum**

**Continuing through December 30; 6 p.m.**

Since 1965, we have journeyed in the footsteps of the Magi, seeking the identity of a mysterious star which foretold the coming of a king. Over the years, the scientific thinking has changed, archaeology has revealed new clues about the lands in which these events took place, and our understanding of who the Magi might have actually been has grown. The show was completely revised in 2008 to offer a truly immersive look at the journey of the Magi while examining the latest clues and seeking once more to understand the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem.

Recommended for ages 8 and up. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **TOYS FOR TOTS**

**The Mariners' Museum and Park**

**Continuing through December 11; 9 a.m.**

Make a child's dream come true! Donate a toy this holiday season. Bring the joy of the holidays and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for children ages newborn – 11 years old on your next visit to the Museum.

Look for the donation box in the Main Lobby. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **WINTER WONDERLAND AT THE MUSEUM**

**United States Transportation Museum**

**Continuing through December 30**

Stop by to enjoy the lights and decorations to learn how soldiers celebrated the holidays throughout history. Special holiday exhibits will also be on display. Every visitor will receive a gift from under the Christmas Tree. Join the TRADOC Band Woodwind Quintet as they help us celebrate the grand opening of our new Winter Wonderland displays. See lights and decorations throughout the museum and learn how Soldiers celebrated the holidays through history. 300 Washington Blvd, 757-878-1180. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **ALL ABOARD THE HOLIDAY EXPRESS!**

**Lee Hall Train Depot**

**Continuing through December 30**

The Lee Hall Depot will be decorated both inside and out in yuletide train finery. Station interior open Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm; admission charged. 9 Elmhurst St., 757-525-7373. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **LEE HALL MANSION'S CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE AGES**

**Lee Hall Mansion**

**Continuing through December 31**

Learn about the origins of holiday traditions while exploring 19th and 20th-century period decorated rooms set amidst the splendor of the Victorian Era. The holiday tour is included with regular admission. Visitors will be required to follow the most up-to-date COVID-19 protocols. 163 Yorktown Road, 757-888-3371 x304. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **HOLIDAYS AT ENDVIEW**

**Endview Plantation**

**Continuing through December 31**

Learn about 18th and 19th-century historical holiday customs on a guided tour of Endview Plantation. Greenery and period decorations add a festive seasonal touch to the historic home's interior. The holiday tour is included with regular admission. Visitors will be required to follow the



most up-to-date COVID-19 protocols. 362 Yorktown Road, 757-887-1862. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **FERGUSON NLIGHTN EVENT SERIES: LIGHTS AT THE FOUNTAIN**

### **City Center at Oyster Point**

**Continuing through January 1; 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Enjoy the nightly 10 minute animated light show plays every half hour. Come see the 50 ft intelligent Holiday Tree, 16 snow machines, 55 wrapped trees, customized soundtrack, holiday décor, and instagrammable moments. A fun time for the whole family! 701 Town Center Drive, 757-873-2020. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **FERGUSON NLIGHTN EVENT SERIES: ARTECH LIGHTS**

### **Brooks Crossing**

**Continuing through January 1, 2022; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Visit Brooks Crossing throughout the season for a holly jolly good time when the area is lit up from 5 - 9 p.m. Lace up your ice skates to enjoy our free skating rink Dec. 10 - 12. An animated holiday show synched to Christmas music will play every half hour. 550 30<sup>th</sup> Street, 757-926-1400. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **GNOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

### **Denbigh Community Center**

**Continuing through January 1, 2022; 9 a.m to 2 p.m.**

The gnomes make their home at Denbigh Community Center with a snow gnomes mural, Instagrammable moments, festive decor, crafts, and Christmas lights. On December 10, bring the family along to watch *Snow Buddies* with hot cocoa and popcorn. 15198 Warwick Blvd, 757-812-7900. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS**

### **NATHAN LIENARD**

#### **Cove Tavern**

**December 9; 6 p.m.**

711 Town Center Drive

(757) 596-1830

[www.covetavern.com](http://www.covetavern.com)

### **OPEN MIC**

#### **Cozy's Comedy Club & Tavern**

**December 9; 8 p.m.**

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 595-2800

[www.cozzys.com](http://www.cozzys.com)

### **GARY LIVELY**

#### **Hilton Tavern Brewing Company**

**December 9; 6 p.m.**

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

[www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC](http://www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC)

### **NICK WEBER**

#### **Coastal Fermentory**

**December 10; 5 p.m.**

206 23rd Street

[www.coastalfermentory.com/](http://www.coastalfermentory.com/)

### **DJ CHUCK**

#### **Manhattan's**

**December 9; 8 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

[www.manhattansdeli.com](http://www.manhattansdeli.com)

### **JAZZ FRIDAY**

#### **The Train Station**

**December 10; 6 p.m.**

2295 Harbor Road

(757) 247-7512

[www.thetrainstation757.com](http://www.thetrainstation757.com)

**PATRICK RYAN****Cove Tavern****December 10; 6 p.m.**

711 Town Center Drive

(757) 596-1830

[www.covetavern.com](http://www.covetavern.com)**DJ NOSLEEP ENTERTAINMENT****Manhattan's****December 10; 9 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

[www.manhattansdeli.com](http://www.manhattansdeli.com)**NATHAN LIENARD****Hilton Tavern Brewing Company****December 10; 7 p.m.**

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

[www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC](http://www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC)**JAN & ZANE****Hoss's Deli****December 10; 8 p.m.**

Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

[www.hosssdeli.com](http://www.hosssdeli.com)**KEN EVANS****Cozy's Comedy Club & Tavern****December 10 & 11; 8 p.m.**

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 595-2800

[www.cozzys.com](http://www.cozzys.com)**NOSLEEP SATURDAY****Manhattan's****December 10; 9 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

[www.manhattansdeli.com](http://www.manhattansdeli.com)**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION  
FOR DEPLOYED MILITARY****Tradition Brewing Co.****December 11; 1 p.m.**

700 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 592-9393

[www.traditionbrewing.com](http://www.traditionbrewing.com)**UGLY SWEATER PARTY****Coastal Fermentory****December 12; 12 p.m.**

206 23rd Street

[www.coastalfermentory.com/](http://www.coastalfermentory.com/)**PHIL POTEAT****Tradition Brewing Co.****December 11; 6:30 p.m.**

700 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 592-9393

[www.traditionbrewing.com](http://www.traditionbrewing.com)**ASYMPTOTE CD RELEASE PARTY****Ironclad Distillery****December 11; 4 p.m.**

124 23rd Street

[www.facebook.com/IroncladDistillery](http://www.facebook.com/IroncladDistillery)**TRE' SMITH MUSIC****Coastal Fermentory****December 11; 5 p.m.**

206 23rd Street

[www.coastalfermentory.com/](http://www.coastalfermentory.com/)**THE SHELLPHISH COALITION****Hilton Tavern Brewing Company****December 11; 7 p.m.**

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

[www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC](http://www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC)**DAVE & BUDDA****Hoss's Deli****December 11; 8 p.m.**

Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

[www.hosssdeli.com](http://www.hosssdeli.com)**UGLY SWEATER PARTY****Coastal Fermentory****December 12; 12 p.m.**

206 23rd Street

[www.coastalfermentory.com/](http://www.coastalfermentory.com/)



**TEXAS HOLD'EM**

**Cozy's Comedy Club & Tavern**

**December 12; 1 p.m.**

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 595-2800

[www.cozzys.com](http://www.cozzys.com)

**PHIL POTEAT**

**Manhattan's**

**December 13; 6 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

[www.manhattansdeli.com](http://www.manhattansdeli.com)

**ZACK SALSBERY**

**Hilton Tavern Brewing Company**

**December 14; 6 p.m.**

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

[www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC](http://www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC)

**JAN & ZANE**

**Manhattan's**

**December 15; 6 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

[www.manhattansdeli.com](http://www.manhattansdeli.com)

**NATHAN LIENARD**

**Hilton Tavern Brewing Company**

**December 15; 6 p.m.**

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

[www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC](http://www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC)