

Be a tourist in your own backyard

'Tis the season for holiday celebrations in Oz

It's almost November and you know what that means – "'tis the season" to get your calendars out and note all of the wonderful things Ozaukee County has to do and see as we are approaching the holiday season!

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, dedicated to honoring and remembering those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Many of our communities will be holding programs and observances in honor of this very special holiday – visit the websites of our local communities to find times and celebrations.



Port Washington Winter Market

Port Washington's Winter Market is held the first and third Saturdays of the month from November through May at Inventor's Brewpub, 435 N. Lake St. Starting Saturday, you can shop local for organic veggies and apples, find farm-fresh eggs, pasture-raised meats and hand-crafted soaps and indulge in delicious cupcakes, pies and more.

Nov. 15 kicks off Festive Friday Eves in Cedarburg at the Shops of Cedar Creek Settlement. On each of the six Friday nights before Christmas, you will find free themed holiday events that include extended shopping hours until 9 p.m., live music, wine tasting, cookies and cider. The first evening spotlights "A German Heritage Tradition"; the other themes from Nov. 22 through Dec. 20 include Home for the

Holidays, Settlement Christmas Showcase (boutique/sale) and a Taste of Christmas. These free events are indoors and fun for the whole family.

Also on Nov. 15, the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center welcomes Street Corner Symphony, a contemporary a cappella group based out of Nashville, Tenn. For ticket information, visit www.cedarburgpac.com.

Beginning Nov. 21, the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts in Cedarburg opens its fourth Fiber Arts Biennale Exhibition, featuring the breadth and quality of fiber arts being created by Wisconsin artists today. The exhibition runs through February 2020.

Immerse yourself in the spirit of the holiday season with Friday night trolley rides through Cedarburg's historic district from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hundreds of luminaries line the streets every Friday starting Nov. 22, lighting your way as you shop, dine and catch attractions throughout the beautifully appointed downtown. Many shops offer extended hours on Fridays, and storefronts



Santa's Workshop

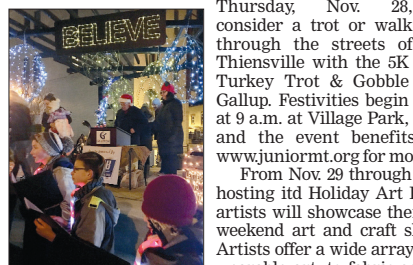


and windows are delightfully decorated to lure you in from the cold. Make sure to peek in the windows of Santa's Workshop, and get your name on the list early if he's in town visiting families.

Grafton will be hosting its 21st annual Tree Lighting festivities Sunday, Nov. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come on out to Paramount Plaza and enjoy seasonal songs performed by a local choir, refreshments and the

beauty of more than 20 trees lighting up the Plaza. Watch for Jolly the Elf, who will be collecting letters to Santa.

Before sitting down for a Thanksgiving meal



Grafton tree lighting



Grafton Christmas Parade

Thursday, Nov. 28, consider a trot or walk through the streets of Thiensville with the 5K Turkey Trot & Gobble Gallup. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. at Village Park, and the event benefits various nonprofit organizations. Visit www.juniormt.org for more information.

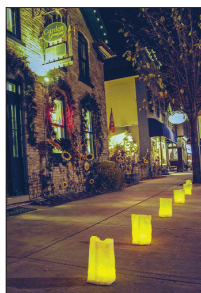
From Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, the Cedarburg Artists Guild will be hosting its Holiday Art Fair where more than 40 exceptional Guild artists will showcase their works. This event is a highly anticipated weekend art and craft show at the Cedarburg Community Center. Artists offer a wide array of art, from jewelry, beaded glass, fiber and wearable art, to fabric sculptures, hand-crafted furniture, ceramics, drawings, paintings and more. Come and meet the artists behind the delightful creations being offered for everyone's holiday list.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, lure the kids to meet Santa at the Breakfast with Santa event held at Circle B Recreation in Cedarburg. Other special friends will be there as well, including the Minions, Bob the Builder and Dora the Explorer. After breakfast, head to downtown Grafton for the 40th annual Christmas Parade. The parade begins at 11 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Washington Street (Highway 60), and heads east to 12th Avenue/ Wisconsin Avenue. It then continues south on Wisconsin Avenue to Seventh Avenue. There's great viewing of the parade throughout the entire route.

Be a tourist in your own town this holiday season. For information on all these activities and more, pick up a copy of the Ozaukee County Tourism Guide, available at area chambers and visitor centers, or visit www.ozaukeetourism.com and follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page. On behalf of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, thank you for helping to make Ozaukee County a wonderful place for all to live, work and visit!



Breakfast with Santa



Luminaries in downtown Cedarburg