

SEASON OF CELEBRATION HOLIDAY GUIDE



Alpharetta's
**SEASON of
CELEBRATION**



Fridays, December 2, 9, 16 | 5pm - 9pm

Snow flurries on Town Green and North Main Street Park
all three nights!

December 2

- Selfies & Sing-alongs with Santa on Town Green
- Food Collection for North Fulton Community Charities in Exchange for a Jingle Bell Bracelet
- Hot Cocoa Party with the Cast of the Metropolitan Ballet's *The Nutcracker* at Market Street Park
- Tree Lighting on Town Green at 6:30 PM

December 9

- Photos with Santa at The Hamilton Hotel
- Community Karaoke with Bach to Rock on Town Green
- Explore holiday beverages at participating restaurants through Downtown Alpharetta District's Sips of the Season

December 16

- Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Movie Night on Town Green
- Selfies & Story Time with Santa at North Main St. Park

EVENTS

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SANTA'S MAILBOX

November 28 – December 10

Alpharetta Community Center

Drop your little elves' letters off at the Alpharetta Community Center. Santa will respond to all letters if they include first name, last name, age, address and a wish list!

JOLLY JINGLE JAM

Fri Dec 2; 10:00am - 12:00pm

Preston Ridge Community Center

Cost: \$5.00 (Resident) / \$7.50 (Non-resident)

Ages: 2-6

Join us for some holiday fun as the Preston Ridge Community Center is transformed into Santa's Workshop for all our little elves. Enjoy light refreshments, making amazing holiday crafts, and have a picture taken with Santa! This event will put you and your little one in the holiday spirit. Pre-registration required at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/alpharetta>. Activity # 29449

ARTIST'S HOLIDAY MARKET

Fri & Sat Dec 2 - 3; 10:00am – 6:00pm

Alpharetta Arts Center

Give Art for this Holiday Season! Artists will display and sell small works (no larger than 16") in a market or festival set up, creating a seasonal retail experience. Buyers and guests will enjoy a 'cash-and-carry' opportunity to purchase original artwork.

DOWNTOWN ALPHARETTA DISTRICT GIFT WRAP SHACK

Fri Dec 2; 12:00-3:00pm

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The Downtown Alpharetta District is offering FREE gift wrapping for up to 3 items with proof of receipt from local business.

CITY OF ALPHARETTA HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Dec 2 – Dec 16

The City of Alpharetta is working with residents, businesses, faith based organizations and non-profits to help our neighbors in need, by collecting non-perishable food for North Fulton Community Charities' pantry.

Donation Drop-Off Locations

(During business hours)

- Alpharetta Adult Activity Center
- Alpharetta City Hall
- Alpharetta Community Center
- Alpharetta First Baptist Church
- Avalon Concierge
- Preston Ridge Community Center
- Wills Park Recreation Center

Donation Tree Location

- Alpharetta City Hall
- Town Green
- Milton Ave & Canton St.
- Teasley Fountain

HEARTFELT HOLIDAY MARKET

Sat Dec 3; 10:00am - 5:00pm

Preston Ridge Community Center

Let the holiday season begin with a craft fair, family fun, and Santa! The Market will offer one-of-a-kind items handmade by local artists including jewelry, home décor, pottery and other mixed-media works, and sweet treats. Santa will be there for free pictures from 11 am-1 pm

ALPHARETTA CITY BAND'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sun, Dec 4; 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Alpharetta Adult Activity Center

Join us for the Alpharetta City Band's Annual Holiday Performance at the Alpharetta Adult Activity Center. Free admission.

GALLERY EXHIBIT: COLOR AND LIGHT

Dec 7 – Jan 23

Alpharetta Arts Center

Color and Light is a gallery exhibition featuring three artists in the Atlanta area: Eric Albright, Peter Ho, and Denise Jennings. Each of these artists is masterful at capturing color and light through moving and inspirational techniques in their individual media. While each has a unique style, viewers will find commonalities in their grand and refined interpretations of color and light in our world. For Arts Center hours, visit www.alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture.

GALLERY RECEPTION: COLOR AND LIGHT

Sat Dec 10; 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Alpharetta Arts Center

Opening reception for Color and Light where guests can meet the artists and tour the original works of three local artists: Eric Albright, Peter Ho, and Denise Jennings. Artworks available for purchase. Light food and beverage served. Free to the public.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF COLOR AND LIGHT FEATURING THE KT COLLABORATIVE

Sat Dec 10, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box Theater

Come celebrate the holidays with a free night of music and art with the KT Collaborative at the Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box Theater. Musical celebration to follow the opening reception of the Color and Light Gallery Reception. The KT Collaborative is a collection of regional jazz artists and performers who span a broad range of backgrounds to deliver a unique jazz experience. Light refreshments will be served throughout the event. Free to the public.

ALPHARETTA CITY CENTER SNOW DAY

Sat, Dec 10; 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Town Green

Alpharetta City Center is hosting a free magical snow day experience for children and adults alike. This event includes live music, a make-your-own snow station, snow globe craft, custom beanie station, snow machines, photo booth, cocoa and cookie giveaway while supplies last.

ALPHARETTA CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sat Dec 10; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Alpharetta Community Center

Visitors will enjoy shopping for holiday gifts and products for everyone on your list. Enjoy a variety of crafts, food, decor, jewelry and more! Get a free picture with Santa from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

WINTER SOLSTICE LANTERN WALK

Wed Dec 21; 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Alpharetta Community Center Event Lawn

Light your way into winter by walking with your lantern along the lighted luminary path. Stop by the fire pits to warm up and enjoy a roasted marshmallow, crafts, and music! Pre-registration required at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/alpharetta>. Activity # 29184

MENORAH LIGHTING

Sun Dec 25; 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Town Green

A public lighting of a giant menorah, traditional refreshments, crafts for kids, songs and entertainment in celebration of Channukah, the festival of light.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Registration is required. Visit the listed registration page for details.



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COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE

Register at <https://alpharetta-community-agriculture-program.square.site/>

The following activities take place at
Old Rucker Farm - 900 Rucker Rd.

NATURAL WREATH WORKSHOP

Wed Dec 7; 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Cost: \$40 members, \$45 non-members

Ages: Adults only

Join Christy Griner Hulsey, owner of Colonial House of Flowers, as we learn how to create her unique and one-of-a-kind holiday wreaths using all-natural materials that are foraged or sourced locally. Christy, who has been featured in Martha Stewart Weddings, Southern Living Southern Weddings, and Pottery Barn Inside & Out blog, has traveled the world learning this trade. Join us this holiday season as Christy walks us through creating our very own festive wreaths that will look like something featured out of a magazine. You will not want to miss signing up for this workshop so register now!

DECK THE PAWS

Sat Dec 10; 10:00am – 11:00am

Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members

All ages welcome

Don't forget about your furry friends this holiday season! Join us at the farm to hand-make treats for your pups or catnip toys for your cats (or both!). Using all organic ingredients, we will have two different treat options that are easy to recreate at home. All treats have been tested and puppy-approved! Catnip toys are made of organic catnip grown and dried here at Old Rucker Farm. Register meow!

DIY INDOOR HERB GARDEN

Mon Dec 12; 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Ages: Adults only

Join us at the farm and be guided through the joy of herbs. Learn about all their uses - from medicinal to culinary to decorative- and how to successfully grow herbs indoors year-round. Then, hand-select a mixture of herb seedlings to plant together in a decorative bowl of your choosing. At the end of this class, you'll take home your very own indoor herb garden!

OKRA ORNAMENTS

Wed Dec 21; 10:00am – 11:00am

Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members

All ages welcome

Looking for something to do with your kid while they're on winter break? Bring them to the farm to create a fun and unique ornament in this kid-friendly okra ornament workshop! Use your imagination to decorate these dried okra pods - the options are endless!

GARDEN STORYTIME + CRAFT

Thurs Dec 29; 10:00am – 11:00am

Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members

All ages welcome

The best way to spend the week between Christmas and New Years is with a book! Join us in the garden for a story time reading The After-Christmas Tree, a sweet story about giving your Christmas tree back to nature. Then, we will make biodegradable backyard bird feeders to take home!

CULTURAL ARTS

Register at www.alpharetta.ga.us/arts

The following activities take place at
Alpharetta Arts Center - 238 Canton St.

GIFT MAKING CLASS

Sat Dec 3; 10:30am – 2:30pm

Cost: \$115 residents / \$172.50 non-residents

Ages: 8 – 13

Make gifts for everyone on your list in this Saturday workshop. We will be making jewelry, candles, a personalized wood serving tray and a few surprises!

Activity # 29361

MOMMY AND ME CLAY ORNAMENTS

Sat Dec 3; 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Fee: \$25 residents / \$35.50 non-residents

Ages: 3 – 6

Little artists will get a chance to play with clay while making a set of clay holiday ornaments.

Activity # 29366

BOB ROSS WINTER WONDERLAND CLASS

Sat Jan 14, 2023; 10:00am – 1:30pm

Cost: \$125 Residents / \$187.50 non-residents

Supply Fee: \$18 due to instructor on first day of class

Ages: 13+

Complete a Bob Ross style winter wonderland painting in just one class... even if you have never painted before! That's the magic of the techniques used by Bob Ross in his popular TV Series, the Joy of Painting. Bob Ross certified instructor, Jeremy Rogers, walks you through step by step how to paint a stunning Bob Ross landscape. No prior experience needed.

Activity # 29768

LIVE WREATH WORKSHOP

Thur Dec 1; 6:30pm – 8pm

FFA Log Cabin - 200 Milton Ave

Cost: \$80 residents / \$120 non-residents

Ages 16+

Create a beautiful holiday wreath with live greens, branches, and ribbon in the historic Log Cabin.

Activity # 29363