

## **Holiday Events**

Many of these events have already occurred, however we hope they will be scheduled for the next holiday season

**Visit with Santa – Valley Hills Mall:** Santa has a beautiful village in the mall. Reservations are available to lessen the waiting time. Personal pictures cannot be taken. Professional pictures are available with various price packages. Location: Valley Hills Mall, 1960 Highway 70 Southeast **Hickory**, NC 2602 Call today or visit <https://whereissanta.com> – now thru Dec. 19th 11am – 7 pm, Dec. 20th 10 am – 8 pm, Dec. 21st 11 am – 7 pm, Dec. 22nd – 23rd 10 am – 8 pm, Dec. 24th (last day) 10 am – 5 pm..

**Lowes Foods Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting:** Nov. 21 – Downtown **Hickory** (Around the square, Union Square) Time: 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm sparkles to life with a festive parade, live performances, and Santa’s grand arrival to light the tree in Union Square— the night the city officially turns merry and bright! Tree lighting immediately following the parade. Enjoy Holiday music from the Hickory Music Factory, enter a snow globe photo opportunity, and visit Newton’s Train Depot Display. Limited parking options near the square.

**WalkinRoll Activities League:** Location: (Unless noted all events are held at their **Hildebran** Location – in the back of the Albert Parkhurst Municipal Complex 202 S. Center Street Hildebran, NC). Various special holiday events planned throughout the season. Check out their facebook page for current events/times/locations. [www.walkinroll.org](http://www.walkinroll.org)

- Friday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving Game Night @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm (at Hildebran)
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fashion Show and Christmas card exchange - **Hildebran**
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> (BINGO at Newton Recreation, 23 South Brady Ave, **Newton**, NC 28658) – 5:30 pm, free food, drinks and prizes Reservations required (828) 695-4317 or (828) 446-5106
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party – Christmas Dinner with a visit from Santa-**Hildebran**

**Holidaypalooza:** Nov. 22 Time: 11 am – 1:30 pm - Union Square NW **Hickory**, NC 28601 It’s a holiday mash-up you won’t want to miss! Santa and the Thanksgiving Turkey team up on Union Square for a morning of story time, family fun, and a cheerful holiday market from the Hickory Farmers Market. Santa Photos will also be available at this event. There are other local events planned as part of Holidaypalooza.

- **Gingerbread Homes Workshop:** Tues. November 11<sup>th</sup> Children age 5 – 12 - Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 - Patrick Beaver Memorial Library, 375 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE, **Hickory**, NC 28601 Children can build a gingerbread house using cardboard boxes and art supplies!
- **Edible Birdhouse Workshop:** Sat. November 22<sup>nd</sup> -Time: 10 am – 12 pm -Highland Recreation Center, 1451 8<sup>th</sup> St. Drive NE, **Hickory**, NC 28602. Pre-registration is required. Phone (828) 322-7046. Parent/guardian or assistant must be present.
- **Cookies and Carols:** Sat. December 6<sup>th</sup> – Time: 11 am Location: Ridgeview Recreation Center, 115 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, **Hickory**, NC 28602 NOTE: Pre-registration is required, call (828) 324-8007 to pre-register!

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Hickory Cookie Crawl:** Sat. Dec. 6 – Time: 2 pm– 4 pm -Union Square, **Hickory**. \$15.00 per person (tickets go on sale Monday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, while supplies last) call (828) 322-1121 or visit <https://www.downtownhickory.com> Tickets are limited and sell out quick. Follow the crumbs through Downtown Hickory for a sweet afternoon of cookie tasting and local shopping! Collect holiday-inspired cookies from participating businesses and leave with a bag full of festive treats. Pick up your prepaid ticket(s) at the HDDA booth on Union Square from 2 – 3 pm – receive your passport and map!

**Christmas in the Village:** Dec. 6 (rain or shine) – Time: 3 pm – 8 pm -Hart Square Village 5055 Hope Road, **Vale**, NC -Adults \$50, youth \$25, kids 12 & under Free. Suggestion: purchase tickets in advance. Wander through Hart Square Village, the nation’s largest log cabin village, beautifully lit by lanterns. With over 200 historical interpreters and observe artists doing live demonstrations of popular yuletide traditions, and candlelit chapel services, with over 10,000 feet of lights, it’s an unforgettable evening of history and holiday spirit. Various food vendors will be on site where you can purchase food. Uneven terrains make it difficult for wheelchairs or those with mobility concerns.

**Deck the Harper Halls:** Fri. Dec. 6 – Times: 4 pm – 7 pm - Harper House, 310 North Center Street **Hickory**, NC 28601 Cost: \$15.00 per person Step inside the beautifully restored Harper House for a holiday showcase of themed Christmas trees and festive décor in every room. Tour the historic home, vote for your favorite display, and enjoy the elegant charm of this 1887 Queen Anne treasure dressed for the season.

**Hickory Christmas Show:** Fri-Sun. Dec. 5-7 – Times: Fri/Sat 9 am – 6 pm (Friday - Super shoppers only – weekend pass holders only - no strollers or wagons from 9 am -12 pm) general admission opens at 12 pm, Sun (11 am– 4 pm) Location: Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr. SE, **Hickory** NC 28602 Tickets: \$12 - \$18, children under 12 free with a parent/guardian. Shop, sip, and celebrate at the third annual Hickory Christmas Show at the **Hickory Metro Convention Center!** Browse over 220 vendors featuring home décor, apparel,

art, candles, specialty foods, and more. Enjoy main stage performances, the Festival of Trees, Santa's Workshop crafts, coloring contest for kids, Letters to Santa, and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus—all under one festive roof. Food and refreshments will be available on site. Call ahead for less crowded times. (Fri. 1 pm – 4 pm/Sat. 10 am – 5 pm/Sun. 12 pm – 3 pm Santa's workshop open, no extra charge, parents are allowed to snap their own photos, or professional pics can be purchased on-site) Free Shuttle from Valley Hills Mall, provides straight service to front entrance. Skip long lines and get faster entrance. Shuttles run every 10 minutes.

**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: Hickory Community Theatre:** Dec. Fri/Sat/Sun 5-20 - Times: Fri/Sat at 7:30 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, Thurs Dec 18 at 7:30 pm Ticket Prices: \$12 - \$18 Location: Hickory Community Theatre 30 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW **Hickory**, NC Phone: (828) 328-2283 Follow Rudolph, Hermey, and friends as they teach us that what makes you different can be what makes you special in this joyful stage adaptation of the classic TV special. Packed with holiday songs and fun for the whole family, this is a must-see festive show!

**Hickory Choral Society: Cookies and Carols:** Dec. 6th- Time: 11 am – 12 pm Location: Ridgeview Community Center 115 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, **Hickory**, NC 28602 Free Admission - A free concert/sing-along for kids designed for children and families! Enjoy holiday favorites with the Hickory Choral Society, orchestra, and surprise guests—plus a cookie to take home.

**Gaming Convention:** Dec. 13th and Dec. 14th - Location: Hickory Metro Convention Center and Visitors Bureau 1960 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr. SE **Hickory**, NC 28602 Adult - \$5, Child (ages 4-13) - \$3, Child (3 and under) – overview: We're excited to welcome Timmy Mac's Comics & Games' Gaming Convention to the Hickory Metro Convention Center. Wishing you a great experience!

**32nd Annual Christmas in the Park:** Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Downtown Park 112 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE **Conover**, NC 28613 - Time: 5:30 pm: Kick off the holiday season at Conover's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas in the Park! Enjoy an evening filled with Christmas carols, hot chocolate, cider, and festive fun for the whole family. Kids can send their letters to Santa, get creative with an activity by the Conover Branch Library, and of course, meet Santa himself! Don't miss the tree lighting ceremony that brings the park to life with holiday magic at this all-inclusive Handicap friendly park.

**Downtown Newton's Light Up the Town:** Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>– Location: 30 N. College Ave. **Newton**, NC 28658 - Time: 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Celebrate the season at Downtown Newton's Annual Light Up the Town event around the historic 1924 Courthouse Square! Join us as Downtown Newton comes alive with holiday cheer and glows with festive lights, live music, and holiday fun for all ages. From s'mores and kettle corn to dancing and carols, live holiday music, maidens dancing, it's a cheerful night that brings the whole community together.

**Christmas Festival:** Sponsored by Christ Alive Church: Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> -Time: 2 pm – 6 pm Location: 1549 Southwest Blvd. **Newton**, NC. A free community Christmas experience for the whole family. Come see Santa and Mrs. Claus, professional photos with Santa, and even a toy giveaway. The following are also onsite a petting zoo, and puppy petting area. Inflatables for

kids and adults, walkthrough winter wonderland, Fire pit lounge for cozy conversations. Local food trucks on site.

**Christmas Comes to Conover:** Sat. Nov. 22nd - Time: 10 am – 3 pm Location: Downtown **Conover**, 28613 – Celebrate the magic of the season in Downtown Conover with live music, local shopping, and plenty of family fun! Visit Santa’s Workshop, meet festive characters, browse the Winter Market, and enjoy tasty bites from the Yule Fuel Food Fest.

**Tree Stop at the Station:** Tues. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> -Time: 8 am 1:30 pm Location: Conover Station 403 Conover Station SE, **Conover** NC 28613 Come enjoy the beauty of the season and enjoy a display of trees decorated by local businesses and groups.

**Christmas at the Station:** Sat. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> -Times: 9:30 am -1:30 pm Conover Station 403 Conover Station SE, **Conover**, NC 28613 Come visit Santa. Take your own photos or have professional photos taken.

**Choo-Choo & Snowman, too!** : Sat. Nov. 15th- Time: 11 am – 3 pm- Downtown Newton 1123 N. Main Ave. **Newton**, NC 28658 – All aboard for festive fun in Downtown Newton and the Depot District! Enjoy carriage rides, festive train rides, Wagon Rides, live entertainment, historic tours, and a free showing of Frosty the Snowman - a cheerful kickoff to the season.

**A Very Murray Christmas Festival:** Nov. 29th- Times:10 am – 5 pm - \$5.00 cash parking Location: Murray’s Mill 1489 Murrays Mill Road, **Catawba**, NC Historic Murray’s Mill comes alive with holiday spirit—wagon rides, live music, Christmas Carolers, local vendors, and plenty of festive fun. There will be lots of festive activities for the kids and adults alike. You will also enjoy festive photo opportunities, seasonal surprises, and family-friendly fun. Sip warm cider or hot chocolate, visit with Santa, and pick out a Christmas tree during this charming annual event. Food Trucks will be on site.

**Santa at St. James:** Sat. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - Time: 10 am – 12 pm- St. James Lutheran Church, 1942 St. James Church Road, **Newton**, NC 28658. Santa will be there to visit with families in a QUIET environment. While families wait to visit with Santa, there will be a birthday party for Jesus! Bring your camera for many photo opportunities.

**Newton Performing Arts Center: Celtic Angels Christmas:** Nov. 29th -Time: 3 pm & 7 pm Location: Newton Performing Arts Center 60 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, **Newton**, NC 28658 Phone: (828) 464-8100 Tickets: \$35 - \$45 Feel the joy of the holidays with the Celtic Angels! Irish step dancers, soaring vocals, and festive tunes make for an unforgettable night of music and cheer.

**Nashville Country Christmas:** Sat. Dec. 6th - Times: 3 pm & 7 pm Tickets: \$35-\$45 Location: Newton Performing Arts Center 60 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, **Newton**, NC 28658 Phone: (828) 464-8100 Kick up your heels with country holiday classics! Nashville musicians bring legendary songs and festive favorites to life in a toe-tapping, hand-clapping celebration.

**A Charlie Brown Christmas:** Dec. 19th-21st -Times: Fri 7 pm, Sat 3 pm & 7 pm, Sun 3 pm Tickets: \$12-\$18 Location: Newton Performing Arts Center 60 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, **Newton** NC 28658 Phone: (828) 464-8100 Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the gang as they discover the true meaning of Christmas. Heartwarming music and beloved carols make this a show the whole family will love.

**Shrek The Musical:** Nov. 14th-16th, Nov. 21st, 23rd & Nov. 28th-30th - 2025 -Times: Fri/Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 3:00 pm Location: The Green Room Community Theatre, 10 South Main Avenue **Newton**, NC 28658- Phone: (828) 464-6128

**The Green Room Community Theatre: A Very Merry Christmas Variety Show:** Dec. 5th-6th –Times: Dec.6<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm Location: Green Room Community Theatre, 10 South Main Avenue **Newton**, NC Ticket Cost: Adults \$18, Senior \$16, Student \$14, Child \$8- Phone Box Office: (828) 464-6128 A holiday extravaganza of music, laughter, and dazzling performances for all.

**Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts' The Nutcracker Ballet:** Dec. 11th- 14th – Times: Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm, Dec.12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm -Location: Green Room Community Theatre, 10 South Main Avenue **Newton**, NC - Ticket Cost: Adults \$18, Senior \$16, Student \$14, Child \$8) Phone Box Office: (828) 464-6128 Follow Clara's magical journey to the Land of Sweets in this stunning ballet, featuring over 80 local performers, dazzling costumes, and enchanting choreography.

**Elves and the Shoemaker: The Green Room Community Theatre:** Thur. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Time: 6 pm Location: Green Room Community Theatre, 10 South Main Avenue **Newton**, NC -Ticket Cost: Adult/Senior/Student \$12, Child \$7 Phone Box Office: (828) 464-6128

**Gifts from the Heart: St. Mark's Lutheran Church:** Claremont- Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Times: 9 am – 12 pm Location: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3216 West Main Street, **Claremont**, NC 28610- (828) 459-2161 Offers a one-day event for children and adults with special needs to shop for presents for their families and friends. A parent/guardian/or other adult must be with each person to assist them with picking out the items and getting them wrapped. They also have snacks, and a meal provided. You must RSVP as space is limited.

## **Holiday Light Shows**

**Tanglewood Festival of Lights:** Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1st, 2026- Times: 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
Location: Tanglewood Park 4061 Clemmons Road **Clemmons**, NC 27012 (follow signs for Festival of Lights entrance) Costs: \$20 cash or \$23 credit card (per car, van, truck)

Phone: (336) 703-6400 -A drive through light display (Warning does have flashing lights) and some light displays have sound; a craft stop is available for rest breaks with outdoor restrooms. The lines to enter the display may be long, and an open hayride is available to ride through the park. Santa visits are also available at certain days/times.

**McAdenville Christmas Town USA:** Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> - Times: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm - Tree lighting ceremony Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> (Dynamo 31, 102 Main Street @ 5:30 pm Yule Log Parade (arrive early – 100 Main Street) Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Location: Wesleyan Drive, **McAdenville**. A quaint town where almost every house and yard are decorated. You can drive or stroll through the town.

**J Iverson Riddle Developmental Center Christmas Lights:** Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - Time: daily 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm - Location: J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center 300 Enola Road, **Morganton**, NC 28655. A drive through light display features storybook characters and glittering holiday displays that wind throughout the grounds of the center. Most of the displays are unique handmade, animated, some with music. NOTE: One way traffic around the perimeter of the road.

**Zootastic – Christmas Wonderland of Lights:** Sunday-Thursday 6 pm- 9 pm and Friday/Saturday 6 pm – 10 pm - Location: Zootastic 448 Pilch Road **Troutman**, NC 28166  
Phone: (704) 245-6446: <https://www.zootasticpark.com> -\$15.00 per person ages 2 & up  
Includes drive-thru lights, animal night-safari trail and walk around part of zoo. (Extra's: giraffe food \$3.00/cup, barnyard food \$2.00/cup, carousel/train ride: \$3.00 each, kid's excavator digging: \$5.00, s'mores kit: \$2.00 each). Santa will be there till Christmas Eve. Personal photos with Santa on your phone/camera –free -professional photo with Santa with framed photo: \$10.00 each, or with Santa and baby kangaroo: \$20.00 each. Regular Park details: **Hours:** Sun – 12 noon – 5 pm, Mon – 9 am 5 pm, Tues – closed, Wed-Sat – 9 am – 5 pm. Adults- \$17.00, Child (2-11) - \$15.00 + 4 percent transaction fee for cards. Open rain or shine! It takes approx. 2 hours to see the whole park. Last admission is at 4 pm.

**Santa's Village in Downtown Lincolnton:** Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – 9 pm - First Federal Park 201 North Poplar Street **Lincolnton**, NC 28092 - Come enjoy a magical holiday experience as you visit Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa's Village. Snap a picture while you are visiting. Bring your wish list and leave a letter for Santa in the special mailbox. A marshmallow roasting station is onsite. We will have entertainment including music, holiday stories, and festive performances each night. Hop on Santa's Express train ride and enjoy the holiday light display throughout the park.

**Winter Carnival in Downtown Morganton:** Sat Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm Downtown **Morganton** (Historic Burke County Courthouse Square – 115 E. Meeting Street Morganton, NC 28655 Santa Visits, Free Carriage Rides, Ice Slide, Face Painting, Hot Chocolate @ Frosty's Diner, letters to Santa, Food Lion Sweet Samples and more, Ice Carving Demo! \* 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony \* Holiday Market 10 am – 2:00 pm (111 N. Green Street, Morganton), Come shop and browse local produce, coffee, crafts, pottery and more.

**Waldensian Presbyterian Church - Live Nativity and Light Display:** Wed. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm & 7 pm **Location:** Waldensian Presbyterian Church 109 Main St. East **Valdese**, NC 28690 -Come Experience the live Christmas nativity scene on the Main Street side of the Church with live music. You are encouraged to sing with us. We will have two 30 minute performances each night. There will be Christmas music playing before and after each event. Then stop by our Waldensian Village to enjoy our drive thru light display.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in the Market in Hudson, NC:** Saturday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2 pm – 8 pm Sawmills Farmers Market 4292 Helena St. **Hudson**, NC 28638 Enjoy the magical tree lighting ceremony, shop from local vendors, visit food trucks, experience the excitement of snow blowers, and meet Santa himself.

**Polar Express train ride - NC Transportation Museum:** Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> -2:30 pm & 3:15 pm (Gates will close for museum @ 3 pm – Museum will close @ 2 pm) NC Transportation Museum 1 Samuel Spencer Drive, **Spencer** NC - Adults \$64.60 Child (ages 2-12) \$57.68 Warning: Tickets sell out quickly so purchase early. Wear your pajamas and come climb onboard for a Polar Train experience like no other. Ride the train and enjoy the polar express ride. Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and other surprises. A great experience for the whole family.

**Great Smokey Mountain Polar Express Train Ride:** Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Varied times based on day and ride, call for available dates and times - \$44.00 - \$92.45car: Tickets sell out quickly! Great Smokey Mountains Railroad 45 Mitchell Street, **Bryson City**, NC 28713 Climb aboard the train as it departs Bryson City for the North Pole to pick up Santa. You will be immersed in the Polar Express Story as you are served hot chocolate and sweet treats, while singing and dancing all the way to the pole. On the return trip Santa will visit each coach and hand out the first gift of Christmas to each child. &

**Bryson City Christmas Light Spectacular Train** Dates: Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. (Closing Christmas Eve at 8 pm, closed Christmas day and New Year's Day) & Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. -Wed – Sun 6 pm – 10 pm (closed Thanksgiving Day) - Great Smoky Mountains Event Park (Inspiration Park) 1130 Hyatt Creek Road **Bryson City**, NC 28713 -\$20.00 a car Phone: 1-800- The GSMR event park comes alive with a drive thru light show with custom-built LED displays of the 12 days of Christmas.

**Tweetsie Railroad Christmas Experience:** Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> plus Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (closed Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Eve) - 5 pm – 10 pm - \$65.00 adults, Children \$45.00, children under 3 free - tickets are limited - 1-800-526-5740 -Tweetsie Railroad 300 Tweetsie Railroad Lane **Blowing Rock**, NC 28605. Holiday activities the whole family will love, featuring a nighttime train ride on three-mile route lined with Christmas lights. Sing-along carols and festive family activities. A heart-warming toe tapping live Christmas Variety Show, kid-friendly amusement park rides, meetings with Santa in his gingerbread house (till Christmas), Enjoy hot chocolate and roasting s'mores over an open fire.

**Winter Lights at NC Arboretum, Asheville NC:** Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm -10 pm -per car \$45 - \$75 - NC Arboretum 20 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, **Asheville**, NC 28806 -(828) 665-2492 Asheville's Brightest Holiday Tradition! Winter Lights is a spectacular open-air walk-through light show made from over one million lights! Located at the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, North Carolina, this year's event features favorites like the famously tall 50-foot lighted tree and the quilt garden, along with enchanting new details designed to delight and surprise. Also, Troll sightings are anticipated at this year's Winter Lights, as six of Dambo's Trolls will be experiencing the show for themselves. Meet them in the gardens at Winter Lights.

**Asheville Yards Holiday Ice Rink and Winter Wonderland:** - Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> (see below for Inclusive Skate Nights) **Times:** 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm & 8:00 pm (Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time) - Asheville Yards 75 Coxe Avenue, **Asheville**, NC 28801 – inside Asheville Yards – downtown Asheville- \$15.00 weeknights, \$20.00 weekends/holidays (for a 75 minute session - skates included) should purchase tickets in advance – some nights are sold out- <https://ashevillyards.com/ice-rink/#> -Glide across our real, outdoor ice rink, surrounded by twinkling lights, festive music and holiday vibes. We have something for everyone to enjoy including hot chocolate, festive photo ops, a winter market and weekly theme nights. Don't miss your chance to create unforgettable memories this holiday season. free to all non-skaters (so you can just sit and watch the magic), all season long. Skate Assists are available on a first come, first serve basis.

- Special Events: Weekly local family skates (half price admission on Tuesday regular sessions), Old Time Christmas Concerts (Wed 6 pm -7:30 pm) holiday movie nights (Thurs 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm.) Enjoy it from the rink or from a skate-side chair),
- Inclusive Skate Nights – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm -6:30 pm  
Sensory-friendly evenings with reduced lighting, lower music volume, smaller crowds, and trained staff. Chairs and other Skating Assists will be available.

**Hidden Creek Family Farm Christmas Celebration:** Sunday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>- 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm - Hidden Creek Family Farm 327 Herman Road, **Taylorsville**, NC 28681. Join us for a fun, inclusive and sensory friendly Christmas Celebration. Enjoy free family photos, animal feeding and petting zoo, crafts, hot chocolate. Explore at your own pace. We've teamed up with the Learning Village, NC to offer this fun, inclusive, sensory-friendly holiday celebration created especially for our autistic community.

**Town of Leland: Sensory-Friendly Santa Visits:** Sat. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, - 12 pm – 3 pm - Leland Cultural Arts Center, 102Town Hall Drive, **Leland**, NC 28451 - 910-371-0148 -(pre-registration is required). Visit Santa in a calm, sensory-friendly environment designed for comfort and inclusion.