

Family Education & Support Services

KINSHIP

Thurston • Lewis • Mason Counties

December 2023



Kinship Holiday Giving Tree

Pick Up Dates:

**LEWIS**

Saturday,
December 16th

THURSTON

Monday,
December 18th

MASON

Tuesday,
December 19th

Detailed information will go out via email
for participants signed up.

The Brookdale Foundation Group

The Brookdale Foundation The Glendale Foundation Ramapo Trust
Supporting today's seniors and tomorrow's leaders in aging



In-Person Thurston Caregiver Connection

4th Monday of the Month**5 - 7pm****January 22nd**February 26thMarch 25thApril 22nd

FREE
CHILDCARE

Briggs YMCA
1530 Yelm Highway SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Night-Owls Kinship Group

Wednesday Evenings

6:30-8:00pm

Join Zoom
Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/446048833?pwd=aHhOSzhBZ21hV1p5L1JkTnltZGxZUT09>

Meeting ID: 446 048 833

Passcode: 00684

Contact: Trista@familyess.org for
signup information





2023

Holiday Assistance Guide

- **DSHS Toys for Tots**
 - Address: 6860 Capitol Blvd SE Tumwater, WA 98501
 - Phone Number: Thurston County (877) 501-2233
 - Website:
<https://olympia-wa.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=100&nPreviewInd=200&nRedirectInd=3>
- **Olympic Cards and Comics - Gabi's Kids**
 - Address: 4230 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503
 - Website: <https://www.laceyveteranshub.org>
 - Email: gabiskidssp@gmail.com
 - December 10, 2023, 10:00a to 6:00p;
 - If you or someone you know needs help for the holidays please email me. We need a parents phone number and name and the name and age of the kids. As of now we will be working with specific groups for the adopt-a-family portion of the portion of the charity.
- **City Gates Ministries**
 - Phone Number: 360-705-0291
 - Website: www.citygateministries.org
 - Please call or go to the website to request assistance.
- **Church of Living Water**
 - Address: 1615 Chambers ST SE Olympia, WA 98501
 - Phone Number: (360) 459-7721
 - Website: <https://www.livingwater.com/>
 - Please call or go to the website to request assistance.
- **Hidden Creek Church**
 - Address: 1807 9th Ave sw Olympia Wa 98502
 - Phone Number: (360)357-3739
 - Website: <http://www.hiddencreek.org/site/Welcome.html>
 - Holiday Food assistance sign up every Wednesday 10am-1pm
 - Some form of Identification is required
- **School District (Thurston, Olympia, Yelm)**
 - Website: <http://www.k12.wa.us/homelessEd/contactlist.aspx>
 - Please contact the McKinney-Vento homeless liaison for more information on support for the holidays.
- **Thurston County Food Bank**
 - 220 Thurston Ave NE
 - Phone Number: (360)352-8597
 - Website: satellite@thurstoncountyfoodbank.org
 - Food assistance sign up every Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30am-3pm
 - Some form of Identification is required



Christmas Tree Lighting Festival



Tumwater's Christmas Tree Lighting Festival
1:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Saturday, December 2

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release: November 8, 2023

Contact: Marisa Worden, Recreation Marketing Specialist
Phone: (360) 252-5499 ext. 3212 | Email: mworden@ci.tumwater.wa.us

SKIP THE DRIVE TO THE NORTH POLE – SEE SANTA IN TUMWATER! 20TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING:

Tumwater, WA – Looking for free holiday fun for the whole family and a chance to see Santa without that harrowing drive to the North Pole? Join Tumwater Parks & Recreation for the 20th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival on Saturday, December 2, from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Tumwater City Hall and Tumwater Headquarters Fire Station. Free event presented by the City of Tumwater in partnership with the Tumwater Downtown Association.

Enjoy school choir performances, create a wooden ornament for your holiday tree, sip on hot cocoa from Olympia Federal Savings, enjoy yummy biscuits courtesy of the Biscuit House, take pictures with Santa, and watch the ceremonial tree lighting.

A few event highlights:

- Santa Claus will be in the City Hall Council Chambers to take pictures and share some holiday cheer!
- Kiddos will enjoy the wood disk ornament activity (courtesy of Tumwater Arts).
- Bring donations of non-perishable food or cash donations for the Thurston County Food Bank and help spread some holiday cheer to the community!
- Food and beverages from Radio Fryer, Sweetlee's Ice Cream, and Ember Goods Coffee will be available for purchase.

Event Schedule and Choir Line-up:

1:00 p.m. Black Hills High School Choir Directed by Kathleen Alviar
2:00 p.m. Tumwater High School Notables Directed by Rachel Landowski
3:00 p.m. Tumwater Hill Marimba Directed by Heather Stoker
4:00 p.m. Black Lake Elementary Directed by Suzanne Grimm
5:00 p.m. Peter G. Schmidt Elementary 5th Graders Directed by Marie Williams
5:30 p.m. Tree Lighting!

Tumwater Parks & Recreation | (360) 754-4160 | tumwaterparks@ci.tumwater.wa.us

Lacey Lighted Parade Lighting of Huntamer Park & Christmas Trees

Monday, December 4 – 6:30 p.m.



Huntamer Park Holiday Lights!
Photo courtesy of Arun Rohila Photography.

Lacey Lighted Parade
presented by:



Your Year of Creativity

- ✓ Design a new gadget
- ✓ Explore cool places with new friends
- ✓ Try something you've never done before



Be a Girl Scout

Late Fall Craft Party

Wednesday 12/6/2023

5:00-6:00pm

Lacey Timberland Library
Meeting Room

Free family friendly craft night with fun activities that boosts essential Girl Scout skills like courage, teamwork, and leadership. Drop-ins welcome.

Get help join a Lacey Troop or learn how to start NEW Troop in your neighborhood or at your school!

RSVP today!

girl scouts
of western washington

You're Invited!

child led holiday photo event

COOKIES & Cocoa

DEC 2nd | 12 PM - 2 PM | Free

Children are invited to take holiday photos with the Dogs of Monarch. Special guest, Santa Claus

Register
CACLMT.org

Tumwater School District is not a sponsor of this event and assumes no responsibility for it.



LoveOly Winterfest kicks-off of a month of holiday fun —Downtown for the Holidays!

- Back by popular demand: LoveOly Holiday Edition, Shop & Dine Promotion, November 24 - December 24! On November 24, download the passport at downtownolympia.org or pick one up at any participating shop or restaurant. Start shopping and dining! Every time you make a \$10 or more purchase, you'll receive a sticker on your passport. Get five stickers and turn in your passport for a branded LoveOly gift. This season, gifts will include LoveOly coolers, collapsible lanterns, and other choices!
- Enjoy holiday lighting and decorations throughout Downtown, including over a mile of garland-decorating storefronts!
- Enjoy snow falling outside The Washington Center for the Performing Arts.
- We're setting out Nutcracker-themed selfie Scenes for Holiday Cards with your family and friends, including Land of Sweets, a Gingerbread House, and Winter Wonderland.
- Enjoy 12 days of Complimentary Parking Downtown from December 12 - 24, 2023, courtesy of the City of Olympia.



Proudly Sponsored by



MESSIAH SING-ALONG

DECEMBER 18 @ 7:00 PM | FREE

Come to sing or come to listen to the 23rd annual Community Messiah Sing-Along

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 7PM
Washington Center for the Performing Arts.
FREE and open to the public
Donations are gladly accepted

Sponsored by [TwinStar Credit Union](#), [RL Ray Violin](#), and [PCS Structural Solutions](#).

Let the glory of Handel's Messiah transport you from the cares of this world. Handel famously secluded himself for 23 days to create this inspirational work. Become part of a tradition stretching back hundreds of years as audiences of all ages come to listen or come to sing.



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 AT 5 PM - 7 PM

Santa & Starly the Elf at Oly Lightstravaganza

Oly Lightstravaganza



Workshops / Santa Moving Truck



December 16, 2023 10:00 AM

Holiday Delivery Truck

Calling all little elves! Join us for this jolly Holiday Delivery Truck build that's also a gift card holder! Kids will love hand-crafting this unique toy that also makes a memorable gift.

Date & Time

📅 Sat Dec 16 2023 at 10:00 am to 01:00 pm

Location

📍 4230 Martin Way East, Olympia, WA 98516, United States

Choose Your Slot

Bring your mini-DIYer into Lowe's at one of the select time slots. Workshops hosted by one our Red Vest experts are held from 10:00am - 1:00pm, in-store only. We look forward to building with you and your little ones! Don't forget - if you are unable to attend during your selected timeslot, your kit may be given away to Walk-Ins starting at 1:00pm, the day of the workshop.

www.lowes.com/events/register/holiday-delivery-truck



Olympia Farmers Market Holiday Market

The change of season at The Olympia Farmers Market means beautiful fall/winter produce and wonderful handcrafted items from some of your favorite local artisans.

Seasonal items such as wreaths and trees are beginning to come in, and the baked goods, cheeses, honey, jams, and meats are the perfect additions to your holiday meals! This year we have added several events to our December calendar to make things even more festive! Join us for all-inclusive holiday fun:

Santa Claus will join us at the Market on December 8 & 9, 15 & 16, and 22 & 23 from noon- 2 p.m. Santa will be walking around the Market with Mrs. Claus for pictures and giving out candy canes and spreading holiday cheer!

Holiday Hours at The Olympia Farmers Market hours began Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4. November through December the Market is open every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. But to help you prepare for the holidays, we will also be open December 22, 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

You'll find fresh produce, inspired art and jewelry, handcrafted cheese and something for everyone on your holiday list!

The Market will be closed December 29 & 30 and will reopen Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 10:00 am. January, February, and March the Market will be open every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Support Local Small Businesses, Food, Shopping, and Fun!



Indoor and Outdoor Event
Free Admission
Free Parking

Artisan MARKET

A Holiday Celebration at the Thurston County Fairgrounds

December 9 & 10, 2023

Saturday 11:00AM - 6:00PM

Sunday 11:00AM - 5:00PM

3054 Carpenter Road Lacey, WA

SouthSoundArtisanGuild.com



2023 campaign

Registration for toys will be done online for the Thurston County residents starting 27 November 2023 and finish 15 December 2023. In person registration can be done at DSHS starting 27 November 2023 and finish 15 December 2023.



KEEPING SPIRITS BRIGHT IN ChristmasTown USA

MASONCHAMBER.COM/CHRISTMASTOWN

5TH ANNUAL CHRISTMASTOWN GINGERBREAD CHALLENGE

Friday, December 1, 2023, 9:00 AM –
Friday, December 22, 2023, 10:00 AM

HOLIDAY MAGIC CHRISTMASTOWN PARADE

Saturday, December 2, 2023
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

200 West Railroad Avenue, Shelton, WA,
98584, United States (map)

FREE HOLIDAY MOVIE™ POLAR EXPRESS

Friday, December 2, 2022
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Shelton Cinemas
517 West Franklin Street, Shelton, WA,
98584, United States (map)

HOLIDAY MAGIC TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 1, 2023
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

215 West Railroad Avenue, Shelton, WA, 98584, United
States (map)

CHRISTMASTOWN MARKET

Friday, December 2, 2022, 2:00 PM –
Sunday, December 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

525 West Cota Street, Shelton, WA,
98584, United States (map)

ILLUMINATED CHRISTMAS TREE MAZE

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 4:00 PM
–
Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:55 PM

325 West Cota Street, Shelton, WA,
98584, United States (map)



WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY.

We are excited to celebrate the 2023 holiday season and welcome supporters to help make it possible! Check out ways you can support this county-wide holiday event!

www.christmastownwa.org

2023 Christmastown | PO Box 622 Shelton, WA 98584 | email | (360) 427-5599

<https://shelton-wa.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=0&nPreviewInd=0&nB edirectInd=3>

Mason County Mason County Toys For Tots 2023

Toys for Tots Coordinator
Heather Kennedy

Registration Dates: 11/09/23-12/01/23
Registration is online only this year. Please click on "Apply for Toys"

For technical difficulties, please call 360-918-4643

Toy Distribution Site: TBA

Toy Distribution Dates: December 16th and 17th Shelton Area
Location
December 15th Belfair Area Location

BELFAIR CHRISTMAS PARADE

Coming to Town
December 3rd 2023

WHOYVILLE THEMED





Aloha CHRISTMAS

73rd Annual Santa Parade

Sponsored by
Great NorthWest

Saturday Dec. 2nd 11:00 AM Downtown Chehalis

Country Chicks Chickmas

55 Vendors w/ Vintage, Handmade & Unique Gifts

Fri. Dec. 1st 10-6pm 10-12pm \$5. after \$3.

Sat. Dec. 2nd 10-4pm \$3. all day

Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

1909 S Gold St. Centralia Wa Exit 79
in the Blue Pavillion

email countrychickslc@gmail.com

JUNKIN' Adventures

2023 ♦ THE 14th ANNUAL ♦ 2023

LIGHTED TRACTOR PARADE

Sat., Dec. 9th, 2023

IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON

Tinsel Tractors & Treats: Client Appreciation Event

Join us for a festive and fun-filled client appreciation event, Tinsel Tractors & Treats! Get ready for a jolly good time at the Centralia Square Grand Ballroom. We want to show our gratitude to our amazing clients, and what better way than with a merry celebration?

Drop-in Anytime!

Feel free to swing by anytime between 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM. We're here to celebrate on your time!

Centralia Lighted Tractor Parade:

The highlight of the evening starts at 6:00 PM. Enjoy this captivating display from the comfort of our venue. Please note, terrace access is first-come, first-served. Alternatively, the parade can be enjoyed at street level for an up-close experience.

Children's Activities:

We haven't forgotten about the little ones! Fun activities will be available to keep them entertained and joyful.

Holiday Treats:

Indulge in festive treats and delightful beverages to keep your spirits high.

Parking Reminder:

Parking is limited, so do arrive early to snag a good spot and fully enjoy the festivities.

CENTRALIA BALLET ACADEMY PRESENTS



THE NUTCRACKER

The full-length classic ballet performed live!
December 2nd, 3rd & 7th December 3rd 1PM & 2PM
Centralia College's Corbett Theater
Tickets: \$20 for kids/students/seniors & \$25 for adults
For Tickets: centraliaballet.com or Call/Text 360-623-0000



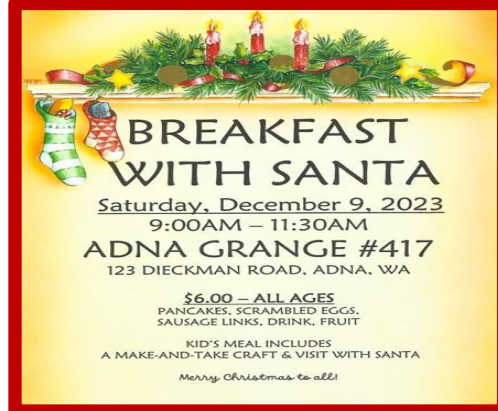
Pictures and hot Cocoa with Santa

Free photo's, Hot cocoa and treats with Santa

SATURDAY DEC 2ND 10AM-2PM

Photos by Kireidler photography

Inside Benny's florist
748 s market blvd
Chehalis, Wa 98532



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9, 2023
9:00AM - 11:30AM

ADNA GRANGE #417
123 DIECKMAN ROAD, ADNA, WA

\$6.00 - ALL AGES
PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS,
SAUSAGE LINKS, DRINK, FRUIT

KID'S MEAL INCLUDES
A MAKE-AND-TAKE CRAFT & VISIT WITH SANTA

Merry Christmas to all!



Your Year of Wonder

Discover new worlds.
Tap into a hidden talent.
Make new friends.

Be a Girl Scout

RSVP with the QR or check out other Discover Girl Scout opportunities in your area.

Winter Craft Night
Girl Scouts of Western Washington invites you to a family friendly event with a free craft & drink not included. Get help registering and finding or forming a Troop.

Join us at Fiddlers Coffee in Centralia on Tuesday, December 12th any time between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Find your year of wonder with Girl Scouts!

For more information, please contact Kody Harris at kodyharris@westernscouts.org or 360-843-9655.

Onalaska Assembly of God Christmas Close to Home Craft Bazaar

133 Leonard Road, Onalaska

The Onalaska Assembly of God invites community members to celebrate the holidays in Onalaska this year with their **Christmas Close to Home Craft Bazaar**. On December 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy this free event featuring arts and crafts, wreaths, baked goods, raffles and more.

Olequa-Winlock Senior Center Christmas Bazaar

349 SW Kerron Avenue, Winlock

Shop a wonderful collection of gifts and holiday trinkets on December 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the **Olequa-Winlock Senior Center Christmas Bazaar**. Santa himself might visit as well!

From whimsical ornaments and heartwarming trinkets to delectable treats and festive attire, these holiday markets and bazaars in Centralia, Chehalis and all around Lewis County offer a delightful assortment of finds sure to spark joy. Are

Christmas in Toledo Bazaar

Toledo Middle School
175 N 5th Street, Toledo

On December 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., attend **Toledo's Annual Christmas Bazaar** at Toledo Middle School and shop for the holidays. With plenty of vendors to choose from, including Scentsy, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Thirty-One Bags, Lone Tree Coffee Company, Mr. and Mrs. Wonderful, Cotton Candy and Kettle Corn, Tacos and Tortas and more homemade items, you'll find something for everyone on your list. Bring your friends and enjoy a tasty coffee and yummy food as well.