


Metuchen's
Hometown Holidays
2016

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/25 FRI

A Wellspring of Hope & Faith – noon-2pm
Community Clay Fountain making. St. Luke's
Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. Free.

“Burn the Bird” Zumbathon – 2pm
At Reformed Church of Metuchen, 150 Lake
Ave. Fee: \$20.

11/26 SAT

Small Business Saturday – All day
Special events and deals downtown.
Chamber Gift Certificates for sale at
Marafiki, 463 Main St – noon-4pm. Cupcake
party at 2 Chicks for Chocolate, 19 New St –
10am-1pm. After Hours Party at Marafiki –
5pm.

Paradise Glass Studio Sale – noon-3pm
Stained glass artist studio sale, 19 Wilmer Pl.

11/27 SUN

Winter Festival Parade – 2pm. Parade runs
along Main Street from Brunswick Avenue
to New Street, ending at Senior Center for a
visit with Santa. Stop by Cai's Cafe hot cocoa
station! Organized by Metuchen Chamber.

12/1, 2, & 3 THU

“Avenue Q” – 7pm
The MHS Footlighters Fall Play is a coming of
age musical, satirizing the issues of entering
in to adulthood. Metuchen High School, 400
Grove Ave. \$10 in advance, \$12 at door.

12/2 FRI

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting – 6pm
Refreshments and photos with Santa. Starts
at 6pm with lighting at 7pm. Canned goods,
new childrens slippers, and pet food
donations are accepted. Old Franklin
Schoolhouse, 491 Middlesex Ave. Free.

12/3 SAT

Breakfast with Frosty – 9am-11:30pm
Little Genius Academy, 344 Amboy Ave. Fee.

“Jule Marked”– 10am-3pm
Danish Home Holiday Sale, 855 New Durham
Road, Edison. Free.

St. Luke's Christmas Fair – 10am-4pm
Handmade goods, gourmet & artisanal foods,
baked goods, homemade soups, treasures
and trinkets, basket raffles, vendors. 17 Oak
Ave.

Eat, Drink, & Buy Art – 6pm-10pm
A pop-up shop at 16 Pearl St featuring 20 fine
local artists and artisans. From fine art to
contemporary accessories for the home,
handcrafted pottery and more. Free.

Parents Night Out– 6pm-10pm
Clicks & Bricks, 20 Hillside Ave. Register, fee.

Parents Night Out – 6:30pm-9:30pm
Black Belt Institute, 23 New St. Register, fee.

“Avenue Q” – 7pm
See 12/1.

12/4 SUN

Jingle Bell 5K Run – 8am
Annual 5k walk/run to help find a cure for
arthritis. 8am registration, 8:30am start from
Metuchen High School, Santa Chase at
10:30am. arthritis.org

Holiday House Tour – noon to 5pm
The BIL's annual signature holiday event.
Tour beautifully decorated homes, enjoy
complimentary seasonal refreshments, and
visit the Artisans Bazaar & Raffle at the Old
Franklin Schoolhouse, 491 Middlesex Ave. \$20
in advance; \$25 at the door.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/7 THU

Flynn & Son Memorial Tree Lighting – 7pm.
319 Amboy Ave, Free.

12/10 SAT

Metuchen High School Snow Ball – 7:30pm.
Metuchen HS, 400 Grove Ave.

A Broadway Christmas – 8pm
Get your tickets to A Broadway Christmas!
Featuring a professional cast of New York
actors. This singing and dancing revue is
packed with all of all your favorite Christmas
songs! Tickets start at \$10.

12/11 SUN

A Broadway Christmas – 8pm
See 12/10.

Community Dinner – 5pm
At the First Presbyterian Church, Social Room,
270 Woodbridge. All welcome, free.

12/15 THU

The Forbidden Planet/Raconteur – 8pm
Raconteur Radio production at the Old
Franklin Schoolhouse, 491 Middlesex Ave. \$.

Winter Holiday Concert – 7pm
Metuchen High School, 400 Grove Ave.

12/17 SAT

Cookie Walk – 8am to 2pm
A selection of mouth-watering homemade
cookies. Small box is \$10 and large box is \$20.
Proceeds benefit Fuccile Foundation, a non-
profit organization supporting local families
affected by tragedy. First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen, 270 Woodbridge Ave.

Goods & Services Auction – 7:30pm
Great opportunity to get a special gift, gift
card, and more to complete your holiday
shopping. At Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave, \$15
at door.

Philadelphia Ensemble Concert – 4-5pm
Handbell concert at First Presbyterian
Church, 270 Woodbridge Ave.

12/18 SUN

Julfest – 2pm to 5pm
Danish crafts, music, coffee, and
Weinerbrød (pastries) and a visit from
Santa. 855 New Durham Road, Edison. Free

Santa Visit at Lollipop Land – noon-3pm
At 19 New St. Free.

Live Nativity– 4pm to 6:30pm
At First Presbyterian, 270 Woodbridge.

12/19 MON

“A Christmas Story”
Movie and dinner at Civile Cucina, 154 Main.
– SOLD OUT.

12/25 SUN

The Magic of Chanukah – 9:30am
Magic show with Madeleine the Magician.
Breakfast at 9:30 am. Performance at 10:15.
At Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave. Fee: \$5 per
individual, \$10 per family.

12/26 MON

Kids Movies at the Forum Theater –
Monday, Dec. 26, to Friday, Dec. 30. 314
Main St. Details at forumarts.net.

12/30 SAT

Metuchen Open Mic Night – 7pm
Monthly music event at Old Franklin
Schoolhouse, 491 Middlesex Ave. Free.

12/31 SUN

Twilight Zone New Years – 7pm
Raconteur Radio and the BIL co-host a party
and radio play marathon. Old Franklin
Schoolhouse, 491 Middlesex Ave.

SHOP LOCAL

Shop, dine, and enjoy time with friends & family in Metuchen! Spending our dollars locally will keep our community and historic downtown vibrant and exciting! Many businesses have special promotions planned for Small Business Saturday on November 26 (**SB**). Over 50 are in the Holiday Passport (**P**) produced by the Metuchen Downtown Alliance and available in local stores.

Retail

- _____ 2 Chicks with Chocolate, 19 New St **SB P**
- _____ A&J Jewelers, 412 Main St **P**
- _____ American Coin and Collectibles, 9 Pennsylvania Ave
- _____ Book Store, 467 Main St
- _____ Boyt Drug Store, 411 Main St **P**
- _____ Carpet Maven II, 450 Main St **SB P**
- _____ Cartridge World, 469 Main St **P**
- _____ Deli Delight, 8-10 New St **P**
- _____ Gardenia's Floral, 297 Amboy Ave
- _____ Hay & Compaany, 334 Main St
- _____ Lollipop Land, 19 New St **SB P**
- _____ Marafiki Fair Trade, 463 Main St **SB P**
- _____ Metuchen Liquor & Wine, 431 Main St **P**
- _____ Metuchen News, 445 Main St **P** ®
- _____ Optique Unique, 406 Main St **P**
- _____ Pyramid Vitamins, 449 Main St **P**
- _____ Runner's High, 454 Main St **SB P**
- _____ See-More TV & Appliance, 551 Middlesex Ave **P**
- _____ Schwartz Design Showroom, 287 Amboy Ave
- _____ Smoker's Haven, 470 Main St **SB P**
- _____ The Brass lantern, 418 Main St **SB P**
- _____ The Jewel Shop, 436 Main St **P**
- _____ Thrifty Thrifter Consignment, 474 Main St **P**
- _____ What's New Men's Consignment, 406 Main St **SB P**
- _____ Wine Chateau, 85 Central Ave

SHOP LOCAL

Dining

- _____ Angie's Café & Bakery, 275 Amboy Ave P
- _____ Antonio's Brick Oven Pizza, 453 Main St P
- _____ Bagel Pantry, 545 Middlesex Ave P
- _____ Bagels 4 U, 403 Main St
- _____ Breezes Café & Grill, 567 Middlesex Ave P
- _____ Brewed Awakening, 417 Main St P
- _____ Buon Appetito, 399 Main St P
- _____ Buttery Bake Shoppe, 397 Main St SB P
- _____ Café Paris, 439 Main St P
- _____ Cai's Café, 420 Main St SB P
- _____ ChangSha House, 435 Main St
- _____ China House, 327 Lake Ave
- _____ Fresco Italian Deli, 456 Main St SB
- _____ Friendly's, 550 Middlesex Ave
- _____ Fusha Asian Restaurant, 452 Main St
- _____ Hailey's Harp & Pub, 400 Main St P
- _____ La Rosa Pizza & Restaurant, 335 Lake Ave P
- _____ Lola Latin Bistro, 87 Central Ave
- _____ Mangia Toscano, 422 Main St P
- _____ Mariachi Mexican Restaurant, 413 Main St P
- _____ Metuchen Diner, 338 Lake Ave
- _____ Novita Bistro & Lounge, 25 New St SB
- _____ Orchid Glatt Kosher Restaurant, 455 Main St
- _____ Phattra Thai, 426 Main St P
- _____ Salsa Latina, 7 New St P
- _____ Sushi Suzuki, 15 New St P
- _____ Thai Garden, 10 Pearl St
- _____ The Greek on Main, 419 Main St P
- _____ Torino 2 Restaurant, 12 New St
- _____ What's the Scoop, 410 Main St SB P



SHOP LOCAL

Services (with specials)

- _____ 9 Round Fitness, 457 Main St P
- _____ Bill's Ineffable Automotive Rehabilitation, 12 Pearl St P
- _____ Black Belt Institute, 23 New St P
- ★ _____ Bounce Back Fitness, 457 Main St P
- _____ Clicks & Bricks Learning Center, 20 Hillside Ave P
- _____ DNA Personally Yours P
- _____ Farmer's Insurance, 54 Pearl St SB P
- _____ George's Dry Cleaning, 424 Main St P
- _____ Isolation Fitness, 329 Main St SB
- _____ Lure Lash, 430 Main St P
- _____ Metuchen BP Servicecenter, 342 Lake Ave P
- _____ Metuchen Taxi, 5 Pennsylvania Ave P
- _____ Metuchen Travel, 428 Main St P
- _____ New Jersey Dance Academy, 476 Main St P
- _____ New Pearl Cleaners, 24 New St P SB
- _____ Sage Point Financial, 61 Pearl St P
- _____ Silvia's Tailoring, 415 Main St P
- _____ The UPS Store, 402 Main St P

Hashtag Contest

When you are shopping downtown, share your photos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the hashtags **#shopsmall** and **#shopmentuchen**. Those with the best photos will win "Metuchen Money" to spend downtown.



TOP SHOPPER CONTEST

As you visit area businesses keep track of what you spend and write it besides the name of businesses. Then drop off this form at Marafiki Fair Trade, 463 Main St, before December 31, 2016. Winners will be selected for the most stores visited and the highest amount spent. Make sure to give us a way to notify you in case you win!

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF?

Name: _____

Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you want to get updates about downtown? Yes or No

Please give me more information, including how to volunteer with:

Borough Improvement League Yes or No

Metuchen Chamber of Commerce Yes or No

Metuchen Downtown Alliance Yes or No



FREE PARKING

The Pearl Street Parking Garage is offering **3 HOURS of FREE PARKING** through January 2, 2017. For any stay under 3 hours when you insert your ticket at the gate there will be no charge. After 3 hours the regular fee will be applied.

GALLERIES OF METUCHEN

- ❖ **Nails In The Wall Gallery**, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave
- ❖ **Pearl Street Art Gallery**, 16 Pearl Street
- ❖ **The Library Gallery**, Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave
- ❖ **Rotunda Gallery at Borough Hall**, Metuchen Borough Hall, 500 Main St
- ❖ **Transformations**, Old Franklin Schoolhouse, 491 Middlesex Ave

GIVE BACK

- ❖ **Food Drive** at First Presbyterian Church Metuchen Library, Metuchen YMCA, Old Franklin Schoolhouse, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, from Nov. 28 to Dec. 19. All donations will be delivered to the Food Bank at the First Presbyterian Church.
- ❖ **"Pet Food Drive"** from Dec. 3 to 11, with drops at Marafiki Fair Trade, the Old Franklin Schoolhouse, Edgar Middle School, and the Metuchen HS.
- ❖ **"Toys for Tots"** drop off at Hailey's Harp & Pub and World of Beards.
- ❖ **Warm Wiggly Toes"**- collecting new slippers for pediatric wards, drop off at 27 Bounty Street, by Dec. 17.
- ❖ **Be The Change** activities (see Facebook group).

THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

- ❖ **Model Train Display** at the Barron Arts Center, Woodbridge, 11-4pm weekdays, 2-4pm weekends through December 30. Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day. Free Admission. 732-634-0413.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

- ❖ **Metuchen Calendar**, MetuchenCalendar.org
 - ❖ **Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce**, metuchenchamberexchange.com
 - ❖ **Metuchen Downtown Alliance**, downtownmetuchen.org
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