Throughout the Season

Holiday Market

McHenry Riverwalk Shoppes 11-4pm

In addition to our 10 Riverwalk Shoppes, there will be 10-12 pop up vendors, food trucks, and entertainment with a different theme each week.

November 14: Gingerbread Wonderland
November 21: Welcome to Whoville
November 28: Mistletoe Mystery
December 5: Elf on the Shelf

Letters to Santa

Neumann Park on Green Street

November 20 - December 11

Drop your letters to Santa in our magical mailbox that brings them to the North Pole. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope and Santa will write you back!

Sponsored by Northwest Herald

Mission: Elf Project

Download guide online or Booklets available in print November 14 - December 18.

The Mission: Elf Project is a community invitation to spread kindness, joy, and connection across the McHenry area. Choose a mission (or many!), complete it, and help make our community a little brighter this holiday season!

Sponsored by McHenry Bank and Trust, No Limit Construction and Renovations, Northwestern Medicine, State Farm - Mary Trejo, and Wild Hunny Boutique



Festival of Trees

McHenry Recreation Center (3636 Municipal Drive)

November 20 - December 27

Come see the trees specially decorated by local businesses and vote on a winner by dropping off a non-perishable food item or toiletries under your favorite! (All items will be donated to Veterans Path to Hope.)

Sponsored by McHenry Area Chamber businesses

Questions? Contact the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-385-4300 or visit mchenrychamber.com

Downtown McHenry Holiday Walk

Community Cheer ❄ Shopping

Tree Lighting ❄ Sleigh Rides

Pub Crawl ❄ Cocoa Crawl

Entertainment ❄ Food Drive

Parade ❄ Kids' Activities

Live Mannequin Window Displays



Friday, November 20



Living Windows and Cocoa Crawl

Downtown McHenry Businesses 4:30-7:30pm

McHenry's downtown stores come to life with magical scenes of the season! Enjoy the live mannequins, lights, carolers and decorations. The living windows are paired up with a Cocoa Crawl, where you can enjoy a variety of festive drinks and treats on the trail.

There is no cost to view the living windows, but the drinks and treats are only for the purchased mugs. Cost for a mug is $10 (while supplies last).

Trolley provided by Pink Roofing and the City of McHenry.

Sponsored by DT Midstream Foundation and AteaCo Coffee and Tea

Store Sales and Activities

Throughout Town

Check out promotions and unique finds in our stores throughout the season!

Saturday, November 21

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

Veteran's Park 12-4pm **FREE**

Sponsored by Buss Ford Lincoln

Kids' Crafts and Games

Veteran's Park Pavilion 12-4pm **FREE**

Sponsored by McHenry Area Chamber businesses

Pictures with Santa

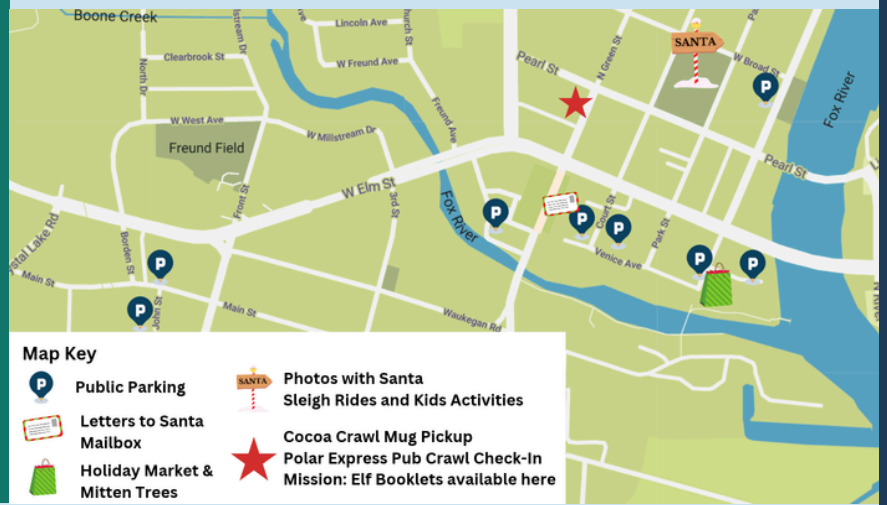
Veteran's Park Gazebo 1-4pm **FREE**

Sponsored by Home Depot

Caroling and Tree Lighting

Veteran's Park Gazebo 4:45-5:15pm

Caroling by MCHS Vocal Warriors
Decorations and lights at Veteran's Park and around town courtesy of McHenry Parks and Recreation Department





Polar Express Pub Crawl

Check In at McHenry Area Chamber
6:00-10:30pm

Buy a ticket for only $20 for drink specials, a chance to win one of our door prizes, a souvenir photo and in true Polar Express theme - come dressed in your pajamas!

Sponsored by Aeon Legacy Group

Sunday, November 22

Toys for Tots Parade

Route: Kane Street to Green Street to Pearl Street to Riverside Drive to Broad Street

Enjoy the holiday themed floats and motorcycles as we kick off the Toys for Tots giving season. Participants are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy that will be collected at the park and along the route.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE PARADE.