

the Concord Grapevine

December 2022

FREE HOLIDAY EVENTS!

For those looking for budget-friendly holiday happenings, we have you covered. Everything on this list is FREE to attend and happens on multiple nights!

Walt Disney World Resort Gingerbread Displays

When: November 11th ~ January 1st

Where: Walt Disney World Resort

Participating resorts include: Animal Kingdom Lodge, Beach Club Resort, Boardwalk Inn, Contemporary Resort, Polynesian Resort, and Grand Floridian Resort. Don't worry about parking because you can take a FREE bus from Disney Springs to any resort!

Disney Springs Christmas Tree Stroll

When: November 11th ~ January 1st

Where: 1486 Buena Vista Dr, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Once inside Disney Springs, head to the Welcome Center, House of Blues, 12 Days of Christmas store, or The Marketplace Co-Op and get your free map to find all the decorated trees.

Holidays at Cranes Roost Park, Altamonte Springs

When: November 24th ~ January 1st

Where: 274 Cranes Roost Blvd, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

This year the Plaza Fountain will feature special shows complete with dancing water and festive lights, all done to holiday tunes. Shows happen nightly at 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, and 9:00pm.

Snow Falling Nightly in Celebration at Celebration Town Center

When: November 26th ~ December 31st

Where: 610 Sycamore St, Celebration, FL 34747

There will be a nightly snowfall on the hour, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. In addition, Celebration has some of the best light displays in Central Florida, so feel free to walk the neighborhoods to check out the holiday décor.

A Merry Winter Garden Light Show at City Hall

When: December 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Where: 300 W Plant St, Winter Garden, FL

This year the Winter Garden City Hall has a festive light show planned on select nights from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. In addition to the light show, there will also be holiday decorations and an area for children to have fun.

Eola Wonderland Christmas Tree Show

When: December 2nd ~ January 6th

Where: Lake Eola Park, 512 E Washington St, Orlando 32801

Starting on December 2nd, the Lake Eola Wonderland Christmas Tree will come to life with synchronized light and music. Shows will happen at 5:45pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 8:45pm, and 9:45pm. The Christmas Tree is located by E. Washington Street and N. Rosalind Avenue.

Meet Santa at the Eola House

When: Select Dates December 3rd ~ December 23rd

Where: 512 Eola Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32801 (Lake Eola House)

December 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23. Fridays and Saturdays: 4:30pm - 9:00pm Sundays: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

December is... Cancer Awareness Month

1st	World AIDS Day
7th	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
10th	Human Rights Day
15th	Bill of Rights Day
21st	Winter Solstice
25th	Christmas Day
26th	Boxing Day Kwanzaa (Start)

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December Movie Releases



December 2nd ~ Violent Night

When a team of criminals breaks into a wealthy family's mansion on Christmas Eve, taking everyone inside hostage, the team isn't prepared for a surprise combatant: Santa Claus is on the grounds. And he's about to show why this Nick is no saint.



December 9th ~ The Whale

Story involves a 600-pound man who can't leave his apartment and is estranged from his teenage daughter, but wants to reconnect.



December 9th ~ I am DB Cooper

Two bounty hunters encounter an old man named Rodney Bonnifield while coordinating his bail after a violent encounter. Close to his sentencing, he reveals to the bondsmen that he is in fact the infamous DB Cooper—the man responsible for the 1971 plane hijacking in the Pacific Northwest—and the cash is still buried along the Columbia River. With Rodney's prison sentence looming, the group sets out on a treasure hunt to recover the money he buried near the river 50 years ago, and uncovering bizarre truths about Rodney Bonnifield and his connection to the only unsolved plane hijacking in U.S. history.



December 16th ~ Avatar: The Way of Water

The Way of Water begins to tell the story of the Sully family, the trouble that follows them, the lengths they go to keep each other safe, the battles they fight to stay alive, and the tragedies they endure.



December 21st ~ Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

Puss embarks on a journey into the Black Forest to find the mythical Wishing Star and restore his lost lives. But with only one life left, Puss will have to ask for help from his former partner and nemesis: Kitty Soft Paws. In their quest, Puss and Kitty will be aided—against their better judgement—by a cheerful mutt, Perro. Together, our will have to stay one step ahead of Goldilocks and the Three Bears Crime Family, "Big" Jack Horner and terrifying bounty hunter, The Big Bad Wolf.



December 23rd ~ Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery

You're invited to put the pieces together. In the follow-up to Rian Johnson's *Knives Out*, Detective Benoit Blanc travels to Greece to peel back the layers of a mystery involving a new cast of colorful suspects.

Culinary Creations

A lighter take on holiday dinner!

Citrus-Roasted Salmon

Ingredients:

- 3 clementines, divided
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 8 sprigs thyme, plus 1 tablespoon thyme leaves
- 1 (3-pound) skin-on salmon fillet
- 1 1/2 tbsp. pure honey
- 1 tbsp. fennel seeds, crushed
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425°F. Slice 1 clementine. Arrange sliced clementine, lemon, and thyme sprigs in center of a baking sheet. Top with salmon, skin side down. Grate zest from 1 clementine into a measuring cup, then squeeze in juice from both remaining clementines (you should get about 1/4 cup). Add honey and whisk until dissolved. Brush salmon with half of clementine mixture, then sprinkle with fennel and thyme leaves. Season with salt and pepper. Roast 10 minutes. Brush salmon with remaining juice mixture. Roast until barely opaque throughout, 12 to 15 minutes.



Cider-Glazed Carrots with Walnuts

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 pounds medium carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch diagonal pieces (about 9 cups)
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 cup toasted walnut pieces
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

Place carrots in a large saucepan with water to cover, and bring to a boil over high. Reduce heat to low, and simmer until tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Drain and set aside. Combine brown sugar, apple cider vinegar, butter, salt, dry mustard, and paprika in a large nonstick skillet over low; cook, stirring often, until butter melts. Increase heat to medium-high, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; add carrots. Cook, stirring constantly, until carrots are glazed and sauce is syrupy, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in walnuts; sprinkle with chopped parsley, and toss to combine. Serve immediately.



Cranberry Gin Fizz

For the Cocktail:

- 2 oz. gin
- 3/4 oz. cranberry syrup (see directions at right)
- 3/4 oz. fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 oz. elderflower liquor
- Ice
- Club soda
- Fresh cranberries, to garnish
- 2 sprig fresh thyme, to garnish

For the Cranberry Syrup:

- 1/2 c. cranberries
- 3/4 c. granulated sugar
- 3/4 c. water
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme

Directions:

Make the cranberry syrup: Simmer cranberries, granulated sugar, and water in a small saucepan over medium heat until sugar dissolves and cranberries break down, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in 4 sprigs fresh thyme. Cool to room temperature. Strain; discard solids. *Make the cocktail:* Combine gin, cranberry syrup, fresh lemon juice, elderflower liquor, and ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake until chilled; strain into 2 glasses. Top with ice and club soda. Garnish each drink with fresh cranberries and 1 sprig fresh thyme.



ENJOY A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

Holiday safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes. Here are some basic guidelines.

Decorate Safely

Decorating is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but emergency rooms see thousands of injuries involving holiday decorating every season. When decorating, follow these tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Keep potentially poisonous plants—mistletoe, holly berries and amaryllis—away from children.
- If using an artificial tree, check that it is labeled “fire resistant.”
- If using a live tree, cut off about 2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption, remember to water it and remove it from your home when it is dry.
- Place your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces and other heat sources, making certain not to block doorways.
- Avoid placing breakable ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower tree branches where small children can reach them.
- Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors, and choose the right ladder for the task when hanging lights.
- Replace light sets that have broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- Follow the package directions on the number of light sets that can be plugged into one socket.
- Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights and keep plugs off the ground away from puddles.
- Turn off all lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.



Watch Out for Fire-Starters

Candles and Fireplaces

Use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations in many homes during the holidays, means more risk for fire. The National Fire Protection Association reports that one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles and that two of every five decoration fires happen because the decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

- Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over and out of reach of children.
- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of reach for children in a locked cabinet.
- Use flameless, rather than lighted, candles near flammable objects.
- Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace.
- Use a screen on the fireplace at all times when a fire is burning.
- Never leave candles or fireplaces burning unattended or when you are asleep.
- Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year. ~ National Safety Council

Coloring Fun!



A Special Place Just for Kids!

