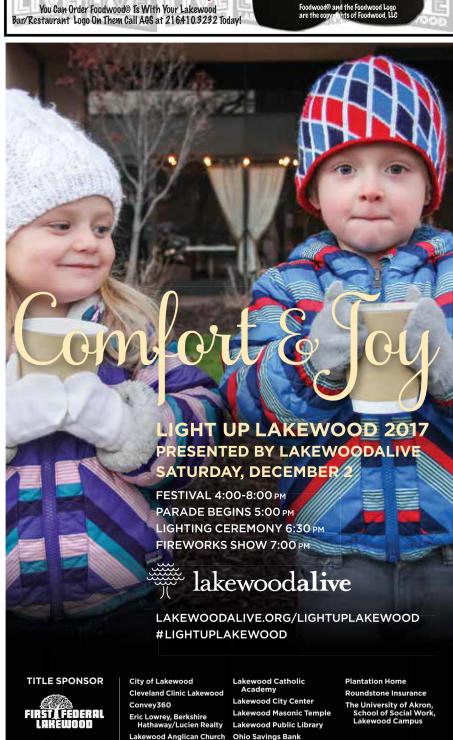
Light Up Lakewood: Saturday, December 2, 2017







The Top 10 Traditions Of Light Up Lakewood 2017

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Traditions abound during the holiday season and Light Up Lakewood is no exception. Both the popular community event itself, and many of the festivities comprising it, are woven into the framework of many Lakewoodites' holiday rituals.

Here's our list of the top 10 traditions associated with Light Up Lakewood 2017, which is presented by LakewoodAlive and sponsored by First Federal Lakewood. This festive community event takes place Saturday, December 2, in Lakewood's downtown district.

10. Vendor Village

Lakewood's historic Masonic Temple is the site of Vendor Village, which presents a prime opportunity for attendees to experience product offerings from area merchants while staying warm. It's a perfect change-of-pace from all the festivities taking place outside along Detroit Avenue.

9. Huskies

With beautiful gray-and-white coats and distinctive eyes, Siberian Huskies always represent a hit at Light Up Lakewood. These intelligent canines flourish in wintry weather and in some ways have become synonymous with Lakewood's annual holiday festival.

Pace Painting

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5 Pedi Cab Rides (2

1 Hot Chocolate (2) 4 Ice Carvings (4)

Bye Bye Birdle Cafe

8. Lakewood Public Library

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Lakewood's crown jewel of a downtown library plays an integral role in making Light Up Lakewood a favorite holiday event. Library visitors can enjoy a host of musical performances, as well as a visit from Santa Claus. It's the Light Up Lakewood epicenter for crafts and other children-centered activities.

7. King/Queen Ceremony

As a prelude to the day's main events, a King and Queen of Light Up Lakewood get crowned at 3 p.m. at Plantation Home, which has served as the longtime sponsor of this tradition. This prestigious honor for two high school juniors comes with a scholarship, as well as recognition during the Holiday Parade and Lighting Ceremony for their service to the community.

6. The Grinch/Buddy The Elf

You're a popular one, Mr. Grinch. He and Buddy The Elf are the ultimate crowd-pleasers at Light Up Lakewood. Both stroll along Detroit Avenue as admirers flock for greetings and photo opportunities. And as Buddy likes to say, "The best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear."

5. The Parade

Who doesn't love a parade? Lakewoodites come out in droves to observe all the pageantry as Light Up Lakewood's Holiday Parade makes its way down Detroit Avenue from Manor Park to Lakewood Public Library.

4. "Flipping the Switch" at the **Lighting Ceremony**

The Lighting Ceremony at City

Center Park provides a treat for all ages. When Santa Claus, Buddy The Elf and the "Why I Love Lakewood" essay contest winner flip the big red switch, the areas surrounding the Main Stage become illuminated with holiday lights.

3. Fireworks Show

There's something special about watching flashes of brilliant color splash across the December sky above the rooftops of Downtown Lakewood. The Fireworks Show represents a feast for the eyes and a fitting culmination to LakewoodAlive's signature community

2. Celebrating Lakewood's Vibrancy Lakewood is chock-full

community vibrancy, and perhaps no

single event better illustrates this than Light Up Lakewood. Thousands from across the region will attend, yet you'll repeatedly bump into people you know while you collectively enjoy a holidayinfused downtown setting.

1. Spending Time with Family and **Loved Ones**

At its core, the holiday season is all about spending quality time with the people you love. As a free, family-friendly community event, Light Up Lakewood affords families and friends a perfect opportunity to connect for a special holiday experience. We hope to see you and your family on December 2.

For more information regarding Light Up Lakewood 2017, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood.



Buddy the Elf has become one of the most iconic traditions of the LUL festivities.

A Beginner's Guide To Attending Light Up Lakewood 2017

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the Lakewood Masonic Temple, or take in a performance at Lakewood Baptist Church or Lakewood Public Library. For those who opt to stay outdoors, several free hot chocolate stands will be available. Social Media

LakewoodAlive will be posting to its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

accounts throughout the duration of Light Up Lakewood. Guests are encouraged to use hashtag #LightUpLakewood for their own social media. Don't be afraid to go live on Facebook during the Holiday Parade, Lighting Ceremony and Fireworks Show.

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Be sure to bring your appetite with

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you to Light Up Lakewood. The many terrific restaurants and eateries contained within the event footprint will be open for business throughout the festivities. Additionally, a collection of food trucks will be on-site along Detroit Avenue. Entertainment

There's truly something for everyone at Light Up Lakewood 2017.

Schedule of Events: 11 am – 1 pm – Lunch with Santa at

Dewey's Pizza 11 am - 4:30 pm - Ongoing

performances at Lakewood Baptist Church 12 – 2 pm – Santa visits Lakewood Baptist Church 3 pm – King and Queen Ceremony at

4 pm – Festival Kickoff with Vendor Village at the Lakewood Masonic Temple

(inside both floors) **5 pm** – Start of Parade at Manor Park and Detroit Avenue, headed westbound on

5:30 – 8 pm – Ongoing performances at Lakewood Public Library

5:30 - 8:30 pm - Santa visits Lakewood Public Library

6 – 6:30 and 7 – 8 pm – Performance by The Sellouts

6:30 pm – Lighting Ceremony at Main Stage at City Center Park (in front of Marc's Plaza)

7 pm – Fireworks Show Lakewood Baptist Church Performance

11:00-11:20 am - Lakewood Baptist Church Organist - Welcome and Opening 11:30-11:50 am - Lakewood Catholic

Academy Jazz Band

12:00-12:20 pm - *Harding Singers* 12:30-12:50 pm - Garfield Jazzy Jam Holiday Ensemble

2:00-2:20 pm - Garfield Music Crew 2:20-2:30 pm - Beth's Young Quartet from Choir Loft

School Jazz Band 2:50-3:00 pm - Beth's Young Quartet

2:30-2:50 pm - Harding Middle

from Choir Loft 3:00-3:20 pm - Horace Mann 3:30-3:50 pm - Lincoln Singers

4:00-4:20 pm - LHS Chamber Orchestra

Lakewood Public Library Performance Schedule: **9:00** am – **5:00** pm - *Friends Holiday*

Public Book Sale (Book Sale Room) 6:00 − 8:30 pm - Holiday Crafts &

Activities (Multipurpose Room) **4:30 pm** - St. Edward's Trash Talkers

(Front Sidewalk) 5:30-5:55 pm, 6:35-7:00 pm, 7:15-7:45 pm - Beck Center for the Arts Music

5:30 – 8:30 pm *- Santa Visits/Photos* (Bring Your Camera)

Makers (Children's Section-South)

6:00-6:30 pm - Stringin' Along Middle School Strings (Children's Section-

6:15-6:30 pm- Vive/Fourtes (New Books Room)

6:30-7:00 pm- Four Seasons (New Books Room)

6:30 - 8:00 pm - H2O's "Twigbee-Style" Shop (Homework Room)

7:00 – 8:00 pm *- Story Time – every*

7:15 – 7:45 pm - LHS Chamber Choir (Atrium)

Other Entertainment/Activities:

Cleveland Metroparks NatureTracks

Ice Carvings Live Huskies

Face Cut-Out Photos

Face Painting Green Screen Photo Booth

Ice Bowling

Kids Games

Life-Sized Games

Ohio Mobile Gaming Truck Pedi Cab Rides

Taking in the Parade

The Holiday Parade will step off from Manor Park at 5 p.m. and proceed west on Detroit Avenue, ending in front of Lakewood Public Library. It's recommended to find your paradeviewing spot early and to consider bringing a lawn chair if you think you'll be more comfortable sitting down. Many merchant window-fronts on Detroit Avenue also provide prime indoor vantage points.

Enjoying the Lighting Ceremony

Year in and year out, the Lighting Ceremony represents one of the highlights of Light Up Lakewood. The Main Stage serving as the site of the Lighting Ceremony will be at City Center Park in front of the Marc's Shopping continued to next page



Schedule of events throughout the day

11:00an 4:30m Ongoing

Baptist Church



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