

Holiday Special Events

MAYBROOK

Nov. 30 Tree Lighting Event at the Veterans' Memorial Park. It will begin at 6PM, Shop Rite will provide refreshments, DJ Dave Hurtado will provide music, Santa will be there as well as the Troop 236 Marching Band with music. The info is also on our website if you need additional information - www. villageofmaybrook.com

PINE BUSH

Chamber Calendar of Events: Dec. 6, Saturday, 4-6 pm, Pine Bush Chamber Community Country Christmas & Parade. Main St. Dec. 8, Monday, 5:30-7:30 pm, December Mixer & Christmas Party at Kiernan's Pub & Tavern Dec. 14, Sunday, 4:00-7:00 pm, Christmas Caroling with Kiernan's Pub & Tavern Dec. 18, Thursday, 7:30-9:00 am - December Breakfast at the American Legion

MONTGOMERY

Dec. 5 - 28 Holiday Lights in Bloom. Orange County Arboretum at Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Montgomery. The Arboretum will be in "full bloom" with garden themed light features in the forms of flowers, animals and insects, 9/11 Memorial Garden will be in patriotic splendor. The "Holiday Lights in Bloom" program is FREE and will be open to the public on Fri-Sat-Sun, Dec. 5-28 from 5-8pm. The Friends of the OC Arboretum will be on hand in the Ottaway Education Center to serve free hot cocoa and sell handmade crafts at their Holiday Boutique. 845-615-3828, www.orangecountynyparks.com Dec. 13, 20, 3-7 p.m. and Dec. 14, 21. 12-4 p.m. Christmas at Hill-Hold. Enjoy a warm and nostalgic candlelight tour. The parlor will host the holiday tree with the famous antique toys. Cooking over the hearth. Refreshments will be available.. 845-291-2404, www.hillholdandbrickhouse.org Dec. 15. Pine Bush Community Band Holiday Concert, 8 p.m. Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery

WALDEN

Dec. 4 - Christmas in the Square events: 5:00 - 1st Live Nativity - Freedom Road Bible Church

5:30 - "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" viewing on the big screen

6:00 - Fox Hill Choir - Christmas Caroling 6:15 - 2nd Live Nativity - Freedom Road Bible Church

6:45 - Walden Elementary School Community Choir - Christmas Caroling

7:00 - SANTA'S ARRIVAL and TREE LIGHTING! After all are welcome to St. Andrew's Hall for FREE pictures with Santa and refreshment's provided by the Walden Women's Club and the Walden CC Dec. 7, Annual Open House & Christmas Tea, Jacob T. Walden House

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HIGHLAND

Dec. 12, Light Up the Hamlet, 5:30 p.m. Downtown Highland

WALLKILL

Nov 23, Elsie's sponsors a Benefit for SNACKIN' KIDZ CLUB, an Outreach of the Wallkill Reformed Church. 4 to 8 pm, @ Elsie's Place 1475 Route 208. Wallkill, NY - at the corner of RT 208 & 300) Clam bake / Fish Fry Buffet. Nov 29, 2-4 pm Holiday Tea, Historical Society Of Shawangunk and Gardiner on Saturday at

Shawangunk town hall/community room, fee of \$15, contact Historical Society for reservations Nov. 30, 4PM - Town of Shawangunk Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town Hall, 14 Central Avenue, Wallkill Dec 6, 10 am - 3 pm The Wallkill Reformed Church hosts their Christmas Wonderland Fair Harvest Festival all ages. Booths featuring handmade craft items, baked goods, Christmas necessities, collectibles & gifts, jewelry, toys. Our Luncheon will be served from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. We will be serving turkey noodle soup and butternut squash soup with dinner rolls and/or crackers: cold turkey sandwiches with lettuce & tomato, pickles and potato chips, our delicious apple crisp with whipped cream for dessert and assorted hot and cold beverages. No tickets or reservations are necessary. For information

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or directions, call the church office at 845-895-2181. **Dec 7**, Wallkill Fire Dept. hosts a Pancake Breakfast at the Fire House 7 - 11:30 am.

Dec 12, Footprints Nursery School is having a DROP & SHOP fundraiser. From 6 - 9 pm Parents can leave their children (@1145 Route 208, Wallkill, NY) in a fun supervised environment while they do Holiday shopping. Call 895-1520 for more info and costs or e-mail foorprintsnurseryschool@yahoo.com. Dec. 13, Cookie Walk.9:30 - 12 noon. Reformed Church of Shawangunk, 1166 Hoagerburgh Road, Cty. Rt. 18. Wallkill

Dec. 17, at 7 PM, Wallkill School District Winter Concert in Wallkill Senior High School Auditorium Shine and Sparkle Wallkill-These December events are sponsored by Vision Of Wallkill (V.O.W.). Both a Town-Wide House & Business Holiday Decorating Contest. Are you the keeper of the lights? The guru of garland? The master of mistletoe? Enter your eye-catching display of holiday decorations in the town wide Holiday House Decorating Contest. Homes will be voted on by the public and the homes with the top 3 vote totals will win bragging rights to this year's best dressed holiday home. You are invited to nominate a home that is not your own, please know the street address to list on voting ballot, but the house entered must be within Town of Shawangunk limits. This free competition is open to all residences within the Town of Shawangunk. Businesses who complete the attached registration form will be voted on by committee. The goal is to foster a positive community spirit and light up the holiday season around Shawangunk.

Voting will be open from December 8th - December 23rd: Voting boxes are located in Shawangunk Town Hall, the Wallkill Public Library, Wallkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan and Key Bank. **The Wallkill Food Pantry** - Loaves & Fishes continues to look for donors, in order to help our Friends & Neighbors. Located behind the Wallkill Reformed Church, Open Thursday 6-7:30 pm, Friday 11:00 am - 1 pm.

NEWBURGH/NEW WINDSOR

Dec. 3, 7:00pm - 8:30pm Winter Solstice. Newburgh Free. Each of the three December holidays, Kwaanza, Chanukah and Christmas, has its own stories, foods and traditions. Come explore the history of each holiday, enjoy a tasting of recipes with a modern day twist and create a decorative wine glass to take home. 845-563-3600, www.newburghlibrary.org

Dec. 5 Annual Christmas Tree lighting at Chadwick Lake Park, 6:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there for photos.

Dec. 14 Holiday Candlelight Tour of Newburgh. Annual tour of private and public places beautifully decorated for the season and rarely open to the public, starting at the authentically decorated Captain David Crawford House (using fresh flowers and greens). Purchase tickets by phone or online. 845-561-2585, www.newburghhistoricalsociety.com Dec. 20 Classic Choral Society Holiday Concert, 7 p.m. King of Kings Lutheran Church, New Windsor. No tickets required, donations appreciated. 845-928-6462, www.chassicchoralsociety.org

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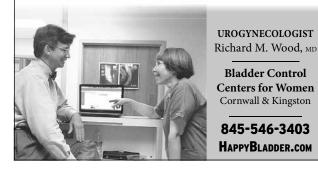
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The history of the Thanksgiving parade

of midtown Manhattan every year to catch a glimpse of the balloons and performers marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Millions

more will tune in to watch it on television. The Macv's parade is intertwined with Thanksgiving, making it as much a part of the holiday as turkey and pumpkin pie.

The parade has evolved throughout the years, and the history of the parade is both interesting and informational. Historians believe

the parade was insti-

tuted by European immigrants who made up the majority of employees at the retail giant Macy's. In the 1920s, employees who

housands of people line the streets were now proud Americans wanted to celebrate with traditions that were similar to traditions in Europe. This included a parade down the streets. Animals were borrowed from the Central Park Zoo,

added to the parade's growing list of par-

ticipants. 1933 was the only year that Santa

bands played and marchers wore different costumes.

In 1927, concern for children lining the parade route led parade officials to replace live animals with the signature helium balloons people now know and love. A dragon and Felix the Cat were some of the first balloons. The festivities continued to grow during the 1930s, when Santa was led the parade rather than closed it.

on hiatus, as the rubber for the balloons and the helium was donated to the war effort. The parade resumed in 1945 and

was televised only in New York. The 1947 During World War II, the parade was put film "Miracle on 34th Street" made the parade even more popular. NBC televised the parade nationwide the following year, drawing viewers from all over the country.











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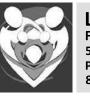
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Cyber Monday strategies

While Black Friday remains wildly popular among holiday shoppers, it has gotten some competition in the way of Cyber Monday.

Cyber Monday is the Monday after Thanksgiving when many retailers, in particular those that are online-only, offer heavy discounts via their websites. Instead of waiting outside stores in the wee hours of the morning, holiday shoppers who wait until Cyber Monday can buy gifts from the comforts of their homes or offices.

• In the days leading up to Cyber Monday, make a list of what you want and which retailers have the best deals on those items. Knowing what you want also increases the likelihood that you will get what you want on Cyber Monday, which may enable you to take advantage of free shipping deals that won't be available later in the season.

• Before making any purchases on Cyber Monday, determine the shipping and handling fees and any other additional costs that may offset the deal you think you're getting. If a deal is simply too tempting to resist, see if there is an in-store pickup option to save you the cost of shipping and handling.

· Just because you won't be waiting in

line outside a store in the middle of the night on Black Friday does not necessarily mean you won't have to get up early to take full advantage of Cyber Monday deals. Read the fine print so you know the rules regarding each specific deal. Some may say "while supplies last" or "limited supply." In such instances, determine when the sale starts and be ready to go the moment the item goes on sale.

• Cyber Monday deals are often hard to resist, but holiday shoppers should stay disciplined and buy only those gifts they need and not heavily discounted items they are unlikely to use. Buying items you don't need can stretch your holiday budget and distract you from the shopping you need to do.

• Stacking is a term used to describe the use of multiple coupons or discount codes on a single purchase. Many retailers do not allow customers to stack discounts, but some do. Take advantage of those that do.

Cyber Monday has grown in popularity as more and more consumers do their holiday shopping online. But shoppers can save even more money if they employ a few saving strategies this Cyber Monday.



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