



2016 QVC West Chester Christmas Parade Weekend Events



6th Annual Holiday Home Tour: The 2016 Holiday House Tour takes place in the NW quadrant of the Borough. Eight beautiful homes dating from 1851 to 1984 will be featured. Also a “Hard Hat” tour of the Armory & free admission to the CCHS ticket holders. Tickets & information available www.wcpubliclibrary.com. \$30/person in advance; \$40/person day-of. Saturday, 10:00am-3:00pm.

28th Annual West Chester Charity Ball: Festive gala includes food, open bar, live music, dancing, and silent auctions. Event helps homeless and near-homeless families in Chester County. Benefits Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children. \$175/person or via sponsorships- visit www.friendsassoc.org. Saturday, 6:30-11:00pm at the West Chester Golf & Country Club, 111 West Ashbridge St.

A Candlelight Christmas Concert: The chairs of First Presbyterian Church celebrate the season with organ and orchestra at this free concert. FREE. Sunday, 4:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, 130 West Miner St.

A Chili Christmas at Boxcar Brew Pub: Serving toasty warm cups of 2016’s West Chester Chili Cook-offs 1st place winning “Whistle Down Chili!” Christmas music, kids’ movies and cocktails. Friday, 3:00-11:00pm, 142 East Market St.

Barnaby’s of West Chester: Be sure to stop in before or after the parade for great food and drink specials. Friday, 15 South High St.

Breakfast with Santa: Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast with Santa. Children get to sit with Santa, share their Christmas wish list, and of course take a photo (parents don’t forget the camera)! Please note: Booster seats/high chairs are not provided. Saturday, 8:30am & 10:00am at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High St. Reservations required, \$14/person (2 years and over) – Must pre-register call 610-436-9010

Carriage House Brass: Brass quartet performing holiday and non-holiday favorites! Friday, 6:00-7:00pm at Knights of Columbus, 110 W. Market St.

Chester County Youth Orchestra Winter Concert: Join us for some beautiful music performed by the CCYO. FREE, but WC Food Cupboard donations accepted. Saturday, 7:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 212 South High St.

Children’s Craft at Oscar Lasko YMCA: Join us before the parade for some holiday crafts and hot cocoa. Friday, 5:30-7:00pm, 1 East Chestnut St.

Community Outreach Holiday Luncheon: Come join us for a free old-fashioned Christmas holiday luncheon; stay for BINGO and shop our holiday bazaar. Saturday, December 3, 12:00-5:00pm at the Charles A. Melton Center, 501 East Miner St.

Cookies, Cocoa & Choir: Come and enjoy the Rustin High School choir as well as home-made cookies and cocoa. Take-out cookies available. Friday, 5:00-6:30pm at Unitarian Congregation of West Chester, 501 South High St.

D'Ascenzo's Gelato Holiday Celebration: Stop in the night of the parade and hang with us! We'll also have extended hours throughout the weekend to celebrate the weekend activities! Friday & Saturday, 12:00-10:00pm; Sunday, 12:00-8:00pm, 132 East Gay St.

First Presbyterian Ringers : Hand bell ringers from First Presbyterian Church will ring in the season at Senator Dinnaman's office before the parade. Friday, 6:00-7:30pm, 1 North Church St.

Gettysburg Address Contest: Features middle school students from West Chester area schools who will recite President Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address. FREE. Friday, 5:45pm at the Lincoln Building, 28 West Market St.

Gracenotes Performance: West Chester University's all female barbershop acapella group will be singing your holiday favorites. This student run group loves to spread the holiday cheer! Friday, 6:00-7:00pm at BB&T, 9 N. High St.

Handel's Messiah: Handel's beloved Messiah, performed by singers from the community, area churches, and the Greenleigh Chorale with soloists and orchestra. Sunday, 3:00pm at St. Agnes Church, 211 West Gay St.

Historic Lincoln Biography Building Open House: Good friends and good cheer! Please join us for the most wonderful time of the year! Friday, 4:30-7:00pm. 28 West Market St.

Holiday Open House at Faunbrook Bed & Breakfast: Join us for our holiday spectacular! Sip some cider and have some home baked goodies. Be sure to check us out for holiday events or guest rooms. Sunday, 1:00-4:00pm, 699 West Rosedale Ave.

Holiday Open House at Moonflower: Stop on in parade night and receive 50% off any item when you mention this ad! Happy Holidays! Friday, 4:00-8:00pm, 130 West Gay St.

Holiday Party/Open House at Zukin Realty: The office will be open during the parade – light refreshments will be served! Friday, 5:00-8:00pm, free, 121 East Gay St.

Live music at Kreutz Creek Winery: Enjoy great local wines, listen to local music, Max and Denise (Friday) and Mark Oppenlander (Saturday). Bring your well behaved pooch too! We sell local beer. Friday & Saturday, 7:00-10:00pm, 44 East Gay St.

Live music at the WCU Ram Shop: Shop, eat & drink while picking out your favorite WCU Gear! Live music by our own WCU musicians. Friday, 5:00-6:00pm, 134 North High St.

Luminaria around the Park: See and enjoy the magic of the candlelight glow of 400+ luminaria lining the perimeter of historic Marshall Square. Assisted by the BSA Troop 14. Friday, 6:00pm-midnight, East Marshall St.

Middle School Select Strings Concert: Select string musicians from the West Chester Area School District celebrate the season in this holiday concert. Free, reception follows. Friday, 6:00-7:15pm at First Presbyterian Church, 130 West Miner St.

Pop-Up Holiday Market with the West Chester Food Co-Op: Marche de Noel – Stop by the market and enjoy traditional French crepes and pasty, soup, hot chocolate, roasted chestnuts, and locally made gifts. Saturday, 12:00pm – dusk in the parking lot at the corner of Gay & Walnut Streets.

Shop like a Girlboss Holiday Market at The Brow Bar featuring Tesoro Design: Support local women entrepreneurs while checking names off your holiday shopping list! Sweet treats and cocktails will be provided. Saturday, 4:00-9:00pm, 131 West Gay St.

“Sounds of the Season” at Taylor’s Music Store: Enjoy music studio students performing seasonal songs in Taylor’s front window, playing a variety of instruments. Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, 112-114 West Gay St.

Soup and Sandwich Parlour: Serving assorted hot and cold sandwiches, soups, snack and desserts at family prices. Entertainment will be provided by Carriage House Brass Quartet. Stop in before the Christmas Parade. Friday, 5:45-8:30pm at the Knights of Columbus, 116 West Market St.

Tish Boutique’s X-Mas Open House: Enjoy the Christmas spirit at Tish Boutique with light fare and refreshments during the parade. Happy Holidays! Friday, 5:00-9:00pm, 138 East Gay St.

The Night before Christmas: Presented by *West Chester Works Dance/Diane Matthews School of Dance Arts* – Join us for this family friendly danced production as we share holiday traditions and celebrations as seen through many different eyes. General Admission - \$8; Children 12 and under & Seniors- \$6. Saturday, 1:00-3:00pm at United Methodist Church, 129 South High St.

The Nutcracker: *Presented by the Brandywine Ballet* – Join us this December for The Nutcracker! A Chester County signature holiday event – make our holiday classic your family tradition! Friday, December 9, 10:00am; Saturday, December 10, 12:00pm and 4:00pm; Sunday December 11, 2:00pm, Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall. \$18-\$45 – Student, Senior and Group discounts available. Visit brandywineballet.org for more dates and information.

Tuba Christmas: *Presented by Arts at the Grove* – Listen to holiday song performances. Saturday, 5:00pm on the Chester County Courthouse Lawn.

West Chester Area Community Chorus Caroling: Stop by to help us celebrate our 20th Anniversary and sing a few Christmas carols prior to the parade. Friday at DNB First, 2 North Church St.

West Chester Studio for the Performing Arts Holiday Spectacular: Join us for an hour of Holiday fun with sings, stories, and entertainment for the whole family. Performed by area students. Friday, 5:00pm & Sunday, 3:00pm at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High St. Donations accepted.

West Chester Christmas at Wells Fargo Bank: Enjoy the sounds of the season with the award winning Knights Tones select choir from the Delaware County Christian School. Friday, 6:00-7:00pm, 17 North High St.