



Put a Little Downtown IN YOUR LIFE !

Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership

Holiday Edition



November/December, 2015

✧ **Holiday Open House** ✧

The Wapakoneta Antiques and Specialty Shops (WASS) welcome visitors to Downtown Wapak for its biggest shopping event of the year

HOLIDAY KICK OFF SET FOR NOVEMBER 6-8, 2015



Look no further for a unique shopping experience to start your holiday shopping. The Wapakoneta Antique and Specialty Shops invite you to Downtown Wapak's biggest shopping event of the year! Select stores in and around our Historic Downtown area will be offering extended hours, door prizes and refreshments. Treat yourself to a relaxing carriage ride on Saturday from 12-5, and enjoy a bite to eat in one of our many Downtown eateries. The stores are decked out in their holiday splendor, music is playing,

and bargains are to be found! Wapak's Downtown stores offer a variety of items from antiques to clothing to home decor. If you can't find what you are looking for, just ask and store owners will happily direct you to a store most likely to carry what you are looking for. The downtown shops are truly interested in providing each shopper a pleasant and successful shopping experience, working together to make it happen.



Start your holiday shopping in Downtown Wapakoneta for a tradition creating experience!

Dad's Toy Shop 40 Years Strong

Congratulations to JP and Rodney Metz as they celebrate 40 years in the toy and hobby business!

While doing your shopping during Downtown Wapak's Holiday Open House during the weekend of November 6-8, be sure to stop in and help Dad's celebrate 40 years in

the hobby enthusiast business. Take part in a raffle for a chance to win your choice of a Traxxas Stampede Monster Truck RTR, a Proto X FPV, or a Bachman Thunder Chief Digital Sound Set. Get a free T-shirt with purchase of an RC item or with \$100 purchase of parts and /or accessories while supplies last.

For years, Dad's has been the area's #1 hobby shop. Come see why - and tell them congratulations on 40 years of great sales and service!



Rodney and JP Metz



Dad's Toy Shop



Children's Hometown Holiday Happy!

Traditions make family memories of the best kind, and on December 4th, 5th, and 6th, Wapakoneta offers an opportunity to create a magical family tradition loved for years to come. Thanks to the vision and determination of Wapakoneta's Elaine Poppe and her large cadre of helpers, and supported by generous donations from many Wapak businesses and individuals, this free Children's Hometown Holiday, over a year in the planning, is all about the children.

TEA PARTY AND RACE CAR PARTY REGISTRATION!

Don't forget to register your child for the December 5th Tea and Race Car Parties. Registration for the Tea Party for girls, ages three to eight, will be 9 am until noon on NOVEMBER 13 ONLY.

Registrations for the Race Car Breakfast for boys and girls, ages three to eight, will be November 13th and 14th, 9 am until noon.

Call 419-738-8301 to register for events. Limited spaces fill quickly!



"Wonderful" hardly describes what awaits children as the 9th Annual Children's Hometown Holiday gets underway December 4-6th. Yet, with all the events planned, the look on the faces of children will definitely be one of wonder. With the Cookie Contest, Lego Show, Gift Wrap Contest

actually beginning in November, the CHH is sure to please.

THE SKATING

rink opens Friday at 2:30, although most activities are planned for Saturday, the 5th, beginning with



Santa's Parade at 9:45 to escort Santa to his House, where he will have exciting gifts for his visitors.

THERE WILL BE plenty of activities from which to choose throughout the morning and afternoon. If the

kids love animals, visit the "On the Way to Bethlehem" tent where camels, sheep, goats, llamas, and a donkey can be seen and fed. Ride ponies, feed Santa's reindeer, and for a short time see penguins and other live baby animals from the Columbus Zoo. The zoo animals will be in the TSC parking garage on Saturday from 11:00 am till noon **ONLY**.

So much to do, so much fun to have, don't miss this great weekend! Visit www.wapakoneta.com for more information.



Much To Do, Much Fun To Be Had!

EACH YEAR THE LIST of the many events and activities that are part of the Children's Hometown Holiday grows larger, much to the delight of those attending. Throughout the day there will be over 30 different costumed cartoon characters from beloved Mickey and Minnie Mouse to Minions and Krusty Krab. Handing out treats for the kids, they would love to have their picture taken with you!

Besides interacting with the many costumed characters, children can have their faces painted, work on crafts, get photo booth pictures, watch a special movie at the Wapa Theater, and hear stories read by Mrs. Claus at the library. There will be an fun ornament craft throughout the day at Village Green with a Radio Flyer Wagon giveaway to one lucky crafter! Don't forget to check out Grandview Plaza for other activities, such as a fun snowman mason jar craft, filled with popcorn goodness at the True Value store from 10-2. Register there throughout November for a great quality kid's sweater jacket to be given away during the crafting activity. Transportation to and from both sites will be provided.

Be entertained by the Dance Centre "Rockettes" as they welcome Santa home, as well as by Micah Nicol's Magic Show, the WHS Swing Choir and musicians playing around Downtown. Like to sing yourself? How about joining in the Christmas Singalong in the Parkway from 10-noon. With so much to see and do, you might also want to give your legs a rest by hopping aboard the carriage, trolley and train rides.

AN EXCITING ADDITION TO THE LINEUP this year is the Snowball Drop on Friday, the 4th. Ping pong "snowballs" will be dropped on Main Street by the Fire Department lift truck for three different groups of participants. Babies and toddlers will gather snowballs from 5-5:15, children 4-8 will gather snowballs from 5:15-5:30, and children 9-12 will gather from 5:30-5:45. No one except special needs children will be able to have an adult with them in the last group. Snowballs will be numbered, and prizes can be claimed if kids gather 6 different numbers. There will also be a special snowball, good for a special prize provided by Dad's Toy Shop.

Finish Saturday with a fireworks display at 6 pm, at the foot ball practice field across from the Middle School, and join Santa on Sunday for a free pancake breakfast from 8-noon, hosted by the Knights of Columbus at their hall. Remember to dress for our Ohio weather and enjoy the many free events planned for the kids. This is a wonderful way to celebrate our children during a magical weekend planned just for them!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- Mini Christmas Parade
- Santa at his outpost with gifts
- Live Reindeer
- Columbus Zoo animals
- Pong Rides
- Carriage, Trolley, and Train Rides
- Scavenger Hunt
- Musicians & WHS Swing Choir
- Mrs. Claus Story Time at library
- On the way to Bethlehem tent
- Ice skating at the rink
- Snowball Drop
- Tea Party for Girls
- Race Car Party for Boys
- Saturday evening Fireworks
- Free Pancake Breakfast Sunday
- And so much more!



✧ Grand Illumination ✧

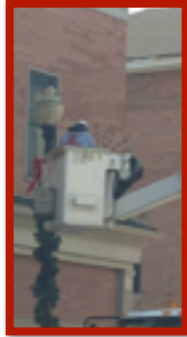
*Celebrating the beautiful Christmas lights in Downtown Wapakoneta,
and all those whose support made it happen*

New York might have their Ball Drop, but Wapakoneta has a Switch Flip! While enjoying the Annual Holiday Open House, be sure to join Master of Ceremonies Josh Hines and his young helpers in the Grand Illumination Celebration, Friday, Nov. 6, at



4 pm, in the Heritage Parkway, when they flip the switch to illuminate the many holiday lights, making Downtown Glow!

The Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership's Decorative Arts Committee is in the middle of a five year program to beautify the downtown and surrounding areas with holiday lights. Through a number of fundraisers and generous donations from the city, businesses, and individual citizens, many holiday lights illuminating the sidewalks and lamp posts have been purchased and installed. A special thank you also goes



out to the City of Wapakoneta's Light Department who, each year, undertake the huge task of installing an increasing number of beautiful holiday lights.

Join us as we "Flip the Switch" to a holiday season that glows!



During the months of November and December, be sure to stop by the Riverside Art Center for some truly unique and one-of-a-kind gift ideas. RAC's Holiday Gift Gallery has seen steadily increasing sales of gift items and cards handcrafted by its members. Check them out!



Friends of the Library **HOLIDAY BOOK SALE**

Thursday, November 5
FRIENDS MEMBER PREVIEW SALE, 4-7 PM

Friday, November 6 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 7 10:00 am - 1:30 pm (Sat. \$1 per bag)

Selling USED books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, & more!

LOCATION: Aug. Co. Public Library, 203 E. Perry St., Wapakoneta



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