

The arrival of the holiday season means more traffic for the Gaston County community of McAdenville, also known as Christmas Town, USA. The town kicked off its 64th year of this popular free attraction at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2, and it continues through Thursday, Dec. 26. Visitors can enjoy the festive light displays Monday through Friday from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 5:30 - 11 p.m.

With thousands of visitors expected to drive through the area, the N.C. Department of Transportation is working to ensure traffic flows smoothly, both for motorists heading to McAdenville and for drivers passing through to other destinations.

NCDOT will place message boards on I-85 to inform motorists of the following:

- Drivers coming from Charlotte should use U.S. 74 (Wilkinson Boulevard) into McAdenville; an alternate route is from I-85 South to exit 27 (N.C. 273) to U.S. 74;
- Motorists driving north on I-85 should use exit 22 (Lowell) into McAdenville; and
- The ramp from I-85 North to exit 23 (N.C. 7) will be closed nightly during events.

Steve Rankin with the Christmas Town Committee asks visitors to "pack plenty of patience, both driving and walking through town. Come early on the weekends, park and wait for the lights to come on."

Rankin suggests walking is a better option to see the lights, but to be respectful. "Please stay on the sidewalks", he says. "All decorated homes are private property and visitors should never walk through the yards or approach the homes at any time."

Due to the large number of vehicles expected in the area, motorists should expect delays and slow down during the holiday season. One option for visitors is to arrive early, between 5 - 5:15 p.m., find a parking spot and wait for the display to start at 5:30 p.m.

To find out more about Christmas Town USA, visit the event website, www.mcadenville-christmastown.com.

Visit DriveNC.gov for real-time traffic information or follow NCDOT on social media.

Church News

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Collar Sandwich Plate Sale at New Life Ministries Pentecostal. Taking pre-orders. \$8 plate includes collards, cornbread fritters, fatback, chow chow, peppers & drink. Order & info 704-690-4900

DECEMBER 13

Memory Tree Christmas Story at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, 1510 Old Lilesville Rd in Wadesboro, 7pm. Everyone is invited, refreshments served following program

DECEMBER 13 & 14

BBQ Plate Sale At Savannah AME Zion Church, 10:30am until each day. \$9 plate includes pork bbq or 1/2 chicken, baked beans, slaw & roll. Deliveries for 5 or more plates call 704-848-8706

DECEMBER 14

Annual Fellowship Outreach Dinner for the Community, 11am at Johnson Chapel Church. Everyone is welcome to come

Christmas Program At Parsons Grove MBC,

5pm to Rev Bention

DECEMBER 21

Christmas Banquet At House of Faith, 6pm. All are invited

DECEMBER 31

Watch Night And Shut-in Service at House of Faith, 10:45pm

New Year's Eve Service at Parsons Grove MBC, 10pm-midnight with Bishop Walter Ellerbe

ONGOING

Fun for Seniors Every 3rd Tuesday at Rock Hill MBC, 11am-1pm for 55 & older (exceptional adults too) are welcome

Bible Study Wednesdays, 6:30pm at Forestville AME Zion Church

Radio Ministry On WKDX 1250 AM Sun 8:15am w/Elder Garcia Morman

Reading Program At New Parkers Grove MBC, for anyone in third grade and up who needs help with reading, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-5pm, 704-994-9182

Time for You Music, prayer & praise at 6pm at Wightman UMC

Bible Study Every Wed night, 7pm at Victory Temple Miracle Center

Prayer/Bible Study Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm at House of Faith

Bible Study Every Wednesday at noon at Expected End Ministries by Pastor Betty Tillman

Exercise Class Each Thursday at 2pm at Hopewell UMC

Intercessory Prayer & Bible Study at Sandy Ridge MBC every Wednesday, 5pm

Bible Study At West Deep Creek MBC each Wednesday at 6:30pm

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Events

DECEMBER 12 Board Meeting
For Anson County Partnership for Children & NC Pre-K Task Force at 9am. Public is invited. 117 S Greene St, Wadesboro. Info 704-694-4036 or caroline.goins@anson-children.com

DECEMBER 13 Veterans Christmas Supper, 6pm at Woodmen of the World Lodge, 2549 Hwy 74 West in Wadesboro. All veterans & their spouses are invited for delicious food, live music, fun & fellowship. Info Ed Parker 704-694-6770

DECEMBER 13 - 15 Ansonia Play Miracle on 34th Street, the heartwarming holiday classic about the power of believing. Friday & Saturday 7:30pm & Sunday 3pm. Tickets & info at ansoniatheatre.com or 704-694-4950

DECEMBER 14 Class of 1975 Bowman High School 45th reunion planning meeting, 4pm at Quincy's Restaurant in Monroe. Info Karen Burney Nash 704-219-0978 or JoLetha Gordon Little 704-694-6212

DECEMBER 17 Auditions For upcoming Anson Theatre Play *Little Shop of Horrors*, 6pm. Prepare a song to sing. Play presented March 13-22, 2020. Info 704-694-4950

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ONGOING EVENTS Bingo
Games every second Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center, 11:30am. All seniors 55+ are invited for fun & fellowship. Free. Info & register to play 704-694-6616

Chair Yoga
Every Wednesday, 10-11am at the Hampton B. Allen Library. No fee & you don't have to preregister. Info 704-694-5177

Ladies Out
Every Monday, 1pm at Grace Senior Center. Info & register 704-694-6616

Wadesboro Rotary Club Meets each Thursday at noon for lunch at Welika Fish Camp in Lilesville

Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups
Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms

Food Commodities Food Distributed Free every Wednesday at 9am & 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr, Hwy 742N across from Burnsville Fire Dept. Info 704-826-8182

Documentary Series
On American wars & world wars every Thursday, 10-11am at the Hampton B. Allen Library. A different area covered each month. Info 704-694-5177

Food Pantry
Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182

Bowman High School Class of 1975 Reunion Meeting

The Bowman High School Class of 1975 will hold a planning meeting for the 45th reunion on Saturday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m. at Quincy's Restaurant in Monroe.

For more information contact Karen Burney Nash at (704) 219-0978 or JoLetha Gordon Little at (704) 694-6212.

Storytime Every Wednesday at Partnership for Children

The Anson County Partnership for Children offers Storytime in the Early Childhood Resource Center each Wednesday at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 to 8. For more information call 704-694-4036.

COMMUNITY Christmas Blessing

(Sponsored in part by Poisson Poisson Bower)

A Community Event

Harvest Ministries Outreach Center
(BEHIND PIZZA HUT IN WADESBORO, NC)

Sunday December 15TH 2019
10:30am-2:00pm

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