

# Solano cities continue seasonal celebrations

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FAIRFIELD — Community celebrations continue this week to mark the start of the holiday season. Upcoming community events include:

## **Downtown Fairfield**

The annual downtown Fairfield Tree Lighting and Holiday Festivities will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday on the Solano County Plaza at the corner of Jefferson and Texas streets, according to organizers at the Fairfield Main Street Association.

The community tree lighting will have community leaders greeting residents before Santa arrives to light the tree. Santa will be available afterward to have free pictures taken of him with children.

Residents will be able to spend an evening with family and friends caroling in front of the community Christmas tree. They can also take hay rides or stroll along Texas Street to listen to a wide variety of community groups, church choirs and school bands performing holiday music.

There will be children's activities and a scavenger hunt and many of the merchants will host open houses.

For more information about the event, go to [www.fairfieldmainstreet.com](http://www.fairfieldmainstreet.com) or call 422-0103.

## **Suisun City waterfront**

Suisun City's old-fashioned Christmas on the Waterfront, with its local entertainment, holiday gift vendors and its charity Christmas tree auction, will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday in and around Harbor Plaza on the waterfront next to Main and Solano streets.

The event will start with the Christmas market, with more than 50 artisan and vendor booths that feature Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers and holiday treats.

Several family and children's games and rides will run throughout the day.

Live entertainment in the Harbor Square Courtyard starts at 2 p.m. The Lighted Boat Parade starts at 5:15 p.m. with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus at the public dock to light the community Christmas tree and then proceed to the Harbor Theatre where photos can be taken with Santa.

Visitors can also warm themselves at the Community Bonfire during the evening.

For more information about the event, go to [www.visitsuisuncity.com](http://www.visitsuisuncity.com).

## **Vallejo**

Vallejo's holiday celebration includes the Mad Hatter's Tea with Teddy at noon Saturday at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin St.

The celebration continues at 2 p.m. with the Mad Hatter Festival in Unity Plaza in front of the John F. Kennedy Library, 505 Santa Clara St. The festival will include music, food, train rides, dancing, horses and people in Alice in Wonderland costumes.

The Mad Hatter Holiday Parade starts at 4:30 p.m. along Georgia Street between Sonoma Boulevard and Santa Clara Street. A Tree-Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. behind the John F. Kennedy Library. The event includes caroling, various performances and an appearance by a fire-shooting Santa gnome.

A Lighted Boat Parade starts at 6:30 p.m. along the Vallejo waterfront. The Mad Hatter Costume Ball rounds out the day's events starting at 7:30 p.m. at Dance Unlimited, 510 Georgia St.

For more information about the Mad Hatter holiday happenings, visit [www.hattervallejo.com](http://www.hattervallejo.com).

## **Rio Vista, Dixon**

Rio Vista celebrates the start of the holiday season with the Rio Vista Holiday Home Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, a Lighted Boat Parade that starts at approximately 5 p.m. along the waterfront and a Tree-Lighting Ceremony from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce at 374-2700 or visit <http://riovista.org>.

A Tree-Lighting Festival takes place Thursday in downtown Dixon. For information as it becomes available, call the Downtown Dixon Business Association at 678-8400 or visit [www.downtowndixon.com](http://www.downtowndixon.com).

## **Travis Air Force Base**

Travis Air Force Base will host its own annual Christmas tree lighting for base residents from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday near Skymaster Drive and Travis Avenue. Those who have base access are invited to attend.

## **Downtown Vacaville**

Community holiday celebrations continue next week, with a focus on Hanukkah.

Chabad of Solano County hosts the seventh annual Menorah on Main celebration at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 13. The Jewish celebration, which includes the lighting of Solano County's largest menorah, takes place rain or shine in the Town Square at Main and Merchant streets in downtown Vacaville.

Scheduled during the celebration are a greeting from Mayor Len Augustine and other elected officials; a performance by award-winning juggler Jamie Coventry; children's arts and crafts; hot latkes, donuts dreidles and chocolate gelt; music; and a drawing.

Menorah on Main is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. There is no fee to attend.

For more information, visit [www.jewishsolano.com](http://www.jewishsolano.com).

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