

FAMILY FUN

NOVEMBER 2

Steamin' Day at Marshall Steam Museum. Climb into an antique automobile or board one of the trains and experience what it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Tour the 1897 mansion that was home to three generations of the Marshall family. 3000 Creek Rd., Hockessin, DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$10–\$15. AuburnHeights.org.

NOVEMBER 2, 9

West Chester Railroad Fall Foliage Express. Enjoy a brisk fall afternoon along the Chester Creek Valley on a 90-minute journey back in time to the village of Glen Mills, then return. Trains depart the station at 203 E. Market St., West Chester. 10 am, noon and 2 pm. \$25–\$30. WCRailroad.com.

NOVEMBER 8

Culinary Workshop: Kids Cook Thanksgiving. Ages 8+ and their families will joy preparing old and new favorites for the Thanksgiving meal. After the meal is cooked, everyone sits down to the feast. Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 1:30 to 4. \$75. Register at WayneArt.org.



NOVEMBER 8

Pints on the Preserve Family Edition. Families are invited to meet for a few hours of fun and exploration. Bring a picnic to enjoy and hike the preserve's 14 miles of trails. Pints for the grown-ups, too. Activities are free, but registration requested. ChesLen Preserve, 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. 3 to 5. Free. NatLands.org.



NOVEMBER 22

"Elmo and Friends Say Hello" at The Grand in Wilmington. Sing, dance and play alongside your favorite furry friends, then special ticket holders can have a Photo Experience with the group. Visit website for info. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, TheGrandWilmington.org.



NOVEMBER 22

Kennett Square Holiday Light Parade. Gather your family and friends for the annual Holiday Light Parade and tree lighting. Come meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and welcome the holiday season and light up the town. 6 pm. KennettCollaborative.org.

NOVEMBER 29 & DECEMBER 13

Celebrate the Holidays in Downingtown. Nov. 29, Tree Lighting Ceremony with refreshments, music and Santa. Log House Field next to the Gazebo in Kerr Park. 6 pm. Dec. 13, the hometown Christmas parade features local bands, dancers, scouts and the arrival of Santa Claus. Starts at Beaver Creek Elementary School and travels Rt. 30 to East Ward Elementary. 3 pm. DTownChristmas.com.

DECEMBER 3 & 10

Brandywine Museum of Art Family Holiday Events. Dec. 3, "The Polar Express" Read-Aloud Pajama Night—enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, 6:30 to 8 pm,



\$25. Dec. 10, Children's Christmas Party—visit with Santa and enjoy entertainment, characters, trains and more, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, \$35. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Brandywine.org.

DECEMBER 5 & 6

Feel the Holiday Spirit in Phoenixville. First Friday Holiday Edition and tree lighting downtown, 6:30 pm, and family-friendly activities throughout that weekend. PhoenixvilleFirst.org.

DECEMBER 5 & 6

Christmas Celebrations in Wayne. Dec. 5, enjoy carriage rides, arts and crafts, carolers, tree lighting and Santa's arrival, 5:30 to 8, tree lighting at 7:30 pm. Dec. 6, Radnor Memorial Library Elves for Shelves Fun Run and 5K at 8 am and pictures with Santa at 10 am. Details at WayneBusiness.com.



DECEMBER 6

Santa at Marshall Square Park. Come join West Chester Parks and Recreation to welcome in the holidays. Santa will be on hand in the gazebo for pictures with the entire family. Food trucks, holiday crafts and live music on hand for all to enjoy. Marshall Square Park, 200 E. Marshall St., West Chester. 4:30 to 6:30. West-Chester.com.

DECEMBER 6

Breakfast with Santa. Head for the Chester County History Center to meet Santa and enjoy breakfast. 225 N. High St., West Chester. 9:30 to 11 am. \$15. Pre-reg. required. West-Chester.com.

DECEMBER 6

American Helicopter Museum Presents SantaFest 2025. Santa arrives at 11 am, ready to hear children's wish lists. Bring your cameras to take pictures and enjoy hands-on activities. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 10 to 2. \$15, members and children under 2 free. HelicopterMuseum.org.