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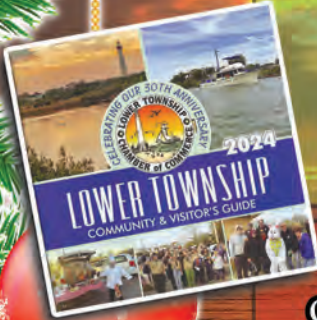
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Each holiday season, Congress Hall transforms into a beautiful Winter Wonderland. Our grand hotel is decked with festive decor around every corner. Outside on the lawn, you'll find our Enchanted Vendor Village, complete with an array of shopping finds from local and regional merchants. Take a spin on the Congress Hall Carousel, and step right up for a ride on the Congress Hall Express around the hotel's Veranda. Plus, every holiday weekend, our Grand Ballroom hosts our beloved Breakfast With Santa series, as well as a score of family-friendly activities. For more information, visit caperesorts.com

Sat, November 30th
Small Business Saturday on The Washington Street Mall
Shop small on the Washington Street Mall on Small Business Saturday, a nationally recognized day that encourages people to support small businesses, which are the core of America's economy! Shop our 75+ small businesses, with many featuring great sales and specials, all among festive décor. From 2pm to 4pm, the sounds of Christmas carols by the Society of the Asylum of Destitute Sailors will fill the Mall, and Santa Claus will be doing some shopping and stopping for photos. The merchants of the Washington Street Mall thank you for shopping small in the cozy heart of Cape May!

Sat, December 7th 5-8pm
The West Cape May Christmas Parade
The West Cape May Community Christmas Parade sets the stage for the area's holiday season! Always held on the first Saturday in December, and now in its 56th year, the parade marches through town beginning at the West Cape May Volunteer Firehouse, heading South on Broadway, turning East on Perry, and finishing its route through to the end of Carpenter Lane in the City of Cape May. In the unfortunate event of inclement weather, the Parade will reschedule to (Sunday) December 8th. Notice of any rescheduling will be posted to the Borough's website and social media pages.

Fri, December 13th 7-9pm
Hospitality Night on The Washington Street Mall
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Holiday Happenings in The Wildwoods: Christmas 2024

The Wildwoods transform into a festive wonderland each holiday season, offering a lineup of family-friendly activities, dazzling lights, and holiday cheer.

From beach bonfires to Christmas parades, this coastal town offers a magical holiday experience for all ages. Whether you're a local or a visitor, you won't want to miss the charming festivities that make the Wildwoods the perfect winter destination.

Here's your guide to this year's holiday events in the Wildwoods, from the Holiday Shopping Village to Greater Wildwood Jaycees Christmas Parade to the Family Holiday Celebration and spectacular shows. Let the holiday magic begin!

Window Decorating Contest - FREE - Nov 27-Jan 1 | Wildwoods Convention Center
Stroll or bike by the Wildwoods Convention Center to admire the creative and festive holiday window decorations painted by local students. The Elks Window Decorating Contest brings a charming and cheerful display of holiday spirit to the boardwalk, making it a must-see this season. Info at WildwoodHoliday.com

Wildwoods December Restaurant Week - Nov 29-Dec 8, 2024. Dine at some of the island's best restaurants with three-course meals during Wildwoods Restaurant Week. Participating restaurants will offer pre-fixe menus for \$40. Info at WildwoodsRestaurantWeek.com

Family Holiday Beach Bonfire - Nov 29 | 1st & Surf Ave, N. Wildwood | 5-9 PM.
Kick off the holiday season with the North Wildwood Volunteer Fire Company for a cozy evening by the beach, complete with music and photo ops with Santa. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$2 for children under 12, with proceeds benefiting local causes. Rain date: Nov 30. Info at WildwoodHoliday.com

Christmas in North Wildwood - FREE - Nov 29 - Dec 1. Enjoy outdoor firepits, hot chocolate, festive lights, a strolling Santa, scavenger hunts, holiday decorations, and live music while celebrating the holidays in North Wildwood. Info at NW-BOA.com

Wildwoods Holiday Shopping Village - Small Business Saturday - Nov 30 | Byrne Plaza & Downtown Wildwood | 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Pick up gifts for everyone on your list at the 5th Annual Wildwoods Holiday Shopping Village, where local artisans, boutique shops, handcrafted items, and baked goods come together. The event also supports the Lynch Who Stole Christmas From The Grinch Program, where you can drop off gifts for those in need. Follow the festive sounds of holiday music as you explore local vendors for unique gifts. Info at gwcc.org/wildwoods-holiday-shopping-village/

Holidays at HenVille: Shopping Village - FREE - Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 | MudHen Brewing Company | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Visit the annual Shopping Village featuring live music, hot cocoa, s'mores stations and family entertainment. Secure your name on the nice list because Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making special appearances on select dates! For more details, visit mudhenbrew.com

Wildwood Crest Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony - FREE - Dec 3 | Sunset Lake, Wildwood Crest | 5:30 PM. Spark that seasonal spirit at the annual Wildwood Crest Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. This festive event will feature music, light refreshments, and a special visit from Santa Claus himself! Gather with the community to enjoy the holiday cheer by the scenic Sunset Lake as the Christmas tree lights up the night. Info at WildwoodCrest.org

Greater Wildwood Jaycees Christmas Parade - FREE - Dec 6 | 6:30 PM | North Wildwood and Wildwood. One of the highlights of the season, the parade starts at 16th Avenue and travels down Central and Pacific Avenues, ending with a tree lighting and awards ceremony at Byrne Plaza. Come see festive floats, marching bands, and more! Info at www.dooww.com

Wildwood Business Improvement District Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony - FREE - Dec 6 | Byrne Plaza, Downtown Wildwood | Approximately 8:00 PM. Watch as the Christmas tree illuminates Downtown Wildwood, marking the beginning of the holiday season. Info at WildwoodHoliday.com

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North Wildwood Tree Lighting Ceremony – FREE – Dec 7 | Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Courtyard | 5 PM. Join the community for the North Wildwood Tree Lighting Ceremony at the beautiful Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Courtyard. The event includes holiday music, light refreshments, and a special visit from Santa Claus. Don't forget to explore the lighthouse and its festive decorations! Info at NorthWildwood.com

Santa Paws – FREE – Dec 7 | North Wildwood Entertainment District. Calling all dog lovers! Dress up your furry friends in festive outfits and join the fun at Santa Paws. This adorable event takes place in North Wildwood's Entertainment District, where you and your pets can enjoy doggie treats and photo ops along the route. Prizes will be awarded for the best-dressed pups, so get creative with those costumes! Info at NWBOA.com

Wildwood Holiday Spectacular – Dec 7 | Wildwood High School | 7 PM. The Bobby Rydell Foundation brings back the beloved Wildwood Holiday Spectacular, with performances from The Skyliners, The Tymes, and rising star Tommy Cono. Sing along to classic hits and holiday favorites that will spark your holiday spirit. Tickets are available at thebobbyrydellfoundation.org

Holiday Tree Jubilee – FREE
Dec 8 | Crest Arts Pavilion, Wildwood Crest | 12-2 PM. Vote on your favorite mini holiday trees at the Holiday Tree Jubilee, and decorate ornaments for the Crest beach tree. Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and a visit from Santa. And don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift for the Lunch With Lynch Toy Drive. For more information, call 609.522.0221 or email cac@wildwoodcrest.org. wildwoodcrest.org

Wildwood's Winter Wonderland at Holly Beach Park – FREE – Dec 13, 14, 20 & 21 | 123 E. Andrews Ave | 5-9 PM. Experience the festive lights at Wildwood's

Winter Wonderland! Enjoy a half-hour light show running every half hour from 5 PM to 9 PM. Complimentary hot chocolate, popcorn, and a letters-to-Santa station will be available, with a special appearance from Mr. & Mrs. Claus. The light displays will continue through mid-January. Info at WildwoodNJ.org

Family Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting Ceremony – FREE – Dec 14 | Wildwoods Convention Center | 9-4:30 PM. Spend the day shopping at the Holiday Bazaar, where local crafters and vendors will offer unique holiday gifts. The day is packed with family-friendly activities like craft-making, face painting, and holiday movies. At 4:30 PM, join the crowd for the much-anticipated tree lighting ceremony, marking the official start of the holiday season in the Wildwoods. Info at WildwoodHoliday.com

Pinch the 'GrYnch' Boardwalk 5K Run – Dec 14 | Wildwoods Boardwalk | 10 AM. Get in the holiday spirit with the Pinch the GrYnch Boardwalk 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk. Participants of all ages are encouraged to dress in festive holiday attire as they race down the scenic Wildwoods Boardwalk. This fun, family-friendly event also supports a great cause—registration fees are reduced if you bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation. Registration is \$30 per person, or \$20 with a toy donation. For more details, visit LynchToyDrive.com or call 609.849.8887

12 Pubs of Christmas – Dec 14 | At Participating Establishments. Raise your glass and toast to the holiday season at the 12 Pubs of Christmas! Celebrate with happy hour pricing, festive drinks, and holiday vibes at participating pubs across The Wildwoods. A free jitney will transport you around, making sure the holiday cheer keeps flowing! For more information, visit NW-BOA.com

Holiday Light Walk – FREE – Dec 16 | Sunset Lake, Wildwood Crest | 5:30 PM. Walk through the beautifully lit holiday displays along Sunset Lake and surrounding neighborhoods. This 30-minute walk is a wonderful way to enjoy the lights and get into the holiday spirit. wildwoodcrest.org

Celebrate the holiday season in the Wildwoods and make lasting memories with your loved ones! From festive light displays to beachside bonfires, there's something for everyone.

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CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOURS - Cape May MAC launched its first Christmas tour in 1974 and ever since this tour has been a beloved annual tradition and a highlight of the holiday season in America's only National Historic Landmark City. This self-guided walking tour celebrates the best of Cape May at Christmas, as you travel Cape May's gaslit streets, hear musicians and carolers, and visit homes, inns, B&Bs, churches and hotels where you'll step inside to see both Victorian and more modern interiors beautifully decorated for the holidays. Don't miss Cape May's longest running and most popular Christmas tour.

HOLIDAY INNS TOUR - For those looking for a festive daytime tour, the Holiday Inns Tour is your ticket to step inside several Cape May properties decorated for the holidays with garland, bows, trees and more! You'll get into the Christmas spirit as you tour these festively decorated Cape May landmark properties. This is a self-guided tour, so please bring your ticket to the Washington Street Mall Information Booth located at the junction of Washington and Ocean Streets and get a copy of the map. A trolley shuttle will make continuous loops during this self-guided afternoon tour.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TROLLEY RIDES - Who can resist the twinkle of Cape May's beautiful Victorian homes decorated for Christmas? This trolley ride through the historic streets of Cape May is a delight. Listen to Christmas music and enjoy hearing about the history of many of the Christmas traditions of today. Victorian Cape May is outstanding at Christmas and this is a ride to share with friends and family to revel in Cape May's Christmas spirit. Trolleys are open-air. Blankets are recommended. Cape May MAC blankets are available for purchase at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth and the Physick Estate. Tour begins and ends at the trolley stop on Ocean Street.

LAMPLIGHTER CHRISTMAS WALKING TOUR - See inside a selection of Cape May bed & breakfast inns and private homes, specially decorated for the holidays on this self-guided evening walking tour that includes a visit to An Old-fashioned Christmas Exhibit in the Carroll Gallery at the Physick Estate Carriage House.

SANTA'S TROLLEY RIDES - Mrs. Claus comes direct from the North Pole to lead this tour! She tells stories and leads holiday songs on this jolly holiday trolley ride through town. Santa joins the fun at the Gazebo on the grounds of the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate. Begins and ends at the Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. (with free parking available)

SPIRITED CAPE MAY CHRISTMAS TROLLEY RIDE - Step on board for this evening trolley ride during the Christmas season in historic Cape May! Hear tales of Christmases long, long ago and not so long ago, as you travel along lovely streets in the historic district. Hear about Santa arriving at this seaside town in odd and surprising ways, ghostly appearances in the 1879 Physick House museum experienced and recorded by staff during the holidays, ghostly shadow spirits out strolling on cold December nights, the weird and risky games Victorians played at Christmas, and more.

EVENING YULETIDE HOUSE TOUR - Take this guided, first-person living history holiday tour of first-floor rooms of the magnificent 1879 Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian house museum, decorated in authentic Victorian style for Christmas. Your guide portrays a member of the Physick family in the early 1900s and shares stories and traditions. The tour also includes a visit to the Carroll Gallery to see "An Old-fashioned Christmas" exhibit, featuring a huge Christmas tree, model trains, and an elaborate Dept. 56 Dickens village collection.

EMLEN PHYSICK ESTATE HOUSE TOUR - See Cape May's Victorian House Museum, the 1879 Emlen Physick House, decorated in true Victorian style for Christmas on this holiday tour. Your guide will take you through the first and second floors of the 18-room mansion, voted "the most beautiful building in New Jersey," and explain its importance and the history of the family and staff who lived and worked here. Learn about Victorian Christmas traditions along the way. Afterwards, visit the Carroll Gallery in the estate's Carriage House to see "An Old-fashioned Christmas" exhibit, with a marvelous Dept. 56 Dickens Village display.

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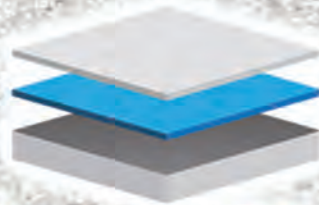
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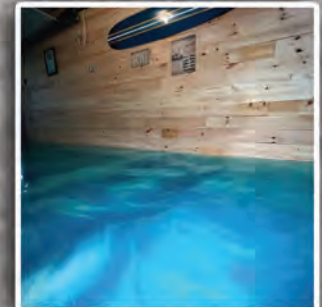


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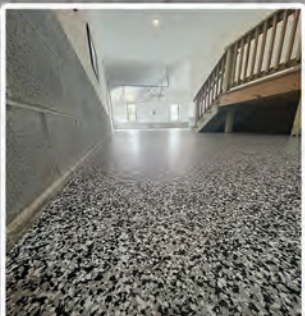
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A Christmas Less Traveled (GAF) - 16th

Confessions of a Christmas Letter (H) - 17th

A Very English Christmas (U) - 17th

The Merry Gentlemen (N) - 20th

Holiday in Happy Hollow (L) - 17th

A Wesley South African Christmas (B+) - 21st

A Novel Noel (HM) - 21st

UC: Lily's Destiny (H+) - 21st

Christmas on Call (H) - 22nd

Three Wiser Men and a Boy (H) - 23rd

A Little Women's Christmas (GAF) - 23rd

The Search for Secret Santa (U) - 23rd

Christmas in the Spotlight (L) - 23rd

To Have and To Holiday (H) - 24th

Sleigh Bells and Sugarplums (GAF) - 24th

Festival of Trees (U) - 24th

Sincerely, Truly Christmas (L) - 24th

Our Little Secret (N) - 27th

Christmas Under the Lights (HM) - 27th

The Day Before Christmas (B+) - 28th

Debbie Macomber's Joyful Mrs. Miracle (H) - 28th

UC: Olivia's Reunion (H+) - 28th

A 90's Christmas (H) - 29th

Deck the Walls (H) - 29th

A Cinderella Christmas Ball (GAF) - 29th

Believe in Christmas (H) - 30th

A Prince and Pauper Christmas (U) - 30th

Wreathmaker Christmas (GAF) - 30th

Holiday Touchdown: A Chiefs Love Story (H) - 30th

BeBe Winans' We Three Kings (L) - 30th

The Finnish Line (H) - 1st

The Christmas Quest (H) - 1st

Home Sweet Christmas (GAF) - 1st

A Bluegrass Christmas (U) - 1st

Make or Bake Christmas (L) - 1st

Brewster's Millions: Christmas (B+) - 5th

A Dance in the Snow (HM) - 5th

Season's Greetings from Cherry Lane (H+) - 5th

Happy Holidays from Cherry Lane (H+) - 5th

Private Princess Christmas (H) - 6th

A Very Merry Beauty Salon (L) - 7th

Once Upon a Christmas Wish (GAF) - 7th

Sugarplummed (H) - 7th

Leah's Perfect Gift (H) - 8th

12 Dares of Christmas (U) - 8th

How to Fall in Love By Christmas (L) - 8th

All I Need for Christmas (HM) - 12th

Too Many Christmases (B+) - 12th

Hanukkah on the Rocks (H) - 13th

Christmas Under the Northern Lights (GAF) - 14th

The Holiday Junkie (L) - 14th

The Santa Class (H) - 14th

Christmas in Scotland (GAF) - 15th

Following Yonder Star (H) - 15th

Christmas on the Alpaca Farm (L) - 15th

A Novel Christmas (U) - 15th

Deck the Halls on Cherry Lane (H+) - 19th

Trading Up Christmas (HM) - 19th

Queen of Christmas (B+) - 19th

Get Him Back for Christmas (GAF) - 21st

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A Carpenter Christmas Romance (L) - 21st

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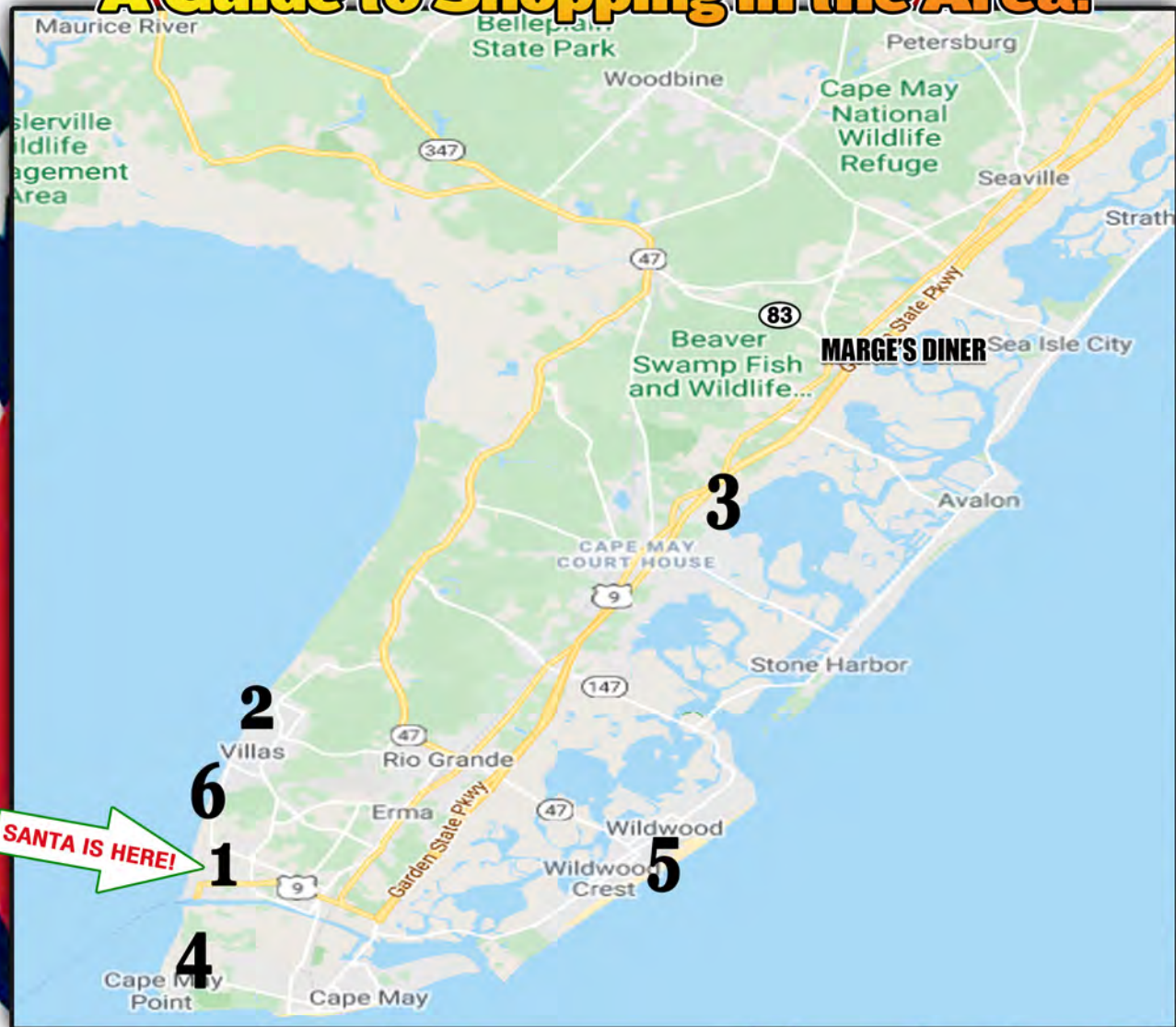
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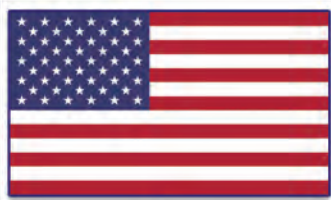
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Tips on Buying Secondhand for Your Last-Minute Holiday Gifts

More than 90 percent of Americans say they'd be open to receiving a secondhand gift for the holidays, yet only 34 percent plan to shop secondhand for others, according to polling from Morning Consult and the online secondhand retailer Poshmark. There's clearly a disconnect here: Most of us would be happy to receive something that's gently used, but we worry giving a thrifted gift will somehow leave our loved ones feeling less special. If you still have a few more names to check off your gifting list before the holidays, consider breaking the cycle. That having been established, what does it mean to shop secondhand for the holidays, and what can we expect to find? While clothing is the first thing that comes to mind for many, it's only the tip of the iceberg in terms of the usable goods flooding thrift store shelves. Here are some of our favorite items to thrift for gifts and all year round!

Kitchenware. As someone who loves playing around in the kitchen, I've caved to the social media ads and purchased the flashy new pot set or gadget of the season more than once. And I can tell you that the majority of the time, it's not worth it. The tried and true staples like cast iron and stainless steel often still work best and, if cared for properly, can last a lifetime. Even pans that look too far gone to save can often be revived but don't limit yourself to basics like pots and pans when you shop secondhand. Niche but helpful tools like graters, ricers and hand juicers, as well as small appliances, bakeware and dishware are common finds at local thrift stores. While some stores sell items as-is, they should be able to confirm if electric appliances are in working order, and many let you test them out yourself.

Books. It's difficult to pin down exactly how many books are thrown away, but one widely cited 2012 study puts the estimate at around 320 million annually in the U.S. alone. While many have converted to digital readers or audio books, some still prefer the real thing — and with so many readable books in need of a second home, there's little reason not to buy used for this commonly gifted item. Along with your local thrift store, search out used booksellers in your area — which are often stocked with disused books from libraries and tend to carry a better selection.

Tools. Much like kitchenware, common hand tools like hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches and awls can last for decades, but there are many reasons someone may

part ways with them. They're bulky, heavy and can pile up, so carting them on long moves often doesn't seem worth the hassle. That means thrift stores across the country are stocked with basic home improvement items that are perfect for a loved one who just moved into a new apartment or just can't stop tinkering around the house. While it may take a bit more digging, electric tools are also a fairly common thrift store find. As with kitchen appliances, confirm the tools are in working order or, if not, what is wrong with them. Items like cordless drills, for example, may simply have a burned-out or missing battery that can easily be replaced.

Games and toys. While the vast majority are safe and usable, you do want to exercise caution when you shop secondhand for children. In the U.S., thrift stores and secondhand sellers are bound by regulations from the Consumer Product Safety Commission in the same way as other retailers, but sometimes things can slip through the cracks. Generally speaking, it's best to avoid vintage painted wood toys that may carry risk of lead, and do a quick search on Recalls.gov before purchasing to ensure the toy has not been recalled for safety issues.

Video games. While gamers are all about that new release, most still enjoy the classics. And why pay full price for a nostalgic '90s game when you can shop secondhand and give an old one a new life? Many mainstream retailers like GameStop and Best Buy sell pre-owned games alongside new ones, but you'll also find a well-stocked video game section in most local thrift shops. If you're not a gamer yourself, just be sure you're choosing games for the right console system (a Sony game won't work in an Xbox console, for example, and vice versa).

Sporting and exercise equipment. From hockey sticks to backyard soccer nets and everything in between, sporting and exercise equipment is ideal to shop secondhand. These items were built to take a beating, and as long as they're free of cracks and other visible damage, they'll play just the same for most athletes. Along with your local thrift store, pre-owned sporting goods stores are fairly commonplace in larger towns and cities across the U.S., and many sell exercise equipment like free weights alongside sporting gear.

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- Our Little Secret - **NEW (Nov 2024)**
- That Christmas - **NEW (Dec 2024)**
- Hot Frosty - **NEW (2024)**
- Meet Me Next Christmas - **NEW (2024)**
- The Merry Gentlemen - **NEW (2024)**
- The Snow Sister - **NEW (2024)**
- Best. Christmas. Ever!
- Family Switch
- Dolly Parton's Xmas on the Square
- Scrooge: A Christmas Carol
- Christmas Chronicles 1 & 2
- Falling for Christmas
- A Family Reunion Christmas
- Elf Pets: Santa's Reindeer Rescue
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- Dr Seuss: The Grinch
- Christmas With You
- Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey
- The Princess Switch 1, 2 & 3
- Father Christmas is Back
- Christmas on Mistletoe Farm
- The Knight Before Christmas
- Operation Christmas Drop
- Christmas with the Coopers
- A Merry Christmas Wish
- Boss Baby: Christmas Bonus
- A Brush with Christmas
- Office Christmas Party
- Angela's Christmas 1 & 2
- Pee-Wee's Big Holiday
- The Claus Family 1 2 & 3
- Christmas Inheritance
- Klaus
- The holiday
- Holidate
- Alien Xmas
- David & The Elves
- Smart Christmas
- A Christmas Prince
- The Holiday Calendar
- Holiday Rush
- Home for Christmas
- How to Ruin Christmas
- Single All The Way
- A Castle For Christmas
- Let It Snow
- Robin Robin
- I Believe in Santa
- Catering Christmas
- Trolls Holiday
- Last Christmas
- The Noel Diary
- Love Hard
- Christmas at the Drive-In

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- Deck the Halls
- Best in Snow
- The Naughty Nine
- Noelle
- Once Upon a Snowman
- The Hip Hop Nutcracker
- Christmas...Again?!
- Mickey's Christmas Tales
- Disney's A Christmas Carol
- Mickey's Christmas Carol
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- 12 Dates of Christmas
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- Santa Buddies
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- Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups
- Dashing Through The Snow
- Guardians of the Galaxy Holiday Special
- Home Alone 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas
- Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas
- Beauty & The Beast: Enchanted Christmas
- A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Christmas: Cabin Fever
- Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year
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- 10 **DUCKTOWN TREE LIGHTING**
Corner of Mississippi and Arctic Ave - Dec 7
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Golden Nugget - Dec 7
- 12 **WAYNE NEWTON HOLIDAY SHOW**
Hard Rock - Nov 22
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- 13 **ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK - A WINTER WORLD OF LOVE**
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Question: How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
Answer: Four

Question: Where was baby Jesus born?
Answer: In Bethlehem

Question: The movie Miracle on 34th Street is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
Answer: Macy's

Question: What are the two most popular names for Santa Claus?
Answer: Kris Kringle and Saint Nick

Question: In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
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Question: In the classic Christmas movie, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
Answer: Stink, stank, stunk

Question: In the movie, It's A Wonderful Life, what happened every time a bell rang?
Answer: An angel got his wings

Question: What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
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Question: Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in The Polar Express?
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Not one, but TWO axolotls took up residence in the Cape May County Zoo's Reptile House in July. Axolotls are a critically endangered species, with the only wild population residing in Lake Xochimilco and Lake Chalco of Mexico. The majority of axolotls are found in zoos, research facilities, and the pet trade.



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Mushy
the
Axolotl

Both axolotls at the zoo are leucistic color morphs. Mushy is the pinker of the two individuals. She comes across as having a laid-back, quiet personality. Luno has some black pigmentation on his gills. He is a bit more active than Mushy and very food-motivated! We're still in the process of upgrading their habitat, but they will be on exhibit daily, so stop by to check them out!

Mushy says, "I'm Mushy and I'm here to teach you about axolotls! We are amphibians. Most amphibians have gills as youngsters and undergo metamorphosis to develop lungs as adults. In fact, "amphibian" means "double life" referring to aquatic life with gills and terrestrial life with lungs. Anywho, axolotls develop lungs but, unlike most amphibians, we keep our gills for our entire lives! We are considered neotenic, meaning we keep juvenile characteristics into adulthood. We are also able to regenerate lost limbs, further helping us to maintain our youthful appearance!"

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INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups orange juice chilled
- 3 cups cranberry juice chilled
- 2 cups ginger ale or Sprite
- 1.5 cups vodka chilled
 (or grape/apple juice for a mocktail)
- ½ cup maraschino cherry juice chilled
- 1 large fresh lemon (juice about ¼ cup)

1. Combine all the ingredients in a large pitcher or punch bowl. Stir well.
2. Serve over ice and garnish with cranberries or maraschino cherries and/or a rosemary sprig.

Mocktail

1. Replace the vodka with white grape juice or apple juice if you want to make a mocktail.
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- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1 green onion, chopped
- Dash salt
- Additional toasted almonds, optional

1. Place bread slices on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400° until lightly browned, 8-9 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the cheese, mayonnaise, almonds, bacon, onion and salt. Spread over bread. Bake until cheese is melted, 7-8 minutes. Sprinkle with additional almonds if desired. Serve warm.

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- peppermint crushed, garnish
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup or honey



1. Use an 11-ounce old-fashioned glass. You need a glass slightly larger than the liquid measures because it will bubble and fizz.
2. Add the crushed peppermint to a saucer. Pour syrup in another saucer then take your glass and roll the rim in the syrup. Immediately press the glass rim into the crushed peppermint coating the entire rim with peppermint.
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INGREDIENTS:



- 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh dill
- 3/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 15 sheets phyllo dough (14x9-inch size)
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- Optional: Tzatziki sauce, lemon wedges and fresh dill sprigs

1. Preheat oven to 425°. In a large bowl, mix the first 9 ingredients. Place 1 sheet of phyllo dough on a work surface, brush with butter. Layer with 2 additional phyllo sheets, brushing each layer. (Keep remaining phyllo covered with a damp towel to prevent it from drying out.)

2. Arrange 3/4 cup spinach mixture in a narrow row along the long end of phyllo to within 1 in. of edges. Fold bottom edge of phyllo over filling, then roll up. Brush end of phyllo dough with butter and press to seal. Repeat 4 times with phyllo sheets, butter and the spinach mixture. Place rolls on a parchment-lined 15x10x1-in. baking pan, seam side down.

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This year we are once again offering holiday cards and the 2025 Seeing Eye Puppy Calendar!

This year's cards feature a black Labrador retriever puppy wearing a large red bow, a collage of four puppies frolicking in the snow, and, from The Seeing Eye Archives, a historic black and white photo of Morris Frank carrying gifts into a home, guided by Buddy. The Christmas wreath on the front door has been colorized.

The 2025 Puppy Calendar features beautiful pictures of our Seeing Eye puppies, taken by our volunteer puppy raisers!

For more information, go to www.SeeingEye.org/card.

And to go with that card, how about the perfect gift for that special someone... or dog... in your life!

We have a wonderful selection of Seeing Eye clothing, caps, backpacks, mugs, insulated water bottles, dog bowls, blankets, and of course, plush puppies. To see what's available, go to www.SeeingEye.org/store.

Happy shopping!



PPAWS (People & Puppies at Work for Sight) is a dedicated group of local families from Atlantic and Cape May Counties, which raise these amazing puppies for The Seeing Eye. Until a Seeing Eye dog is ready for training, he or she lives with a puppy raising or foster family that gives the dog love, gentle guidance, and consistent care. These volunteers nurture their puppy to accomplish its special destiny. If you are interested in raising a puppy for The Seeing Eye, call Peter at (609)804-8774 or visit seeingeye.org/raise for info.

Get Ready for a Full Schedule of Holiday Events in Ocean City

The "Earlier than the Bird" Downtown Shopping Extravaganza has become a fun tradition for holiday shoppers in Ocean City. The event is always held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and encourages folks to shop in their pajamas for early-bird specials at stores on downtown Asbury Avenue. Check it out from 8am to noon on Nov. 23.

Free Horse and Carriage Rides along decorated downtown Asbury Avenue also begin on Nov. 23. They are available on weekends from noon to 3pm with boarding at Sixth Street.

Ocean City Fire Department will be ready in case Santa makes his usual landing on the roof of City Hall at 5pm on Friday, Nov 29. While others are crowding the malls on Black Friday, you can enjoy the old-fashioned Christmas in the Downtown - "Our Miracle on Asbury Avenue." Join the downtown merchants and Chamber of Commerce in shopping, caroling and other entertainment.

There will be a couple options for getting photos with Santa. He will be available for Photos with Santa in a Lifeguard Boat from 1-3pm on Nov 30 and Dec 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 at the Ocean City Music Pier. On the same dates, Santa also will be available to visit with kids from 9-11am in the Downtown at Mark Soifer Park (9th and Asbury).

The annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for 6pm on Fri, Dec. 6 on Asbury Avenue from 6th Street to 11th Street.

Another holiday tradition is the Train Show at the Ocean City Music Pier. The free event features model train displays 10am to 4pm Sat and Sun, Dec 7 and 8.

Festive Fridays are on tap for Dec 13 and 20. Join downtown Ocean City merchants as they celebrate the holidays with specials. Enjoy horse-and-carriage rides from 4-7pm through the downtown adorned with thousands of Christmas lights and shop for some of the best gifts this holiday season. Two pickup locations - the Tabernacle (6th & Asbury) and OceanFirst Bank (10th & Asbury).

Tickets are on sale now for a new holiday trolley tour geared toward families with young children. The Jolly Trolley Lights Tour on Dec. 17 will include a tour

of Ocean City homes decorated for the holidays, a photo with Santa and a Christmas craft project. Trolley riders are encouraged to dress warmly in their pajamas and enjoy hot cocoa and other treats. Two tours are scheduled: 5-7pm Dec. 17 and 6-8pm Dec. 17. They will be staged from the Ocean City Senior Center at 1735 Simpson Ave. Space is limited, so get your tickets (\$30 per person) now by visiting ocnj.us/jollytrolley.

It's not too early to think about celebrating the arrival of 2025 at Ocean City's family-friendly First Night New Year's Eve Celebration. All-inclusive admission buttons are on sale now. Tickets are available online at firstnightocnj.com, by phone at 609-399-6111 or at the welcome centers when open.

First Night offers more than 70 entertain programs at 20 different venues throughout town on Dec. 31. One \$20 button is good for all programs. Don't wait, because button sales are limited at the price goes up to \$25 on Dec. 1.

Headline entertainment at the Ocean City Music Pier this year will include a tribute to the music of the Eagles and the "Yacht Rock Gold Experience." The return of perennial favorites like outdoor ice-skating, a magic show, a mentalist, a ventriloquist, the Harlem Wizards, Japanese drummers and a variety of other shows also highlight the entertainment lineup. The Ocean City Pops (with a Rodgers & Hammerstein Extravaganza), Yellow Brick Road: A Tribute to Elton John, the Cape Shore Chorale, a dueling pianos performance, and the Sensational Soul Cruisers are among the additional musical entertainment options.

New this year will be a drone light show in the sky over Carey Stadium synced to music. As always, the festivities will end with a fireworks display to ring in the new year at midnight.

First Night's 2025 sponsors include the OC Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Cape May County Division of Culture and Heritage, McMahon Insurance Agency, OC Free Public Library, Uncle Bill's Pancake House and Atlantic City Electric. The festivities continue with First Day events on Jan. 1. Registration is open for the First Day 5K running race on the Boardwalk: ocnj.us/OCNJ-FIRST-DAY-RUN/WALK Complete info on First Night at firstnightocnj.com.

Operation Santa Paws – December 2024

Operation Santa Paws is held from December 1 to 24 every year, and we are excited to extend love and care to our furry friends and pets in shelters and rescue centers in every way we can. Animals have been kept as pets since time immemorial. Dogs especially are man's oldest and best friend and, over the years, have proven their love and loyalty to humanity. Operation Santa Paws is the perfect time to show our love for them in return.

History of Operation Santa Paws

Pets are an important, integral part of our lives. They are our friends, family, guards, and go-to whenever we feel down and need some loving. Pets, whether they're dogs, cats, rabbits, or birds, have all been with us through the good, bad, and ugly times, leaving imprints on the pages of our hearts. It is therefore devastating to note that millions of these beautiful creatures are abused, maltreated, and subsequently abandoned in shelters and rescue houses every year, with limited resources and supplies available for their care. And so Operation Santa Paws was born.

Founded in 2001 by Justin Rudd, an animal lover himself, Operation Santa Paws is a call to all animal lovers to donate blankets, treats, food, toys, supplies, and money for all our loyal furry friends housed in several shelters and rescue centers around the country.

Operation Santa Paws initially started in Long Beach California, but it has since spread all over the country with increasing growth witnessed in other countries and cities of the world like Hong Kong and the United Kingdom. Starting on the first day of December, Operation Santa Paws helps us to extend a hand to animals that might not have the opportunity to be loved and cared for, especially as we enjoy, give, and receive gifts during the holiday season.

How To Celebrate Operation Santa Paws

- **Donate to the cause** - If you don't have money to spare, see if you can organize a donation drive, or donate a few things your own pets may have lost interest in to a shelter.
- **Volunteer at a shelter** - Shelters are often understaffed and depend on the generosity of others to help care for animals. Volunteer at a shelter close to you as your way of donating and showing your love.
- **Foster or adopt a pet** - This is a good time as any to foster or adopt a pet from a nearby shelter.

5 Fun Facts About Domesticated Animals

1. **They can smell really well** - Dogs can smell 40 times better than people, which is why they are used by the police for detection purposes.
2. **There are hundreds of breeds and crossbreeds** - There are about 350 breeds of dogs and crossbreeds, and about 40-71 breeds of cats with unique characteristics.
3. **Emotional at heart** - Dogs and cats are emotional animals that feel the whole process of happiness and joy, and they can read our emotions.
4. **They can see color** - Animals can see a limited number of colors, unlike humans — dogs discern only the color blue and yellow, while cats can discern only blue-violet hues.
5. **They get jealous** - Pets can get jealous and show signs of it when they are not being given enough attention.

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| 4 cups all-purpose flour | 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves |
| 2 cups whole wheat flour | 3/4 cup molasses |
| 3 teaspoons ground ginger | 1 cup + 2 tablespoons water |
| 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon | 1/2 cup canola oil |



Preheat oven to 325°. In a large bowl, whisk water, molasses and oil until blended. In a small bowl, whisk remaining ingredients until blended; stir into flour mixture (dough will be stiff). On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/4-in. thickness. Cut with a floured 3-in. squirrel-shaped or other cookie cutter. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. (Any leftover scraps of dough can also be baked to make free-form bite-size biscuits) Bake 25-30 minutes or until set. Remove from pan to wire racks to cool.



Jersey Cape & Atlantic County Magazines' 2025 New Year Coloring Contest

How does the contest work? All entries must be received by Wed, December 24, 2024. One entry per child. To enter, take a picture of your child holding up their completed coloring page and email it to atlanticcountymagazine@comcast.net with the subject "Coloring Contest." Be sure to include child's name, age and what they are looking forward to and/or goals for this year. **Are there prizes?** Yes! The winner will be featured in Atlantic County and Jersey Cape Magazines as "Child of the Week" with their art!

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- The Man with the Bag - **NEW (Dec 2024)**
- Scrooge
- The Holiday
- Last Christmas
- Saving Santa
- A Family for the Holidays
- Uninvited for the Holidays
- Elf-Man
- Christmas with a Crown
- Christmas Confessions
- Christmas Together
- Christmas Under Wraps
- Santa's Little Yelpers
- Little Santa
- I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
- Grumpy Old Santa
- A Christmas Love Story
- The Christmas Dragon
- A Christmas Dragon
- Home & Alone for Christmas
- Annie Claus Is Coming To Town
- My Adventures with Santa
- Santa Stole our Dog
- Snow King
- Hats off to Christmas
- 12 Days of Giving
- The Christmas Cure
- The Mistletoe Promise
- Snow King
- The 12 Dogs of Christmas
- The Holiday Swap
- The Polar Express
- The Dog Who Saved The Christmas Holidays
- Four Christmases
- ELF
- Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas
- Christmas with the Coopers
- Christmas with the Kranks
- All I want for Christmas
- Jack Frost
- Tyler Perry's a Madea Christmas
- Deck The Halls
- Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- Love Actually
- Last Holiday
- It's A Wonderful Life
- Die Hard
- This Christmas
- Almost Christmas
- Nativity! 1, 2 & 3
- Santa Claus: The Movie
- Bad Santa 1 & 2
- A Christmas Story
- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
- Miracle On 34th Street
- Santa and Me
- Get Santa
- Scrooged
- A Christmas Carol (2005 & 1971)
- Home Alone 1, 2 & 3
- The Santa Clause 1, 2 & 3
- The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Arthur Christmas
- The Grinch
- Fred Claus
- Mickey's Twice Upon A Christmas
- Saving Santa's Sleigh
- Saving Christmas
- Becoming Santa
- Jingle All The Way 1 & 2
- The Night Before
- Bad Moms Christmas
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