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THE WRITER'S QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE CHRISTMAS CAPITAL OF TEXAS® 2025

More than 1,400 events take place over 40 days in Historic Grapevine, Texas

EVENTS

Tom T. Turkey Pardoning – Mayor Tate pardons Nash Farm's Tom T. Turkey from the Thanksgiving dinner table as Grapevine says goodbye to Fall and welcomes the Christmas Capital of Texas. *(Also, Santa's North Pole Express Media Day if you'd like to cover it.)* Monday, November 24 at 10 a.m.

37th Annual Carol of Lights – Visit Historic Main Street for a Christmas festival and the official kickoff event for the Christmas Capital of Texas. Monday, November 24. 4 – 8 p.m.

5th Annual Merry & Bright Drone Shows – Gather on Historic Main Street to see a fleet of 400 drones create Christmas music in the Sky! Mondays, December 1 & 8 at 7:00 p.m.

46th Annual Parade of Lights – The Parade of Lights features more than 100 lighted floats and marching bands on Historic Main Street with the theme: Storybook Parade! Thursday, December 4 at 7 p.m.

ATTRACTIONS & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

ICE! – at Gaylord Texan Resort. Journey through iconic scenes from the beloved film Elf™, brought to life in magnificent, hand-carved sculptures from more than two million pounds of colorful ice. Tickets are on sale now. Friday, November 14, 2025 – Sunday, January 4, 2026.

Cirque Frost – at Gaylord Texan Resort embark on a magical journey with the all-new Cirque: Frost, where young Jack discovers his destiny as the legendary winter spirit, Jack Frost. Through a dazzling show of high-flying stunts and breathtaking feats, witness the heartwarming tale of a dreamer who brings enchantment and wonder to the world. Sunday, November 16 – Saturday, January 3.



Snowland – Great Wolf Lodge, which recently underwent a \$41 million dollar transformation, turns into an immersive Winter Wonderland filled with seasonal events, winter activities, giant snow globes in the lobby, visits with Santa Claus and more. Monday, November 24 – Sunday, January 4.

Santa's Wonderland – Bass Pro Shops' popular annual tradition includes games, crafts and free photos with Santa. Santa is there daily starting Sunday, November 2.

Phenomenomaly – Meow Wolf Grapevine's one-of-a-kind immersive play for the holiday season. The experience blends theater, dance and music inside The Real Unreal, turning the exhibition into a living story that guests can explore and take part in. Included with attraction tickets. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Friday, November 14 – January 4, 1 – 6 p.m.

Holiday Bricktacular – LEGOLAND Discovery Center will be decked out for Christmas. Enjoy special seasonal activities and meet LEGO Santa. Thursday, December 4 – Wednesday, December 24, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. *hours may vary. Tickets: Start at \$19.99.

Scuba Diving Santa – SEA LIFE Grapevine Aquarium's Scuba Diving Santa will let you know if you're naughty or nice with special appearances on Saturdays, December 6, 13 and 20 and Wednesday, December 24 at 11 a.m. Tickets start at \$19.99.

Santa's North Pole Express – Sponsored by AE Texas and Great Wolf Lodge. This cherished tradition on Grapevine Vintage Railroad includes Christmas singalongs, special moments with Santa and his elves on board and visits with Mrs. Claus during boarding. Friday, November 28 – Sunday, December 30. (Closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26)

Photos With Santa – 701 S. Main Street inside the Grapevine Christmas Market General Store. Friday, November 28 – Tuesday, December 30 9 a.m. – 10:15 p.m. daily (closed December 24, 25, and 26.) Special days/times: Monday, November 24 4 – 8 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 4 – 10:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Peace Plaza Ice Rink – sponsored by Baylor Scott & White – Grapevine, Skate on the largest outdoor rink in North Texas under the glow of Grapevine's live 60-foot-tall Christmas tree. Grapevine – Saturday, November 22 – Tuesday, January 6.

Texas Star Dinner Theater – E.B. Neazer is the meanest, nastiest "grinchiest" citizen in town. He owns everything and hates everyone and on Christmas Eve he's decided now is the time to spread his own wicked brand of Christmas cheer. "A Cold Hearted Christmas" opens Friday, November 21 and runs through New Year's Eve (Tuesday, December 31). Shows are Fridays and Saturdays in November, Thursdays - Sundays in December at 5 p.m. There are additional shows on Saturdays and Sundays at 8:30 p.m. \$65.95 Per Person (Plus Tax and Fees)

Historic Palace Theatre Broadway-Style Tribute Shows and Live Entertainment:

- **Magician Zak Mirz** – Saturday, November 8 at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20 - \$30
- **Winter's Night and the music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra** – presented by Tribute Masters Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50
- **North Central Ballet presents: "Nutcracker – Short and Sweet"** – Saturday, November 22 & Sunday November 23 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$18



- **A Sinatra Christmas Tribute** – presented by Tribute Masters Sunday, November 30 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$44
- **The Big Band Holiday Swing Thing** – presented by Tribute Masters Friday, December 5 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$44
- **A Merry Little Christmas Show with Ricki Derek** – Saturday, December 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$32
- **Elvis Christmas Special starring Kraig Parker** – Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$37
- **A Holly Jolly Christmas with Holly Tucker** – Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30
- **A Bublé Christmas Tribute** - presented by Tribute Masters Friday, December 12 & Saturday December 13 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50
- **Rocky Gribble presents A Grapevine Opry Christmas** – Sunday, December 14 at 4 pm. Tickets: \$30
- **The Texas Tenors: Deep in the Heart of Christmas** – Monday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 16 at 3 p.m and 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 17 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$48
- **William Lee Martin's The Nuttier Cracker Comedy Show** – Saturday, December 20 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 - \$45

Historic Palace Theatre Movies – Enjoy classic Christmas films in the beautifully-restored art-deco style theatre that is considered the gem of Main Street. All movies are \$10 per person.

- **Miracle on 34th Street** – Friday, November 21 at 7 p.m.
 - This is also the 85th Anniversary of the Historic Palace Theatre
- **Elf** – Saturday, November 29 at 3 p.m., Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 23 at 3 p.m.
- **Home Alone** – Saturday, November 29 at 7 p.m., Friday, December 19 at 3 p.m., Sunday, December 21 at 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 23 at 11 a.m.
- **It's A Wonderful Life** – Monday, December 1 at 4 p.m., Thursday, December 18 at 3 p.m., Monday, December 22 at 7 p.m.
- **A Christmas Story** – Tuesday, December 2 at 7 p.m.
- **A Christmas Carol** – Wednesday, December 3 at 7 p.m.
- **The Muppet Christmas Carol** – Monday, December 8 at 4 p.m.
- **White Christmas** – Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m., Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 23 at 7 p.m.
- **Animated Double Feature: A Charlie Brown Christmas and Frosty the Snowman** – Thursday, December 18 at 11 a.m., Friday, December 19 at 11 a.m., Monday, December 22 at 11 a.m.
- **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** – Sunday, December 21 at 7 p.m.
- **The Santa Clause** – Monday, December 22 at 3 p.m.
- **Meet Me In St. Louis** – Saturday, December 27 at 3 p.m.
- **The Bishop's Wife** – Saturday, December 27 at 7 p.m.



CRAFTS AND OTHER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Vetro Glassblowing Studios – Pick your colors and work with artisans at the 2,000-degree furnace to create Christmas ornaments and snowmen. Tuesday, November 11 – Saturday, January 3.

Gingerbread House Making Classes – JudyPie experts will walk you through the perfect house making process while you enjoy tasty, seasonal treats. Dates: Vary Tickets: \$55.95

Ornament Making – International Porcelain Artists Museum Tuesday – Friday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday noon to 5 p.m. \$10 for make and take, \$15 for kiln fired.

Cartoons & Crafts at the Lancaster Theatre:

- 23 different **Cartoons & Crafts events**- Watch classic Christmas cartoons like “A Charlie Brown Christmas” and “Mickey’s Once Upon a Christmas” while making a fun Christmas craft.
\$8 kids (includes craft, popcorn and drink) \$4 adults (includes water)

First Fridays: Prairie Christmas at Historic Nash Farm - Join the Farmhands for tractor-drawn wagon rides and festive Christmas crafts. Then, sew your very own pair of mittens to take home! Come experience the simple joys of an 1800’s Christmas season on the Grape Vine Prairie. Friday, December 5 from 10 a.m. – noon. Tickets: \$5

Historic Nash Farm Farmstead Christmas Celebration – Gather with friends and family to share in the handmade beauty and timeless traditions of a farmstead Christmas. Learn how we cook Christmas dinner on the wood-burning stove, craft your own Victorian-style ornament, enjoy live traditional Christmas music and more! Saturday, December 6 from 1 – 4 p.m. Tickets: \$5

Historic Nash Farm: A Handmade Christmas - Join the Nash Farmhands by the wood-burning stove December 1 - 14 to bake old-fashioned cookies and hand-print your own Christmas cards. December 5 - 22 make your own vintage ornament and garland to adorn your tree with timeless charm. December 1 – 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Tickets: \$3

PHOTO OPPS

Christmas Lights and Photo Opps on Historic Main Street – Enjoy festively decorated shops, cafés and winery tasting rooms on Historic Main Street with memorable photo opportunities along the way including at Liberty Park Plaza, the Cotton Belt Depot District and more.

Hometown Christmas– Even bigger this year! Stroll through the charm and spirit of a classic American town preparing for Christmas in this interactive Christmas exhibition inside the Grapevine Tower Gallery and now at the Settlement to City Museums. Friday, November 28 – Tuesday, January 6. (Closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26)

Grapevine’s Live Christmas Tree– Take in the beauty of a fully decorated 60-foot-tall, live Christmas tree from the Pacific Northwest at Grapevine Main Station’s Peace Plaza.

Grapevine Christmas Market – Explore the Cotton Belt Depot District with artisan vendors, seasonal attractions, activities and photo ops. Friday, November 28 – Sunday, December 30 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. (Closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26)



POP-UP BARS AND MORE FOR THE ADULTS

Murder Mystery Dinner – Messina Hof Winery Tasting Room presents Bad Santa! While the evening unwraps, your goal is to find the one on the naughty list the time dessert is served. Friday, December 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. \$75 per person

Winter Wonderland Bubbles – Hotel Vin’s infamous Bubbles on the WineYard lawn feature fur blankets, heaters and decadent treats. Open late November through Valentine’s Day.

Holly Jolly Pop-Up Bar at Third Rail – Enjoy Christmas cocktails, festive décor and live entertainment from Friday, November 21 – December 31. Inside Harvest Hall at Grapevine Main Station.

Holiday Hideaway Pop-Up Bar – Chicken N Pickle’s seasonal bar features festive cocktails, lodge vibes, summit views and a cozy atmosphere. New this year- there are two festively decorated igloos on the patio.

Bad Santa’s Boathouse – New this year! Christmas popup bar at Big Daddy’s Cantina at Lake Grapevine. Opens November 14.

Christmas Wine Train – Enjoy seasonal Texas wines and Christmas cheer on Grapevine Vintage Railroad during this adults-only excursion. Friday, November 21.

PLEASE NOTE

Historic Main Street will be closed to traffic on certain dates throughout the season to accommodate visitors:

- Carol of Lights: Sunday, November 23 1 p.m. – Monday, November 24 midnight
- Thanksgiving weekend: Friday, November 28 6 a.m. – Monday December 1 9 p.m. (Staying through Monday due to 5th Annual Merry & Bright Drone Show)
- Parade of Lights: Thursday December 4 6 p.m. – Monday, December 8 9 p.m. (extended through Monday for second drone show)
- Friday, December 12 6 a.m. – Monday, December 15 6 a.m.
- Friday, December 19 6 a.m. – Monday, December 22 6 a.m.
- Friday, December 26 6 a.m. – Monday, December 29 6 a.m.

**All dates, times, prices are subject to change. This is not an exhaustive list.*

Contact Elizabeth Schrack for any questions, pictures or for more information on any specific event.

Information as of 11/4/2025.

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