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**THE WRITER'S QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO
THE CHRISTMAS CAPITAL OF TEXAS® 2026**

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

EVENTS

Tom T. Turkey Pardoning & Santa's North Pole Express Media Day – Mayor William D. 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® season. Monday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. 701 S. Main Street.

38th Annual Carol of Lights – Visit Historic Main Street for a Christmas festival and the official kickoff event for the Christmas Capital of Texas season. Visit Jumpin' Junction with Christmas-themed bounce houses, Santa's Race Track, the Frozen FunZone featuring a three-lane snow hill and more. Monday, November 23 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Historic Main Street.

47th Annual Parade of Lights – The Parade of Lights features more than 100 lighted floats and marching bands on Historic Main Street. This year's theme is Christmas Miracle on Main Street! Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. along Historic Main Street.

6th Annual Merry & Bright Drone Show – Gather on Historic Main Street to see a fleet of 600 drones create Christmas magic in the sky from the North End! Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Along Historic Main Street, drones launch from the Northwest Highway side.

Santa's North Pole Express co-presented 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 27 – Wednesday, December 30. (Closed Dec. 3, 24 and 25). 705 S. Main Street



ATTRACTIONS

[ice! & Lone Star Christmas at Gaylord Texan Resort](#) – Wintry scenes come to life with ice! featuring Harry Potter™. The magnificent, hand-carved sculptures are created from more than two million pounds of colorful ice. Lone Star Christmas includes more fun activities including Ice Tubing, Gingerbread Decorating Corner, Elf Training Academy, Mrs. Claus's Christmas Traditions and more. Friday, November 13, 2026 – Sunday, January 3, 2027. Times vary. 1501 Gaylord Trail

[Snowland at Great Wolf Lodge](#) – The Lodge turns into an immersive Winter Wonderland filled with seasonal events including singalongs, snowfall celebrations, dance parties, visits with Santa Claus and more. Don't forget the massive 84-degree year-round water park too! Monday, November 23 – Tuesday, January 5. 100 Great Wolf Drive

[Santa's Wonderland at Bass Pro Shops](#) – The popular annual tradition includes games, crafts and free photos with Santa. Santa arrives Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m. Reservations for photos go live starting Sunday, November 1. 2501 Bass Pro Drive

NEW [Christmas at Dig World](#) – Join Santa's work crew at this one-of-a-kind Christmas celebration. Step into a construction wonderland where children and adults can operate real heavy machinery surrounded by festive lights, music and park-wide decorations. Get your photo with Construction Santa Friday, December 18 – Thursday, December 24. Day passes start at \$30. 2200 W. Grapevine Mills Circle

[Holiday Bricktacular](#) – LEGOLAND® Discovery Center will be all decked out for Christmas. Enjoy special seasonal activities and meet LEGO Santa. Thursday, December 3 – Thursday, December 31, hours vary. Tickets start at \$21.99. 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway inside Grapevine Mills

[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 5, 12 and 19 at 11:00 a.m. Tickets start at \$19.99. 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway inside Grapevine Mills

[Peace Plaza Ice Rink presented by Baylor Scott & White Medical Center Grapevine](#) - Skate on the largest outdoor rink in North Texas under the glow of Grapevine's towering, live Christmas tree. Saturday, November 21 – Tuesday, January 5. (Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.) \$20 for a one-hour session, including skate rental. 815 S. Main Street

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

[Historic Palace Theatre Broadway-Style Tribute Shows and Live Entertainment sponsored by Amazon](#) 300 S. Main Street

- **Dean Martin & Friends – A Hilarious Christmas Celebration:** Saturday, November 14 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50

- **Magician Zak Mirz – Kid at Heart:** Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets: \$20 - \$30
- **North Central Ballet presents: “Nutcracker – Short and Sweet”:** Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets: \$18; Event add-on: **The Sugar Plum Fairy Tea Party** at 2:00 p.m. before each show. Tickets: \$15
- **A Frank Sinatra Christmas Tribute:** Saturday, November 29 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$50
- **The BIG BAND Holiday Swing Thing!** – Friday, December 4 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50
- **A Merry Little Christmas Show with Ricki Derek:** Saturday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$30 - \$38
- **Elvis Christmas Special starring Kraig Parker and the Royal Tribute Band:** Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$20 - \$47
- **Endless Summer – America’s Beach Boys Experience – Christmas Tribute:** Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m., Tickets: \$50
- **Rocky Gribble presents A Grapevine Opry Christmas:** Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm. Tickets: \$32
- **The Texas Tenors: Deep in the Heart of Christmas:** Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 16 at 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets: \$48
- **Red Dirt Comedy Christmas Show with William Lee Martin & Friends – A Christmas Standup Spectacular:** Saturday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$35 - \$45

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever – The worst kids in town hijack the annual Christmas pageant in this community theatre production at the Runway Theatre. Friday, December 4 – Sunday, December 6, Saturday, December 12 – Sunday, December 13 and Friday, December 18 – Sunday, December 20. Times vary. Tickets: \$22 - \$25. 215 N Dooley Street

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MOVIES

Historic Palace Theatre Movies sponsored by Amazon – 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. 300 S. Main Street

- **Miracle on 34th Street** - Friday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Animated Double Feature: A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and A Charlie Brown Christmas** - Tuesday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Santa Clause** - Tuesday, November 24 and Tuesday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Elf** – Saturday, November 28 at 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 23 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Home Alone** – Saturday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m., Friday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 23 at 11:00 a.m.
- **A Christmas Carol** – Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Meet Me in St. Louis** – Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.
- **It’s A Wonderful Life** – Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 21 at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m.

- **The Muppet Christmas Carol** – Monday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.
- **A Christmas Story** – Tuesday, December 8 at 4:00 p.m.
- **White Christmas** – Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m.
- **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** – Friday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Animated Double Feature: A Charlie Brown Christmas and Frosty the Snowman** – Monday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Bell of St. Mary's** – Tuesday, December 29 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Serendipity** – Tuesday, December 29 at 7:00 p.m.
- **The Shop Around the Corner** – Wednesday, December 30 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Die Hard** – Wednesday, December 30 at 7:00 p.m.

CRAFTS, MAKING & FAMILY FUN

Help Create: Christmas Ornaments at Vetro Glassblowing Studio & Gallery – Pick your colors and work with artisans at the 2,000-degree furnace to create Christmas snowmen and round ornaments. Wednesday, November 11 – Saturday, January 2, 2027. Times vary. \$70 each. Reservations required. 701 S. Main Street #103

***NEW* Custom Candle Pop Up at RTown Gallery** – Join the gallery with Studio Assemblage for a special candle pop-up featuring handcrafted candles, local art and a little something to brighten your day. Bring your own vessel if you wish. Sunday, December 13 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Gallery visit is free, candles start at \$28. 314 S. Main Street

Ornament Making – Head to the International Porcelain Artists Museum to make your own ornament. Tuesday – Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$10 for make and take, \$15 for kiln fired. 204 E. Franklin Street

Cartoons & Crafts at the Lancaster Theatre sponsored by Amazon: 25 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. Various days and times. \$8 children (includes craft, popcorn and drink), \$4 adults (includes beverage) 300 S. Main Street

6th Annual Christmas in Grapevine Craft Show – There will be 90+ vendors with thousands of unique gift ideas, seasonal treats, Christmas music, free drawings and prizes. Saturday, November 28 – Sunday, November 29. Tickets are \$5. Children and military are free. Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main Street

[Train-A-Palooza Christmas Model Train Show](#) – The Christmas edition of Train-A-Palooza will include working model train layouts, toys and sales tables. Saturday, December 5 – Sunday, December 6. Tickets are \$10. Children and scouts in uniform are free. Grapevine Convention Center. 1209 S. Main Street

[Rudolph's Gift](#) – At Grapevine Escape, Mrs. Claus needs your help finishing Rudolph's gift for a milestone anniversary before Santa arrives for the season. Monday, November 9 – Wednesday, January 6. Tickets start at \$34.99. 160 N. Main Street

[Prairie Christmas at Historic Nash Farm](#) – Help the Farmhands prepare for the Christmas season. Make popcorn garland and paper chains to help decorate. Friday, December 4 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$10 walk-ups if available. 626 Ball Street

[Victorian Christmas at Nash Farm](#) – Join the Farmhands and enjoy the magic of a 19th century Christmas celebration filled with traditional music, Christmas crafts and treats. Saturday, December 12 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 walk-ups if available. 626 Ball Street

[A Handmade Christmas at Nash Farm](#) – Join the Nash Farmhands by the 1892 wood-burning stove and bake old-fashioned cookies, create a Victorian foil embossing craft, and string popcorn garland. Tuesday, December 15 – Thursday, December 31 at 10:30 and 1:30 p.m. (Not offered on Mondays or December 24 and 25) Tickets: \$5 in advance, walk-up tickets not guaranteed. 626 Ball Street

CHRISTMAS TREATS & DRINKS

[Gingerbread House Decorating Classes](#) – Head to the top pie shop in Texas, JudyPie, to learn how to decorate a beautiful Gingerbread House. There are several options throughout the season and the classes include kits, icing, decorations, hot chocolate and a cookie. Tickets: \$65. Dates and times vary. 520 S. Main Street

[Dr. Sue's Hot Chocolate Bar](#) – Enjoy rich, all-natural hot chocolate made from scratch in house with marshmallows, fresh whipped cream and fun toppings. Friday, November 27 – Wednesday, December 23 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. \$5.75 per cup. 150 W. College Street

[Christmas Cookies and Coffee Flight Boards](#) – Enjoy a pairing of Christmas cookies and seasonal coffee drinks at RE:defined Coffee House. They'll be available the day after Thanksgiving, from Friday, November 27 through Christmas. Each day they are available while supplies last. 200 W. Northwest Hwy.

ADULT CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCES

Winter Wonderland Bubbles – Nestled on Hotel Vin’s North Lawn alongside the Historic Grapevine Vintage Railroad, this festive 90-minute experience brings together sparkling wine, cozy Pendleton touches and plenty of Christmas magic. Friday, November 13 – Sunday, February 14. 215 E. Dallas Road

Holly Jolly Pop-Up Bar at Third Rail – Sip Christmas craft cocktails, enjoy seasonal bites and catch live entertainment every week, all surrounded by Christmas cheer. Friday, November 20 – Sunday, January 3. Inside Harvest Hall at Grapevine Main Station. 215 E. Dallas Road

Bad Santa’s Boathouse – A “Naughty and Nice” Christmas Pop-Up Bar on Lake Grapevine. Big Daddy’s Cantina at Scott’s Landing Marina becomes a waterfront winter wonderland with festive décor, music and a menu of merry bites and cocktails. Open Tuesdays – Sundays starting November 6 – December 26. Reservations are encouraged. 2500 Oak Grove Loop S #200

Bubbles, Brunch and Munch – Enjoy Cava, Crémant, Champagne and other sparkling wines from around the world at Winestein’s Tasting Room. Learn which makes each one unique while pairing them with full charcuterie, brunch favorites and munchies like potato chips. Saturday, November 28 from Noon – 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$69 each. 280 N. Main Street

No Home For the Holidays – Interactive Murder Mystery at Texas Star Dinner Theater – It’s Christmas time and the not-so-favorite happy homemaker Martha Seward is busy bustling around town making everyone else look bad before getting roasted in an open fire, but Marshal Jim Courtright and the guests will figure out whodunnit! Friday, November 20 – Sunday, December 27, Various days and times. Tickets: \$70.95. 816 S. Main Street

Ho Ho Homicide: Murder Mystery Dinner – At this immersive experience at Messina Hof Grapevine Winery, you’ll be assigned a specific character role based on your comfort level. Dress up for your part and help bring the crime scene to life! Friday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$75. 201 S. Main Street

A Very Merry Christmas Cookie & Wine Pairing – Enjoy a merry afternoon of five delicious Christmas cookies, each paired with a perfectly matched Messina Hof Wine. Saturday, December 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Tickets \$42. 201 S. Main Street

Christmas Wine Trains – Enjoy seasonal Texas wines and Christmas cheer on Grapevine Vintage Railroad during these festive adults-only excursions. Friday, November 20 and Thursdays, December 10 & 17. *Trains are at capacity for the 2026 season.* 705 S. Main Street

FESTIVE PHOTO OPPS

Christmas Lights on Historic Main Street – Enjoy festively decorated boutiques, cafés, art galleries and winery tasting rooms on Historic Main Street and enjoy the following photo opps along the way:

- **Historic Torian and Bushong Log Cabins** – 200 S. Main Street | Enjoy historical décor with wagons, sleighs, a Christmas tree farm and mistletoe booth.
- **Toyland at Liberty Park Plaza** – 200 S. Main Street | Take pictures and play with larger-than-life classic toys including Rubik's Cube and Operation
- **Candy Cane Lane** – 300 S. Main Street | Enjoy a walk down Candy Cane Lane featuring the Coca-Cola polar bears sponsored by Arca Continental Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages.
- **Town Square Gazebo** – 325 S. Main Street | With a brand new Christmas tree this year featuring a drum with a train operating inside, sleigh, carriage and Vintage Dodge Truck (presented by Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram)
- **Nativity Scene** – 523 S. Main Street
- **Singing Snowmen (The Chili Dawgs)** – West Worth and Main Street, shows begin at 5:30 p.m. nightly

Hometown Christmas - 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 the Settlement to City Museums. Friday, November 27 – Tuesday, January 5. (Closed Dec. 24, 25 and New Year's Day) Admission is \$3. 636 S. Main Street

Grapevine's Live Christmas Tree – Take in the beauty of a fully decorated towering, live Christmas tree from the Pacific Northwest at Grapevine Main Station's Peace Plaza. 815 S. Main Street

Grapevine Christmas Market – The Historic Cotton Belt Depot District is transformed into a Christmas Market with artisan vendors, seasonal attractions, activities and photo ops. Friday, November 27 – Wednesday, December 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. (Closed Dec. 24 and 25). While browsing for goods and enjoying snacks, take time to relax at the Lodge at Santa's North Pole Express presented by Park Place Lexus and Land Rover Grapevine. 701 S. Main Street

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

- **Bass Pro Shops** – 2501 Bass Pro Drive | November 8 – December 24
- **Gaylord Texan Resort** - 1501 Gaylord Trail | November 14 – December 24
- **Grapevine Mills** – 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway | November 14 – December 24
- **Photos with Santa sponsored by AE Texas** – 701 S. Main Street | November 27 – December 30 (Closed December 24 - 25)
- **Main Street Santa** – 122 N. Main Street | November 15 – December 24
- **Construction Santa at Dig World** – 2200 Grapevine Mills Circle | December 18 – December 24

FREE PARKING

- **The Grapevine Convention Center** - 1201 Municipal Way – FREE parking with FREE Shuttle Service
- **307 W. Dallas Road** – FREE
- **410 W. Dallas Road** – FREE
- **636 S. Main Street** – FREE
- **Limited parking in Historic Grapevine Parking Lots** – FREE

PAID PARKING & PARK AND RIDE

- **1867 E. Dallas Road** – DFW Airport North DART Silver Line and TEXRail Station (TEXRail fare to Grapevine Main Station \$4/ Seniors \$2 round trip.)
- **255 E. Dallas Road** – Grapevine Main Parking Garage (Fees apply)

HISTORIC MAIN STREET CLOSURES

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

- Sunday, November 22 at 1:00 p.m. through Monday, November 30 at 6:00 a.m.
- Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. through Monday, December 7 at 6:00 a.m.
- Monday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. for the Drone Show through Midnight.
- Friday, December 11 at 6:00 a.m. through Monday, December 14 at 6:00 a.m.
- Friday, December 18 at 6:00 a.m. through Monday, December 28 at 6:00 a.m.

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

Contact Elizabeth Schrack for photos or additional information.

Information 10/15/26.

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