



Historic Downtown

Forest City

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

NOV 26 - JAN 18



Fridays 12/4 • 12/11 • 12/18

6pm – 8:30pm Santa's House 🏠
N. Broadway & East Main St in Kimbrell's parking lot

6pm – 9pm Hayrides ★
In front of the Southern Quarter near the fountain

6pm – until Ice Skating 🛷
N. Broadway & East Main St in the BB&T parking lot

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| 🍷 Apple Cider | ★ Loading Area |
| 💰 Bank/ATM | P Parking |
| 🗿 Fountain | ♿ Restrooms |
| ♿ Handicap Parking | 🏠 Santa's House |
| 🍫 Hot Chocolate | 🎫 Tickets |
| 🛷 Ice Skating | |

LEGEND



Saturdays 12/5 • 12/12 • 12/19

5pm – 8:30pm Santa's House 🏠
N. Broadway & East Main St in Kimbrell's parking lot

5pm – until Ice Skating 🛷
N. Broadway & East Main St in the BB&T parking lot

6pm – 8:30pm Carriage Rides ★
In front of the Southern Quarter near the fountain

Sundays 12/6 • 12/13 • 12/20

2pm – 6pm Santa Paws 🏠
N. Broadway & East Main St in Kimbrell's parking lot

Call 828.247.4430 or visit TownofForestCity.com

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Annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony

Thanksgiving Night, 11/26, 6-9pm at the Fountain

Mayor Dennis Tarlton & special guest light up the Town with:

- Festive Live Music
- 2015 Facebook Community Grant Award Presentation
- Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Raffle drawing
- Ice Skating Rink opens at 7pm & Santa is onsite

Forest City Christmas Parade

Sunday, 11/29 3-5pm

Sponsored by the Forest City Merchants Association.

Starting at McNair Stadium, the parade travels East on Main Street and ends at Forest City Methodist Church.

Forest City, North Carolina

Every year, thousands of people from near and far come to celebrate the Christmas season in Forest City, where more than one million lights shine brightly from Thanksgiving night through mid-January.

Each evening brings hundreds of cars streaming through a canopy of red, green, and clear lights. The live oaks lining Main Street are wrapped in tiny clear lights and standing displays of reindeer, snowmen, and toy soldiers inhabit the landscaped median around the town fountain.

On Thanksgiving night at 6:00pm, the Town hosts the annual tree lighting ceremony. After a brief welcome from the Town Manager, a choir sings a medley of well-loved Christmas tunes. Partnering with the Town, Facebook's Forest City Data Center awards the Facebook Community Action Grants during the ceremony. Afterward, the Mayor and his special guest flip the switch to turn on the lights! Everyone joins the choir in singing *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* as the crowd walks down Main Street to **Santa's House** (pictured on right) for complimentary hot chocolate and cookies! As Santa awaits visitors outside his house, he keeps a close eye on the **ice-skating rink** located next door.

The following Sunday, Main Street is filled with happy and excited folks, young and old, as the Forest City Merchants oversee the **annual Christmas parade!** Starting at McNair Stadium, the parade travels East on Main Street and ends at Forest City Methodist Church.

On Friday nights, park your car and **catch a ride on the hay wagon** as it makes its way down Main Street! Grab a pair of **magical eyeglasses** and watch the lights change into snowmen, reindeer and ornaments!

Saturday nights bring the clip-clop of horse hooves to Main Street as **nine horse-drawn carriages** bring that long ago Christmas charm into the present! Enjoy **live music** as you stroll through downtown and visit our local and unique shops. Afterward, head to Santa's house to tell him your wish list for Christmas. And don't forget to take a spin around the ice rink.



Santa's House is reserved for our furry friends on Sunday afternoons, with the Community Pet Center offering **Santa pictures with your pet!**

Be sure to purchase a **commemorative ornament** available at many of our downtown shops and grab a bite to eat at one of our local eateries:

- **Coffee House 828** 106 W. Main St.
- **Copper Penny Grill** 146 E. Main St.
- **Ellie Mae's Tavern** 114 E Main St.
- **Louie's Café** 235 S. Powell St.
- **Smith's Drugs** 139 E. Main St

There is much to see and do in the Town of Forest City during the holiday season. *Come and visit us!*

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

★ Hayrides

FRIDAYS 6-9pm

Load near the fountain in front of the Southern Quarter. **\$2.00 per person** (adult or child). See the holiday lights from a hay wagon pulled by an antique tractor. *Sponsored by Carson Farms.*

★ Carriage Rides

SATURDAYS 6-8:30pm

Purchase tickets at the tent at East Main Street/Mill Street intersection. **\$7.00 per adult. \$3.00 per child.** Enjoy the holiday lights from an open air, horse-drawn carriage.

🏠 Santa's House

FRIDAYS 6-8:30pm & SATURDAYS 5-8:30pm

No charge to talk with Santa, but a donation to Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy is appreciated. **\$3 for photo with Santa**

🛼 Ice Skating

FRIDAYS 6pm-Until & SATURDAYS 5pm-Until

Rink is located at Santa's House in the BB&T parking lot. **\$7.00 person** (includes skates) **Call 828.245.4543 to book skating parties.** *Sponsored by Kidz Play*

🏠 Santa Paws

SUNDAYS 2-6pm

Bring your pets for a photo with Santa. **\$5 donation** (fundraiser for Community Pet Center). *Sponsored by Community Pet Center.*