



Make the Season Merry and Bright!

Although many local holiday events have changed this year, there are still many ways to enjoy new traditions and make new memories. Always check with the organizers for last-minute changes and safety requirements due to COVID-19. We aren't affiliated with these events and we recommend you make choices that are appropriate for your family within the guidelines for your county.

Linn County Events

	North Pole Express Mailbox at Albany Carousel - letters to Santa will receive a response from Santa and his elves!
12/4 6pm	Brownsville Tree Lighting and holiday lights tour: historicbrownsville.com
12/5	Lebanon Holidays in Ralston Park: facebook.com/Holidaysinthepark/
12/5 5pm	Scio Light Parade led by SFD and Tree Lighting at Scio Christian Church
12/5 5pm	Sweet Home's Virtual Tree Lighting via Facebook Live: facebook.com/cityofsweethome
12/7- 12/31	Albany Night Time Magic Holiday Light Contest, Albany Explorer app or albanyvisitors.com
12/13 1pm- 7pm	Albany Christmas Porch Tour and Christmas Treasure Hunt, map and info at albanyvisitors.com
12/18 to 12/20 6pm- 9pm	Tri-County Hallmark Christmas and Light Parade: Junction City, Harrisburg, and Monroe. Info and map at facebook.com/Tri-County-Chamber-of-Commerce-Oregon
12/21	Sweet Home Christmas Lights Contest, judging held on 12/21, more info at sweethomechamber.com



Benton County Events

Until 12/19	Santa's Mailbox, corner of NW Hayes and NW 23rd, Corvallis: letters to Santa with a return address receive a response from Santa!
12/8 8pm	Virtual Holiday Concert, Corvallis Community Band via YouTube: c-cband
12/11 7pm	A Christmas Carol Audio Drama from OSU University Theatre; tickets by donation, damthedistance.libsyn.com
12/13 4pm	Corvallis Youth Symphony Winter Concert Online via YouTube: Corvallis Youth Symphony Association
	Corvallis Lights: Search Facebook for maps of homes with light displays.

Lincoln County Events

12/5 Dusk	Newport's Lighted Boat Parade View from Historic Bay Front
12/19 12pm -4pm	Kids Christmas at American Legion Post 116, Newport, OR. Socially distanced and masks required.



'Tis the Season for Giving

There is great need in our communities this year. Local organizations are struggling to help those who need help. Give a little or give a lot, but let's spread some joy and hope this holiday season.



Linn County Giving

- Albany Fire Department - accepting new, unwrapped toys at all stations until 12/11.
- American Legion Post 10 - collecting toys and checks for annual Children's Christmas at 1215 Pacific Blvd. SE, Albany.
- Glove Box gloves drive - new gloves can be taken to Lebanon Church of the Nazarene, 600 West D. St., Lebanon.
- Lebanon Giving Trees and Toy Drive - holiday trees with recipient tags are available throughout Lebanon, including the police department, library, pool, Wal-Mart, and local churches.
- Sweet Home Emergency Ministries - accepting donations and non-perishable food to provide for those in need.
- Sweet Home Police Department - Teen Sharing Tree with tags to give gifts to local teens.

Benton County Giving

- CARDV - accepting gift cards and matching donors with families on their website.
- Community Outreach, Inc. - adopt a family program provides holiday cheer to a child and family in need.
- Corvallis Seniors Christmas 2020 - Facebook group where community members can give to local seniors.
- Jackson St. Youth Services - find youth-specific requests on their website.
- The Arc Giving Trees - holiday trees with recipient tags at The Arc's Corvallis and Philomath locations.
- Vina Moses - digital giving tree on their website, and recipients will be able to 'shop' for their children in the Christmas Store.



- Windsmith Music Giving Tree - help provide music supplies and instruments for local kids in need of assistance.



Lincoln County Giving

- Community Christmas Dinner - provided for free by the Elks Lodge, 12/25, 11am-3pm.
- Curbside Food Drive - drop off non-perishable food donations at this no-touch food drive, supporting Lincoln City Food Pantry, on 12/9 at Kenny's IGS, 8am-5pm, and Taft High School, 8am-3pm.
- Salvation Army, Lincoln County - donate toys or monetary support to help provide toys for kids in need.
- South Lincoln Resources - many programs to support, including the Children's Christmas Program, which has a Giving Tree at Washington Federal in Waldport.

Did we miss your favorite giving program? Share its details on the [Pollywog Family Facebook page](#) under this newsletter's post! Are you in need of support this holiday season? Check out our November newsletter, our [Holiday Resource Guide](#), a listing of organizations that offer help in our region.



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