

## Be a tourist in your own backyard

### Let Ozaukee County Light Up Your Holiday Season!

Regardless of where you live in Ozaukee County, you don't have to travel far to see a fantastic holiday light display. So bundle up the family, turn on the Christmas music, and hit the road for a beautiful drive through Ozaukee County to get you in the holiday spirit!

**Port Washington** will put a twinkle in anyone's eye with festive lights on all of their downtown trees lining Franklin Street's shopping district. Make sure you turn and look up the hill at night – the view is spectacular with the church lit up as well.



Christmas on the Corner

Port Washington's Newport Shores invites anyone to celebrate the holiday season by coming together as a community to raise funds for The MACC Fund. This iconic restaurant is hosting a series of holiday activities for people of all ages. Through Saturday, folks are welcome to come to the restaurant, grab a Christmas tree and some friends and decorate their own tree. Trees and decorations will be provided by Newport Shores, and the decorated trees will remain on the patio through

Dec. 22. Visitors will be encouraged to vote for their favorite tree for \$1, and all proceeds will be donated in the winner's name to The MACC Fund.

**Saukville** celebrates its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday at Veterans Park. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with caroling, followed by lighting of the park tree and a visit from Santa.

A trip through **Grafton** takes you along the beautifully decorated Wisconsin Avenue to Paramount Plaza, where 24 "Believe in the Magic"-themed decorated trees line the walkable public square, surrounding the village's beautiful Christmas trees. Enjoy the large decorated tree in the Lumberyard Plaza adjacent to Fiddleheads on Wisconsin Avenue, as well as holiday wreaths and banners on the light poles throughout the community and on the Riverwalk. Stop for hot chocolate or a tasty treat at one of the many shops in the area.



Santa's Workshop

**Cedarburg** decks the halls like a Norman Rockwell painting during the holidays, with a life-sized Santa's Workshop on the main street, lighted wreaths and baskets of pine boughs and beautifully decorated shop windows throughout town. Friday nights are especially festive, when the Chamber of Commerce lines the streets with more than 1,000 luminaries and a complimentary trolley to move shoppers throughout the retail district.

The village of **Thiensville** lines Cedarburg Road with beautifully wrapped light poles topped with glimmering wreaths. The village's annual tree lighting will be held Dec. 7 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Walgreens parking lot, and includes caroling, hot cocoa, cookies and Santa arriving on a fire truck.

Heading south on Cedarburg Road takes you to the **Mequon** Town Center where you



can warm up with a cup of cocoa, a cozy cocktail or a hearty meal at one of the restaurants in the area. Mequon's Winter Wonderland Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in front of Mequon's City

Hall. Enjoy wagon rides, listening to various local choirs and watching as they flip the switch on the city tree.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the many wonderful events guaranteed to help you celebrate the holidays.

Browse wonderful art and pick up gifts from the heart at the Holiday Art Fair in downtown Cedarburg, Friday through Sunday. More than 40 Cedarburg Artist Guild artists will showcase their works, including jewelry, beaded glass,



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Cedarburg Artist Guild Holiday Show

felted wool, fabric sculptures, fiber and wearable art and more. For more information visit [www.cedarburgartistsguild.com](http://www.cedarburgartistsguild.com).

**Belgium's** European Christmas Parade & Market is on Saturday – the holiday lights parade begins at 4:30 p.m. on Main Street and concludes at the Village Square, where festivities continue with food, beverages, gift vendors, activities for the kids and a visit from St. Nicholas.

Too hectic to bake your own holiday treats this year? **St. John's Lutheran Church** in Port Washington is holding its 16th annual Cookie Walk Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11am. For \$9 per pound, you load up provided containers with your choice of home baked cookies and candies. What a delicious way to save precious time and



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bring home a variety of treats.

Historic **Port Washington** celebrates the season with its hometown Christmas on the Corner from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday with live reindeer, an elf scavenger hunt, in-store promotions, photos with Santa, carriage rides and more. At 6:15 p.m., the Christmas parade with lights, floats and more

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For a fun night out filled with laughter,

check out **McMann and Tate Productions**, who will bring its brand of adult comedy back to the Cedarburg Cultural Center Saturday for its annual Holiday Show – a great way to laugh through the holidays. This year offers a special double-feature show experience. For more information, visit [www.cedarburgculturalcenter.org](http://www.cedarburgculturalcenter.org).



McMann & Tate at Cedarburg Cultural Center