



THE ANCHOR

DEC. 1, 2023

Let the holidays begin!

The 42nd annual Prelude kicked off this week with all the magic of the season—tree lightings, visits from Mrs. Claus and the reindeer and Santa himself.

There's something to do literally EVERY DAY, and you can see the full schedule at ChristmasPrelude.com, but here are the signature events you shouldn't miss:

DECEMBER 1 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony in Dock Square officially begins the season. Join in Christmas caroling with the Kennebunk High School Chamber Choir, followed by the lighting of the tree at 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 1 7 PM

Cape Porpoise Lobster Trap Tree Lighting Kennebunkport's most original holiday decoration will be officially lit in Cape Porpoise Square. Join in the caroling with The Church on the Cape Choir. Refreshments served at Cape Porpoise Fire Station.

DECEMBER 2 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Reindeer & Mrs. Claus at Kennebunk Outfitters. Cozy up for some fireside hot cocoa and live music. Kennebunk Outfitters, 51 Western Ave, Kennebunk.

DECEMBER 2 3 PM

18th Annual Hat Parade. *RAIN OR SHINE* A parade of holiday hats for children and adults led by the Patriot Fife and Drum Duo. All hat wearers welcome! To join, gather at the town parking lot behind Alisson's Restaurant by 2:45 p.m. Parade

runs through Dock Square and over the bridge to Best of Everything.

DECEMBER 2 5:30 PM

Lower Village Tree Lighting and Christmas Stroll. Join us at the corner of Christensen Lane and Route 35 in Kennebunk for the lighting of the Lower Village Tree with carols by the Kennebunk High School Chamber Choir. Following the lighting, enjoy the stroll to the Monastery.

DECEMBER 2 6:30 PM

Christmas Candlelight Caroling at the Franciscan Monastery. Presented by St. Anthony's Monastery and the Secular Franciscan Order. No parking on property. Franciscan Monastery, 28 Beach Ave, Kennebunk.

DECEMBER 3 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM

Wave to Santa On the Lobster Boat MATHEW LANIGAN BRIDGE DOCK SQUARE. For best viewing, gather on the sidewalk of the Mathew Lanigan Bridge in Dock Square (the river side, not the basin side) or shoreside up Ocean Avenue to The

Nonantum Resort.

DECEMBER 3 1-3 PM

Santa Arrives by Lobster Boat at the Nonantum Resort. During this family friendly event, you'll get the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus, take a complimentary photo, create holiday crafts, and enjoy warm beverages. Free and open to the public.

DECEMBER 7 4-6 PM

Storybook Christmas, KENNEBUNKPORT CONSERVATION TRUST 57 GRAVELLY BROOK ROAD, KENNEBUNKPORT. Join us for a magical evening as Santa Claus reads 'Twas the Night Before Christmas to the children, Mrs. Claus leads the children in making their own "gingerbread" houses and elves will help them create sparkling snowflakes. There will be treats, along with a mini hot cocoa bar courtesy of Mornings In Paris. Readings will be at 4:15, 5:00 and 5:45, and Santa is available for photos and accepting Christmas lists in between.

Christmas Prelude
November 30 - December 10

Access the full schedule, parking and other important information!

Gingerbread House Making Event
KENNEBUNK KENNEBUNKPORT ARUNDEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

A Prelude Favorite! Make your very own gingerbread house and have a jolly good time. All materials are provided. Enjoy this creative activity with a heaping dose of sugary goodness, and let us take care of the mess!

\$10 per person

Reservations

South Church Community House, 8 Temple St, KPT
Saturday, December 9th
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE 3 TOWNS' COMMUNITY FUND

Gingerbread House Making Class
December 6th, 6pm
21+ Event, Signature Cocktail Included!

THE Nonantum Resort

Mornings in Paris Cafe
Espresso, Drinks, Pastries, Sandwiches, Breakfast Sandwiches, Salads, Crêpes, Belgian Waffles, Macarons & Desserts

OPEN EVERYDAY 7am-5pm • Crêpes 9am-3pm
21 Western Avenue, Lower Village Kennebunk, ME
207 204 0032 • morningsinparis.com

Christmas Prelude

Shuttles
Sea Road School, 29 Sea Road, Kennebunk **FREE**
Free parking and shuttle service by Custom Coach
3:30 - 10 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 1, 8
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9
The 48-passenger bus will bring you to Village Marketplace, where you can catch a ride or walk to nearby festivities.

RideMaine Prelude Shuttle \$5/PERSON/DAY
Hop-on and -off service via golf cart and cars
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily
Picks up from:
• Municipal Lot the Kennebunkport Fire Station (30 North St., Kennebunkport) **①**
• Chicks Marina (75 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport) **②**
• Various stops along Ocean Avenue through Dock Square and Lower Village, Kennebunk
Rides will be provided in golf carts with enclosures (weather permitting) and other vehicles of the RideMaine fleet. Rides can be requested by visiting www.ridemekt.com to download the TaxiCallee for Passengers app.

InTown Trolley FREE
Operating free trolley service around town
9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9

Parking
Colony Hotel
140 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport **③**
\$25 for all-day parking
All proceeds going to Community Harvest to help those who are food insecure. An Intown Trolley will pick up and return here
9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9

Municipal Parking Lot behind Alisson's restaurant **④**
11 Dock Square, Kennebunkport. **FREE**
This is the epicenter of all things Prelude; parking here is limited and fills up early.

On-Street parking FREE
There is limited parking in both Kennebunk and Kennebunkport during Prelude. Please obey posted No Parking signs.

Municipal Parking Lot **⑤**
beside the Fire Station **FREE**
30 North St., Kennebunkport
5 minute walk to Dock Square area, plus pickup by RideMaine

Shipyard Shops, 8 Western Ave., Lower Village Kennebunk **⑥** Private paid parking

Village Marketplace 169 Port Road, Lower Village Kennebunk **⑦** Private paid parking

Shuttles & Parking info

Please take notice: To help our local emergency responders, please obey all traffic and "do not park" signs

The Black Dog
24B Ocean Ave • Kennebunkport, ME

Ride ME

Services:
Local Rides
Airport/Train/Bus Transport
Weddings
Special Events

Scan QR code or visit:
www.ridemekt.com

Celebrating our 30th Season
Seaglass Chorale presents

a Celtic Holiday Celebration

Jean Strazdes, Artistic Director

Featuring
Irish Fiddlers Ryan & Brennish Thomson
and
Dancers from the Stillson School of Irish Dance

December 1st at 7 p.m.
December 2nd at 4 p.m.
Saint David's Episcopal Church
Kennebunk, Maine

Ticket Information:
\$20 - Adults
\$10 - 18 and Under
Cash, Check or through
seaglasschorale.org



Cookie Crawl!

Vote on the best cookies in KPT

December 5th, 6th, 7th
11AM-4PM

\$15 per participant



All That Glitters

A Holiday Group Exhibition

Opening Reception & Holiday Open House
Saturday, December 2
3 - 6 pm
KW Contemporary Art
184 Port Rd, Kennebunk, ME



PICTURE FRAME ORNAMENT DECORATING

DEC 2 + DEC 9
10:30-2:30 PM

JOIN LOWER VILLAGE FRAMEWORKS FOR A FAMILY FUN WORKSHOP TO DECORATE HOLIDAY PICTURE FRAME ORNAMENTS!

\$10/ORNAMENT
A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO RIVER TREE ARTS

HOSTED AT RIVER TREE ARTS
35 WESTERN AVE, KENNEBUNK



BIDDEFORD MAINE'S HISTORIC OPERA HOUSE

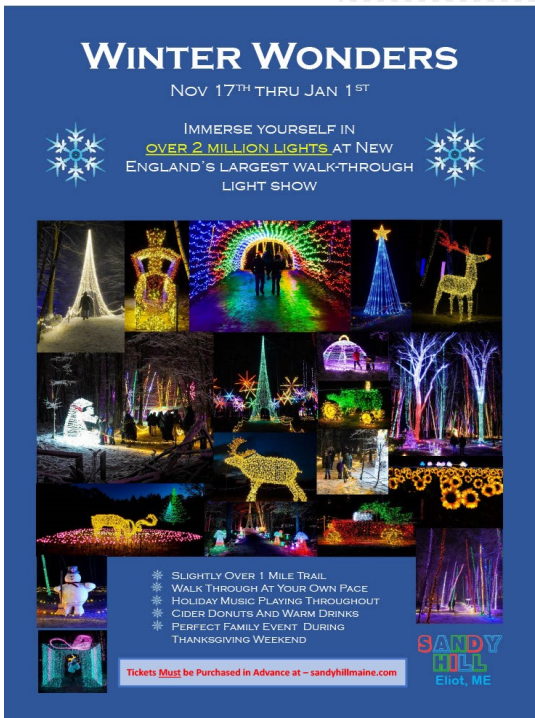
elf the musical

Book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin
Music by Matthew Sklar
Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum

December 1st - 17th
Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm
Sundays at 2pm
No performance on December 3rd

205 Main Street • Downtown Biddeford
207-282-0849 • www.citytheater.org



WINTER WONDERS

NOV 17TH THRU JAN 1ST

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN OVER 2 MILLION LIGHTS AT NEW ENGLAND'S LARGEST WALK-THROUGH LIGHT SHOW

Slightly over 1 mile trail
Walk through at your own pace
Holiday music playing throughout
Cider, donuts and warm drinks
Perfect family event during Thanksgiving weekend

Tickets Must be purchased in advance at - sandyhillmaine.com

SANDY HILL
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THE CREATIVE SOUL DECEMBER

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| Ceramic Lighted Tree Painting Workshop | DEC 1 |
| Prelude Ornament Painting Workshop at Alisson's | DEC 5 |
| Dot Painting Ornament Workshop | DEC 6 |
| Ornament Painting Workshop at For the Love of Food & Drink/Wells | DEC 13 |

WWW.THECREATIVESOULME.COM



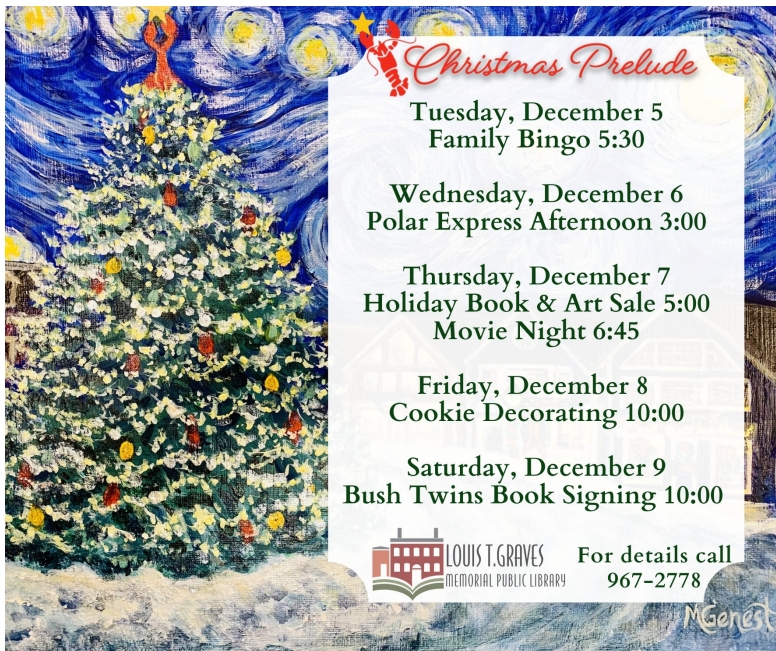
Adopt-a-Tree Festival

December 2nd & 3rd

Proudly Hosted By VINE HILL MUSIC THEATRE

Saturday (12/2) 10:00-6:00pm
Sunday (12/3) 10:00-2pm

ADOPT-A-TREE FESTIVAL



Christmas Prelude

Tuesday, December 5
Family Bingo 5:30

Wednesday, December 6
Polar Express Afternoon 3:00

Thursday, December 7
Holiday Book & Art Sale 5:00
Movie Night 6:45

Friday, December 8
Cookie Decorating 10:00

Saturday, December 9
Bush Twins Book Signing 10:00

LOUIS T. GRAVES MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
For details call 967-2778



Talula's Prelude Soup Shack

2-7 p.m. Fridays Dec. 1 and 8
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays Dec. 2 and 9

- Soups and chowders in bread bowls
- Maine roasted coffee
- Holiday cookies & whoopie pies
- 10% of all proceeds will go to The Little Pantry

1 Chase Hill Road, in front of The Grand Hotel