

November 14: 2nd Annual Holiday Shopping Expo. Jane Addams Center 8 am-3 pm We are once again hosting the Holiday Shopping Expo at Jane Addams Community Center in Cedarville.

November 14-February 27, 2021: Freeport Art Museum. 121 N. Harlem Avenue, Freeport. Fatherless Print Posse: Collaborative Prints Fatherless is a printmaking group based in Rockford, Illinois, which works collaboratively to produce one-of-a-kind prints using contemporary culture sources.

November 14-February 27, 2021: Freeport Art Museum Exhibit. 121 N. Harlem Avenue, Freeport. Title of exhibit: When You Fall In Love With Trash Melinda Cook presents an elaborate display of a decade-plus of paintings, sculptures, found objects, and hoarded materials. A heavily layered installation of primarily abstract work focused on bold color, organic form, and curious textures evoking an overall impression between a religious shrine and a trash heap. This will be a highly stimulating and rich sensory experience.

November 20-22: "Victorian Mansion" Holiday Craft & Gift Show. 1440 S. Carroll Ave. - 9 am-5 pm, Saturday, November 21, 9 am-4 pm; Sunday, November 22, 11 am-4 pm. This holiday arts and crafts show will be held in the historic Taylor Mansion Museum and will feature the area's best arts and crafts including gift ideas and holiday decor. Over 20 artists and craftspeople will be represented. Books on local subjects, pretzel gift items, and Rawleigh products will also be available. Free admission. Because of COVID-19 we will be doing all we can to keep everyone safe. Masks and social distancing will be required, and any other mandates will be followed.

November 20-January 10, 2021: Holiday Gift Show. Stephenson County Visitor Center, 4596 US Highway 20, Freeport. Enjoy shopping in this beautiful space for unique and local craft items and a selection from local merchants. Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am-5 pm, Sunday, Noon-5 pm.

November 20, FHN GALA. VirtuALE. Your Place! 7 pm to 8 pm. This year's FHN Festival of Trees Gala is virtual
Events continued on inside.

visit The Rafters for a couple hours. Stop in for our tasty breakfast menu offered 10 am-2pm and Santa will come visit your table to wish you a Merry Christmas!

December 20, FHN FESTIVAL OF TREES LUMINARY NIGHT. Stephenson Street & Lincoln Boulevard, Freeport. Dusk Enjoy the beauty of the soft light of luminaries as FHN joins this annual neighborhood tradition. (1-877-600-0346 x901)

December 23: Toy Drive Giving Back to Freeport/Rockford Community. 4 pm-6 pm Freeport Public Library hosted by Freight Management. Please bring a new unwrapped toy to a drop-off locations. Toys for ages 3-12 are the most needed. For more information, email t3pllogistics@gmail.com, (815-599-9695) Cashapp: \$Tensleycorp

December 24: Elks Milk at Lena Brewing Co. This old Vehmeier Family tradition is coming back to LBC. Before you head to your family gathering for Christmas, join us on our patio for a tasty brew and some Elks Milk on Christmas Eve from 12 pm-4 pm.

December 31: The End of 2020 Celebration. 2020 was a tough year, celebrate NEW beginnings at The Rafters with a delicious New Year's Eve Dinner! Reservations are a must as seating is limited. Call us at 815-369-5330. Visit us on raftersonline.com or Facebook for our New Year's Eve Menu!

January 1, 2021 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Celebrate 2021 a little too hard? We've got you covered at Rafter's Restaurant! Stop in from 10 am-2 pm on January 1st for our breakfast menu. Wash it down with a tasty Bloody Mary or Jumbo Mimosa!

 Santa Claus Appearance  FHN Festival of Trees Events

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Stephenson County, Illinois

Holiday Guide 2020

You can view a local community calendar on the Greater Freeport Partnership website at

www.greaterfreeport.com

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(Due to changing COVID-19 conditions, please check with all event hosts before proceeding)

November 5: Farm Bureau Bus Trip to the Fireside Theater. 2:15 pm-11:55 pm Stephenson County Farm Bureau. Travel with us to Fort Atkinson, WI to the Fireside Theater. Farm Bureau members pay \$90 and non-members pay \$100. Cost includes transportation, show, and all gratuities.

November 9 & 16: Painting and Embellishing Furniture. 6 pm-8 pm. Instructor: Cindy Bielefeldt. This is a master class of techniques and best practices for changing the look and feel of a piece of furniture. Gain hands-on experience using chalk and milk paint, transfers, colored waxes, gilding, and molded embellishments. Freeport Art Museum 121 N. Harlem Ave. Freeport, IL. Register by November 2nd at highland.edu/lifelong; \$86 Course #3699 or call Lifelong Learning 815-599-3403. In-person at HCC Admissions, 2nd floor Student/Conference Bldg.

November 11 Veteran's Day at Rafters Restaurant. We celebrate those who have fought for us. If you are a veteran, please enjoy a meal on us! Check out raftersonline.com for the menu.

November 12: Paint Party with Friends - Fall Tree in Moonlight. 6 pm-8 pm. Instructor: Barry Treu. Freeport Art Museum 121 N. Harlem Ave. Freeport, IL. Register by November 5th at highland.edu/lifelong; \$40 Course #3700 or call Lifelong Learning 815-599-3403. In-person at HCC Admissions, 2nd floor Student/Conference Bldg.

November 14: Holiday Craft and Gift Expo. 9 am-2 pm Fitness Lifestyles of Freeport 8th Annual Holiday Craft & Gift Expo invites crafters & vendors to join us for a holiday shopping event. Event is free to shoppers and cost to vendors is only \$25 for a booth. Located in our indoor tennis facility, we will have plenty of space to social distance. Masks will be required of both vendors and shoppers this year. 641 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport. Fitnesslifestyles.net (815-233-2292)

- or more specifically, VirtuALE! WE'LL PROVIDE EVERYTHING FOR YOUR OWN VirtuALE GALA! We'll connect with you via the internet on November 20 for entertainment and live fun - and prizes. And of course, what would an FHN Gala be without wonderful food? We'll have a refreshment box with delicious appetizers, treats, and other surprises ready for pick up on Thursday, November 19 or Friday, November 20 before the Gala begins. In keeping with our VirtuALE theme this year, you'll also enjoy great craft beers from our three local breweries, Generations Brewing Company, Lena Brewing Company, and Wishful Acres Farm and Brewery. Visit www.fhn.org/gala2020 \$65 Free Auction Bidding for general public on items that did not receive a minimum bid the night of the auction will be opened on Saturday, November 21. (1-877-600-0346 x901)



November 21: Lena Holiday Preview.

Come shop in Lena, IL for all your holiday gift wants and needs.

November 21: Friends Forever Humane Society Cookie Walk. 8 am-12 pm, Eagles Club 1200 Galena Ave, All proceeds benefit Friends Forever Humane Society.

November 22: Mistletoe Walk. Downtown Freeport, Noon-4 pm. Join us as we light the Hero Tree on the front steps of the Stephenson County Courthouse then step off through beautiful downtown to ignite your holiday shopping season.



November 22: Masonic Event Center Vendor Fair. While strolling about for Mistletoe Walk, stop at the Masonic Event Center for even more shopping in our indoor ballroom filled with vendors and crafters.

November 22, FHN Virtual Community Holiday Tree Lighting. 5 pm. Enjoy the virtual community holiday tree lighting and sing along with us as we "flip the switch" to light up Freeport's holiday tree! Watch the tree lighting with us on www.facebook.com/FHNhealth (1-877-600-0346 x901)



November 26: Thanksgiving Day Dinner. The Rafters is offering a delicious Thanksgiving

Day Limited Menu featuring traditional items along with some Rafters favorites. Whether the group is small or large we can accommodate. We have plenty of seating and space available. Dining will be from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Check us out at Raftersonline.com or Facebook to see our Thanksgiving Day Limited Menu. Reservations are a must so call 815-369-5330 today!

November 28: Small Business Saturday.

Shop local merchants throughout the county during this celebration of small business in our own towns. Remember when buying gifts this season - Shop Small!



November 28: Kick off to the Holidays and End of 2020! Celebrate the last five weeks of 2020 with this kickoff party at Lena Brewing Company! Celebrate with beer specials, deals on merchandise and Rafters food stand offering some tasty BBQ treats!

November 19-20, 21-22 & 28: 33rd annual Barbara Buck Studio Santa Fest. Noon-7 pm every day except 22. 22nd open noon-4 pm. Celebrate the 33rd anniversary of this annual holiday gallery walk featuring artist-heirloom quality, one-of-a-kind Santas by nationally recognized Santa artist, Barbara Buck. Cookies and cider. Special pricing during Santa Fest. 1240 S. Walnut St., Freeport. (815-541-8890)

November 30 - December 26, FHN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OF TREES. Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport. Enjoy holiday trees decorated by local service organizations, clubs and church groups competing for prizes. Vote for your favorite holiday tree from November 30 to December 12. No charge (1-877-600-0346 x901)

November 30 - December 12, FHN's Letters to Santa. We can't let Ol' St. Nick get sick, so we thought it would be better to send him a letter! Have your child write a letter to Santa. Drop off your child's letter to Santa at the Freeport Public Library or at the front desk at FHN Memorial Hospital, FHN Family Healthcare Center - Burchard Hills or FHN Family Healthcare Center - Highland View Drive. Forms can also be downloaded at www.fhn.org/docs/SantaLetter.pdf. Parents please complete the parent



section on the back of the letter to Santa card. (1-877-600-0346 x901)

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December 1 - 23: Pro Shop Talk at Park Hills

Golf Course. Plenty of great gifts for golfers including 2021 golf season passes, clearance pricing on all merchandise, and gift certificates for any amount. After Thanksgiving, store hours are Monday - Friday from 7 am-4 pm.

December 1, FHN Family Fun: Virtual Bingo. Join us on the web for virtual family Bingo fun with a chance to win prizes. More information at www.fhn.org/festivaloftrees. Register your family today at www.fhn.org/virtualbingo.asp

December 9-12: Swank and Mercier Holiday Open House. 1 E. Spring St., Freeport. Stop by for great holiday merchandise and gift ideas Wednesday 11-5, Thursday 12-6, Friday 11-5, and Saturday 10-2. (815-238-5088)

December 4: Lena Holiday Parade. Santa will light the Downtown Lena tree along with a lighted parade at 6 pm. Several businesses will be open special hours for the event including a meet and greet at Citizens State Bank. The Lena Public Library will be open for family night after the parade.



December 5: Repeal Day! Join us at Lena Brewing Company for old jazz music piping through the speakers, taking us to an era that ended prohibition. We will also be featuring some old classic cocktails all day!

December 12: Breakfast with Santa. Lena Fire Station, 405 Railroad Street, Lena. Enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast with Santa and get a chance to take your own photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Sponsored by the Lena Park District (815-369-5351)

December 4: Big Radio's Festival of Giving. Join FHN, the stations of Big Radio, and the Salvation Army in a day of celebration, prizes, and on-air fun! Donation of toys, and money will be accepted throughout the day to benefit disadvantaged children

in our area. (815-599-3679)

December 10: Virtual Story Time with Santa. Freeport Public Library. Listen to a holiday story or two from Santa. Please contact 815-233-3000 for more information.

December 10: Holiday Beverage Showcase.

The Rafters Restaurant is hosting its favorite Holiday Party! Join us in our spacious loft where we invite our distributors to sample this season's tastiest holiday beers, wine, and spirits. This event costs nothing and if you find something you like, you can purchase it at our cost, pick it up the next week and be stocked for the holidays! We will be limiting the number of guests in the room at a time to ensure appropriate social distancing! For more questions, you can email jaimel@lenabrewing.com



December 12: CHOM Christmas in a Party Bag. Children's Hands on Museum, Lincoln Mall, 1223 W. Galena Ave. 10 am-2 pm. Each party bag will contain a Christmas craft, coloring pages and holiday treats. For questions, email sarah@chomnwil.org

December 12: 12th Annual Tri-County Christian School Holiday Market. Park Hills Church, 2525 W. Stephenson St., Freeport. For more information and to see a list of current vendors go to tccsfundraising.org/holiday-craft-fair. (815-233-1876)

December 12: Pictures with Santa. Friends Forever Humane Society, 966 Rudy Rd, Freeport. 9 am-1:30 pm. Bring your cats and/or dogs and some holiday cheer and have your pictures taken with Santa. 5 x 7 photo for \$10. Stop by our silent auction. All proceeds benefit our shelter animals. Please visit www.friendsforever.org as event gets closer. (815-232-6141)

December 19: Virtual Story Time with Santa. Freeport Public Library. Listen to a holiday story or two from Santa. Please contact 815-233-3000 for more information.



December 20: Santa Visits the Rafters. On Sunday December 20, 11 am-1 pm, we've made a special call to the Big Guy at the North pole to come