



HOLIDAYS & WINTER

Auburn

November 24 - **Blue Friday** - Downtown Auburn - Shop local! Come downtown to enjoy all day specials, live music, and children's activities throughout the day. Stay up to date with all the details at downtownauburnonline.com/events.

November 24 - **Blue Friday Blitz** - Downtown Auburn - 8:00 am - Join us for a quick jog through downtown Auburn to work off those Turkey Day calories on Friday. This 1.5-mile route may be done at your own pace or with the group. Beginning at Toomer's Corner, we will run down S College Street and back to Toomer's on Gay Street. Afterwards, spend the morning shopping the Blue Friday specials in downtown Auburn. Pre-registration is not required and this event is FREE! This event is stroller friendly! Visit activeauburn.org for details.

November 24 - **Come Home to the Corner** - Downtown Auburn - 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Enjoy live music, late-night shopping and dining during this Entertainment District event that takes place every Friday before a home AU football game.

December 2 - **The 22nd Annual Cookie Walk to Benefit Habitat for Humanity** - Grace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall -- 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Members of the eleven churches in the WeHelp Coalition of Habitat for Humanity have been planning, baking and decorating to make this the biggest and best Cookie Walk ever. This year's goal is to put on a spread of 30,000+ cookies to be sold for \$6 per pound. Come early for the best selection.

December 4 - **Daddy-Daughter Date Night** Ticket Sales - 8:00 am - The 29th annual Daddy Daughter Date Night is expanding! This year we will hold FIVE nights of dancing and fun. Tickets will go on sale Monday, December 4th, 2017. All dance nights will be held at the Clarion Inn & Suites on S. College Street. Daughters, dads, granddads, and uncles are invited to dance the night away and enjoy refreshments, door prizes, dance contests, keepsake photos, and an evening of memories. Special guests will also be in attendance! This year's theme is "A Night with Pops". Visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks to purchase your tickets starting at 8 a.m. on Dec. 4th.

December 9 - **11th Annual Holiday Art Sale** - Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - The Auburn Arts Association, Auburn Parks & Recreation and Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center will host local artists that will be selling paintings, pottery, stained glass, photography, cards, jewelry, hats, scarves and much more! To download an application, please visit www.auburnarts.org. For more information please contact Cari Cleckler at ccleckler@auburnalabama.org FREE to the public.

December 9 - **Jingle Jog 5K & Santa Stroll Fun Run** - Downtown Auburn - 4:00 pm - Enjoy a brisk 5k beginning at Toomer's Corner and meandering through the Davis Arboretum, Auburn University Campus and back to downtown. For those who don't want to run, please join us for the Santa Stroll, a lighted walk through the Auburn University campus and downtown Auburn. Be sure to watch for

the Santas hiding in the trees! Following the run and Stroll, there will be a downtown celebration in the Gay Street parking lot, complete with holiday-themed activities and live music.

December 10 - **Auburn Christmas Parade** - Downtown Auburn - 5:00 pm - A fun, holiday tradition. Family friendly!

December 30 - **New Year's Eve Eve** - Downtown Auburn - 4:00 pm - 12:00 am - Visit aotourism.com for more information.

January 9 - **Scale Back Alabama Kick Off Event** - Harris Center, Auburn - 6:00 pm - Join Active Auburn as we kick off the New Year with a pledge to make good on our resolutions with the Scale Back Alabama Kickoff. Meet local health, wellness and fitness vendors; get signed up for Scale Back Alabama; register for door prize drawings; and test out a few popup fitness classes in the activity room!

January 27 - **6th Annual Polar Plunge** - Samford Pool, Auburn - 9:00 am - 11:00 am - Sign up, dive in, and raise money for a great cause! Brave the cold at the sixth annual Polar Plunge. Recruit sponsors to support you as you take the plunge in support of Lee County Special Olympics. Individual and group costumes are encouraged! This event is presented by Auburn Parks and Recreation and Lee County Special Olympics. Proceeds benefit Lee County Special Olympics. Registration begins November 6, register at <https://campself.cactive.com/CityofAuburn>

January 27 - **5th Annual Alabama Oyster Social** - Alfa Pavilion (Red Barn), Auburn - Time TBA - Table tastings featuring southern fisherman, farmers, foragers, butchers, brew-

ers, distillers, vintners, and shellfish enthusiasts. Support and celebrate the Alabama oyster! Last year's event had more than 600 attendees.

February 10 - **Mardi Gras Parade** - Downtown Auburn - 4:00 pm - The streets close at 4pm and the parade begins at 5pm. Don't miss this entertainment district event in downtown Auburn.

February 24 - **Zumbathon** - Boykin Community Center Gymnasium - 8:30 am - 10:30 am - It's time to move your body Auburn! 120 minutes of fun-filled dancing designed to get you in shape - check! Awesome instructors who can get you dancing and will take turns leading in various styles and levels of Zumba moves - check! The 2018 Zumbathon is held in conjunction with Scale Back AL - Lee County; instructors hail from Auburn, Opelika and the surrounding areas. This event is FREE and open to the public. Children ages 8 and older are welcome with parent participation. *This event will be 80s themed!*

February 17 - **28th Annual Love Your Heart Run and 10th Annual Crank Your Heart Ride** - Chewacla State Park - Join A.O.R.T.A., the Exceptional Outreach Organization and Auburn Parks and Recreation for the 28th Annual Love Your Heart Run benefiting individuals with special needs and supporting the Annual Therapeutic Summer Camp, Special Olympics of Lee County, Best Buddies of Auburn University and other therapeutic programs. For more information about the Run or Ride, please visit LoveYourHeartRun.com.

Opelika

December 1-31 - **Christmas In Camelot** - Camelot Subdivision off of Rocky Brook Road, Opelika - (sundown) 4:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Christmas comes alive throughout Camelot with many large Christmas cards, painted by Opelika High art students. The neighborhood lights are adorned with lighted wreaths and all the houses are decorated with the wonders of Christmas.

December 2 - **Opelika Christmas Parade** - Downtown Opelika - 10:00 am - This year's theme is Christmas Showcase! Come see creative floats and festivities. opelikachamber.com

December 6 -December. 10 - **Victorian Front Porch Christmas Tour** - Opelika Historic District -North 8th & 9th Streets - 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Self-directed driving tour featuring homes decorated with life size Santas, angels, toys, carousel horses and Christmas themed figures. However, on Saturday night North 8th and 9th Streets will be closed to traffic to encourage visitors, neighbors and friends to stroll through the neighborhood from 6-9pm. opelikavictorianfrontporchtour.com

December 8 - **Christmas in a Railroad Town** - Downtown Opelika - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Bring the children to write letters to Santa, enjoy pony rides, caroling, entertainment and other new activities! Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be available for family photos! Be transported back in time and take a wagon ride through the Victorian Front Porch Christmas Tour. opelikamainstreet.org

December 14 - **Collinwood Neighborhood Luminaries Tour** - Collinwood Street, Opelika - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - 50th anniversary. With over 1,500 sacks with candles prepared by residents, candles are set along the roadway through the neighborhood to "light the path" on the "journey to the manger." You will see shepherds, wise men, and angels following the star on their way to see the Christ Child.

December 14 - December 15 - **Rocky Brook Rocket Reindeer Express** - Monkey Park, Opelika - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - This adorable miniature train has been a staple in Opelika since 1955 but during the Christmas season, the Rocket transforms into one of Santa's Helpers and becomes the Rocky Brook Rocket Reindeer Express! Don't miss this fun two-night event! Enjoy food, hot chocolate, face painting, and pictures with Santa.

December 15th 6:30 pm & December 16th 2:00 pm - **The Nutcracker** presented by Variations - Opelika Performing Arts Center - Join Clara as she journeys to the magical Land of Sweets! A perfect holiday family outing for all ages! For ticket information, please visit www.TutuTix.com/VariationsStudio

January 5-7 and January 9-11 - **The Opelika High Theatre Society presents Almost, Maine** - Opelika Center for the Performing Arts, 1700 LaFayette Parkway, Opelika. January 5 and 6 at 7:00 p.m., January 7 at 3:00 p.m. and January 9-11 at 7:00 p.m. Admission \$7 students/\$10 adults at the door. For more information, contact ohts@opelikaschools.org

January 25 - **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Tine Thing Helseth**, trumpet - Opelika Center for the Performing Arts - 7:30 pm - Grammy Award-winning Orpheus Chamber Orchestra combines the intimacy of a chamber ensemble with the richness of a symphony orchestra. Norway's trumpeter extraordinaire, Tine Thing Helseth, performs here with the orchestra just a week before her Carnegie Hall debut! Reserved seating. Purchase tickets at eastalabamaarts.org/tickets or call 749-8105.

January 29 - **Rogers & Hammerstein's Cinderella** - Opelika Center for the Performing Arts - 7:30 pm - Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rogers & Hammerstein's most beloved songs in this hilarious and romantic national-tour Broadway experience for anyone who's ever had a wish, a dream . . . or a really great pair of shoes. Reserved seating. Purchase tickets at

eastalabamaarts.org/tickets or call 749-8105.

February 12 - **The Hot Sardines** - Opelika Center for the Performing Arts - 7:30 pm - Effortlessly channeling New York speakeasies, Parisian cabarets, and New Orleans jazz halls, The Hot Sardines believe that classic joyful jazz feeds the heart and soul, and brings people together in a disconnected world. Reserved seating. Purchase tickets at eastalabamaarts.org/tickets or call 749-8105.

Phenix City

The following events are brought to you by Phenix City Parks and Recreation and Phenix City Russell County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

November 30 - **Christmas Fireworks Show at The Phenix City Amphitheater** - 7:30 pm EST. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude with a fabulous fireworks show over the beautiful Chattahoochee River. Admission is free. Located at 508 Dillingham Street.

December 2 - **Bi City Christmas Parade** - 10:00 am. It will begin on Colin Powell Parkway, go down Broad Street in Phenix City and end on Broadway in Columbus. This parade is brought to you by Phenix City Parks and Recreation, Columbus Parks and Recreation and Cable TV of East Alabama (BEAM)

Dec. 9- **Breakfast with Santa** at The Central Activity Center - 8:00 am and is located at 1500 14th Street in downtown Phenix City. Santa will attend the breakfast so parents this is a great opportunity for you to get pictures of your children with Santa. Tickets are \$2.00 per person and must be purchased in advance as seating is limited! Tickets on sale at The Central Activity Center office after Nov. 13. For more information, please call 334-291-4743.

Dec. 9- **CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL** at Moon Lake - 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm and is located behind Garrett Harrison Stadium on Airport Road in Phenix City. Make this part of your family holiday tradition. Admission and parking is free, some rides and food court will carry a minimal cost.

Tallassee

January 19- 21 - **Dear Mama: Letters and Music From World War II** - Mount Vernon Theatre, 321 Barnette Boulevard, Tallahassee. To commemorate the Grand Opening of the newly renovated art deco theatre, Mount Vernon Theatre joins with the Talisi Historical Preservation Society's Friends of Tuckabatchee in presenting this original play, written by Adrian Lee Borden, and based on true events of World War II. For more information and tickets visit www.MountVernonTheatre.org If you would like to submit an upcoming event, please send information to amy@eastalabamaliving.com.