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Top 5 Holiday Events!

Tree Lighting & Fireworks Festival

Sunday, December 4, 2011



Each year, OGS chooses two perfect New York State trees to decorate with over 2,000 energy-efficient LEDs. Come watch as the trees are lit for the first time and enjoy family-friendly activities and an amazing fireworks display.

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Troy Victorian Stroll

Sunday, December 4, 2011



Celebrate the holidays Victorian style! Some dress in Victorian period attire, local

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[Upper Union Street Tree Lighting](#)

When: Tue, Nov 29, 2011 | 6:00 PM

Where: Trustco, 1620 Union St., Schenectady

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

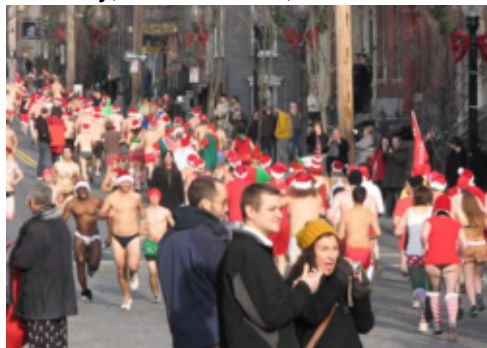
Tree Lighting, Santa & Carols Sung by Calvary Tabernacle Choir. Public Welcome. Bring a new toy

businesses and residences compete in holiday window decorating contests, venues offer refreshments, there are giveaways, entertainment and merriment all throughout downtown Troy NY for this holiday event.

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Winter WonderLARK 2011

Saturday, December 10, 2011



Head to the lovely Lark Street for the annual Winter WonderLark presented by the Lark St BID! And don't miss the 6th annual Santa Speedo Sprint! Put on your Santa hat, beard, and suspenders, but forget your shirt and pants!! This race is to be done in your underwear and festive gear only. Join over 100 runners in a sprint down Lark Street!

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The 15th Annual Albany Last Run 5K

Saturday, December 17, 2011



Come out for the Albany Last Run 5K! This beautiful course is great for runners of all levels. Start in front of the Judicial Building on State Street, then heads up State Street into Washington Park!

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Capital Holiday Lights

Now Through Jan 2, 2012



to Sondra's Fine Jewelry for the USMC Toys for Tots Drive. For further information on other Upper Union St.

[55th Annual Holiday Greens Show](#)

When: Thu, Dec 1, 2011 until Sun, Dec 4, 2011 | 5:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Rensselaer County Historical Society

Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 children over 4, FREE for children under 4

The Annual Greens Show, is a Troy holiday tradition that transforms twelve rooms of the 1827 Federal-style Hart-Cluett House into a unique showcase. Members of the Van Rensselaer Garden Club incorporate fresh trees, greens and flowers to create beautiful history-inspired displays.

[Downtown Schenectady's Holiday Open House](#)

When: Sat, Dec 3, 2011 | 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Various Locations, Schenectady, New York

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Celebrate Downtown Schenectady in the Holiday season! Join the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation for FREE and FUN activities for the entire family. Come aboard the Holly Jolly Trolley and visit locations throughout Downtown.

[Indian Ladder Farms Winterfest and Breakfast With Santa](#)

When: Sat, Dec 3, 2011 until Sun, Dec 4, 2011 | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: 342 Altamont-Voorheesville Rd, Altamont NY

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Join Indian Ladder Farms in the Winterfest celebration. Breakfast with Santa, by reservation only, in the Yellow Rock Cafe, caroling hayrides and sittings with Santa at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00., free holiday crafts for the children, educational winter walk with orchard owner, Peter Ten Eyck 12:00. A Junior Art Contest for children under age 16 is open to all. Prizes are awarded!

[Great Train Extravaganza 2011 - Public Model Train Show and Sale](#)

When: Sun, Dec 4, 2011 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Empire State Plaza, NY Convention Center

Cost: Adults \$5, Children Under 12 Free

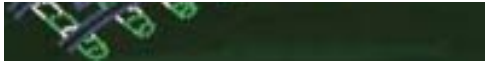
Update Train Associates and the Hudson-Berkshire Division NMRA bring you the annual "Great Train Extravaganza." Operating model train layouts in most if not all gauges

[The 6th Annual Santa Speedo Sprint](#)

When: Sat, Dec 10, 2011 | 2:00 PM

Where: Lark Street & Madison, Albany New York

The 6th annual Santa Speedo Sprint! Put on your Santa hat, beard, and suspenders, but forget your shirt and pants!! This race is to be done in your



Walk or drive through Washington Park to admire the **amazing holiday light displays!** This 15th annual lights spectacular is an awe-inspiring show with over 125 light displays and scenes. Afterwards, enjoy refreshments and meet Santa and his pals at the Lakehouse!

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Charitable Giving This Season



As you're planning your elaborate holiday meals, gifts and parties... shopping for that perfect outfit or pair of shoes... don't forget to think of those who are less fortunate this holiday season.

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Does your business have holiday hours? How do you determine who will work and when? In many businesses, seniority is the only.. [More »](#)

From: [Robert Braathe's HR & Career Guide](#)

underwear and festive gear only. Join over 100 runners in a sprint down Lark Street!

[Northeast Ballet's Annual Nutcracker](#)

When: Sat, Dec 10, 2011 until Sun, Dec 11, 2011

Where: 432 State Street Schenectady, NY 12305

Cost: \$20, \$25, \$28 & \$30

Northeast Ballet Company's delightful production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker.

[CBS 6's 32nd Annual Melodies of Christmas](#)

When: Thu, Dec 15, 2011 until Sun, Dec 18, 2011

Where: Proctors Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, NY

Cost: \$25

CBS 6's annual holiday extravaganza - The Melodies of Christmas featuring the Empire State Youth Orchestra & Youth Choral.

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A. First, ask your parents if they are okay with having a four-legged guest! Remember that they - and you - will..

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