HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS
Get in the spirit with December’s merriest events

SEASONAL SHOPPING IN ATLANTIC CITY

TOP 3 LOCAL CANDY SHOPS

FESTIVE FEASTS

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE IN PHILADELPHIA

Christmas Village will be held in the City Hall Courtyard and open daily Nov. 24-Dec. 24.
HOT DATES

DECEMBER 2-18: A Philly Pops Christmas
Celebrate the holidays with the Philly Pops. Their annual Christmas show led by Conductor Michael Krajewski is a family favorite. Get tickets early and grab a seat to hear musical arrangements by internationally acclaimed Tony DeSare accompanied by 300 musicians, an audience sing-along, and fun surprises throughout the show. The show runs Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through December 18th. Ages welcome. Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 300 S. Broad St., 215.893.1955, phillypops.org.

5 Great Things Not to Be Missed

1. SOUTH STREET HEADHOUSE WINTER WONDERLAND > DEC. 4
Headhouse Square transforms into a holiday haven come December 4. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, a full holiday market and a tree lighting at 6:30 pm. Local businesses also join in, creating holiday displays for guests to enjoy. southstreet.com

2. ARCTIC AVE FESTIVAL > DEC. 10
Bringing the original “frozen” back to East Passyunk Avenue for the second year, Arctic Ave will host professional ice sculptors, who carve blocks of ice into glinting works of art. The event also coincides with Second Saturday, so plan to take advantage of specials at dozens of restaurants and shops along the Avenue. visiteastpassyunk.com

3. BEING | AT CHRISTMAS > DEC. 25
Join the National Museum of American Jewish History on Christmas Day for a full day of live music, face painting, comedy and more. Tickets include admission into the museum. 1015 Independence Mall, 215.923.3811, nmajh.com

4. SUGARHOUSE CASINO’S NEW YEAR’S EVE FIREWORKS > DEC. 31
Whether you plan to stay up until the New Year or not, head to the Delaware River waterfront to see SugarHouse Casino’s New Year’s Eve Fireworks, conveniently lighting up the sky at both 6 pm and midnight. sugarhousecasino.com

5. WIZARD OF OZ AT THE WALNUT STREET THEATRE > THROUGH JAN. 8
Enjoy all your favorite songs from the 1939 movie with surprises thrown in throughout. The Walnut Street Theatre, 825 Walnut St, 215.574.3300, walnutstreettheatre.org

TOP SPOTS

From where to find the best gifts for everyone on your list to Head to Philadelphia’s top flea and craft markets for unique presents you won’t find anywhere else.

DEC. 3 & 17
FRANKLIN FLEA HOLIDAY MARKET
The year-round Franklin Flea is back at the Historic Strawbridge’s Building for their annual Holiday Market. Find a variety of vendors selling antiques, up-cycled furniture, vintage clothing and collectibles, plus fresh baked goods and small batch food. 801 Market St, franklinflea.com/holiday

DEC. 3 & 17
PHILLY FLEA: Heading indoors for the season, the Philly Flea produced by Phila Flea Markets is focusing on antiques and vintage items. Free on-site parking, a food court and free admission all add to the holiday shopping experience. 820 Spring Garden St, philafleamarkets.org

DEC. 18
GO WEST! CRAFT FEST: Find more than 80 local artists creating things like jewelry, ceramics, stationery and more. Located at The Rotunda on 40th and Walnut streets, you’ll be able to get your holiday shopping done inside a gorgeous historic sanctuary, free and open to the public. 40th and Walnut streets, gowestcraftfest.com