

Holidays IN MORRISTOWN

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The magic of the season returns to Morristown

Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green kicks off in Morristown on Saturday, Nov. 29

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“Oh, Christmas isn’t just a day, it’s a frame of mind,” said Kris Kringle in “Miracle on 34th Street.” That spirit comes to life once again this year as Morristown kicks off its beloved Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green on Saturday, Nov. 29, from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more than a century, families have gathered downtown to watch the Lighting of the Green — a tradition that marks the official start of the holiday season in Morristown. The evening promises festive music, twinkling lights, and the much-anticipated arrival of Kris Kringle himself, better known as Santa Claus.

As the crowd gathers, the sound of carolers will fill the crisp night air, while event



sponsor Hyatt Regency Morristown keeps everyone warm with hot chocolate and cookies — a sweet tradition that has become part of the experience.

“The holiday spirit is alive and well in downtown Morristown!” said Kristin Blake, area director of sales, events and marketing at Hyatt Regency Morristown. “As winter settles in, our charming town transforms into a magical wonderland. Hyatt Regency Morristown is delighted to once again join our neighbors in celebrating the season at the beloved Christmas Festival. It’s a tradition that captures the heart of our community, and we’re excited for everyone to experience the joy, lights, and memories that make the holidays in Morristown truly unforgettable.”

Adding to the enchantment of Santa’s Arrival, 1776 Morristown will sponsor seasonal ice sculpture demonstrations on the Green. Located just across the street, the restaurant will also serve as Santa’s official rooftop landing spot, decked out in glittering holiday décor and serving up festive cocktails and holiday-themed dining experiences all season long.

The Morristown Partnership produces the annual celebration with the support of generous sponsors including 1776 Morristown, 40 North Restaurants, Atlantic Health System – Morristown Medical Center, Avalon Parsippany, HQ Plaza, Hyatt Regency Morristown, Morristown Airport, Primrose School of Morristown, T.E.A.M. (The



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Educational Association of Morris) and Vision Management.

Once the Green is officially lit, the fun continues every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through Dec. 21. Visitors of all ages can enjoy mini train rides, live music, ice sculpture demonstrations, arts and crafts, and visits with Santa, all set amid thousands of sparkling lights and festive decorations.

“Downtown will be transformed into a winter wonderland to be enjoyed by all who live, work, visit, or travel through Morristown,” said Cassidy Champi, program manager at the Morristown Partnership. “Santa’s Arrival, holiday music, and seasonal decorations are just the beginning of this month-long event that brings families from near and far to enjoy the season.”

Thanks to community sponsors, all activities are free, with the exception of

Santa photos available for \$15.

And while you’re in town, make time to explore all that downtown Morristown has to offer — from unique boutiques and cozy cafés to award-winning restaurants and entertainment venues. The perfect holiday gift might even be the gift of Morristown itself: Morristown Partnership Gift Certificates, available at 14 Maple Avenue or online at morristown-nj.org, are accepted at nearly 200 local businesses.

For a full schedule of events and updates throughout the season, visit the Morristown Partnership website often at morristown-nj.org — and get ready to make new memories as Morristown once again lights up with the magic of the holidays.



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1776 Morristown transforms into New Jersey’s most beautiful holiday dining destination



glittering décor and festive cocktails to Santa’s rooftop arrival and lively holiday brunches, the restaurant at the heart of the Morristown Green is ready to make spirits bright.

The celebration begins Saturday, Nov. 29, as 1776 Morristown proudly sponsors the Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green, one of the state’s most beloved community traditions. The festivities officially kick off that evening, when guests can gather to watch Santa’s Arrival on the rooftop of 1776 Morristown and the Lighting of the Green — a truly magical start to the season.

This holiday season, 1776 Morristown restaurant is going all-out to become the most beautiful holiday destination in New Jersey — and you’re invited to experience the magic. From

Earlier that day, the restaurant launches its new Saturday Sleigh Brunch (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.), a lively party brunch set among the holiday-inspired décor with a DJ, festive cocktails, and seasonal dishes designed to capture the joy of the season.

“We’re turning 1776 Morristown into the most beautiful holiday dining destination in the state — filled with design, music, community spirit and unforgettable experiences,” says Sue Vorcheimer, director of marketing and public relations for 1776 Morristown.

Throughout the season, guests can enjoy a full lineup of experiences:

- Saturday Sleigh Brunch (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) – A party brunch every Saturday.
- Santa & Mrs. Claus Brunch (Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Santa 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) – Family fun and a Toys for Tots collection.
- Holiday Lunch & Dinner à la Carte – Perfect for

gatherings with friends, family, or colleagues.

- Christmas Dinner at 1776 – Let 1776 Morristown do the cooking while you celebrate.
- New Year’s Eve at 1776 & The Green – Ring in 2026 at 1776 Morristown restaurant or the newly rebranded Topgolf Swing Suite, The Green — Morristown’s premier upscale sports lounge and event space.

In the spirit of giving, 1776 Morristown will donate a portion of holiday sales to Greater Middlesex & Morris Habitat for Humanity, helping build homes and hope for local families.

Reservations and event bookings are now open at 1776Morristown.com.



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