

LAFAYETTE
IN FREDERICK

October–December

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FRENCHMAN’S VISIT

In 1824, the Marquis de Lafayette arrived in the United States for a grand tour of the country he played a role in founding during the American Revolution. From October to December 2024, commemorative events, programs, and tours will recognize and reflect on Lafayette’s visit to Frederick.



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October–December 2024



Fall Farm Festivals

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800-999-3613

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35 & 42, Myersville
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INFORMATION CENTER

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WELCOME CENTER

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Hwy., Emmitsburg
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October 26

CANINES ON THE CREEK

Costumed canines parade down Carroll Creek in the spirit of Halloween. Enjoy a costume contest, exhibitors, food, giveaways, and demonstrations. All proceeds benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lions Club charities.

Carroll Creek Park, Downtown Frederick



September 1–November 5

GAVER FARM FALL
FUN FESTIVAL

This family-friendly event offers over 65 exciting attractions. Making it the perfect destination for a day of fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

*Gaver Farm
5501 Detrick Rd., Mt. Airy
301-865-3515*

September 21–October 31

JUMBO’S PUMPKIN
PATCH FARM FESTIVAL

Enjoy hayrides to the pumpkin patch and corn maze, as well as a petting zoo and fall shopping in the General Store.

*Jumbo’s Pumpkin Patch
6521 Holter Rd., Middletown
301-371-6874*

September 14–October 31

SUMMERS FARM
FALL FESTIVAL

Enjoy over 45 fun activities, including the pig races, pumpkin patch, corn maze, petting zoo, plus brand new activities for the whole family to enjoy.

*Summers Farm
7503 Hollow Rd., Middletown
301-304-3031*

September 28–October 31

FALL PUMPKIN PATCH
AT GREEN MEADOWS
PETTING FARM

Experience a hands-on and up close visit with our friendly animals, enjoy hayrides, and watch pig races. A free pumpkin is included with each paid admission.

*Green Meadows Petting Farm
10102 Fingerboard Rd., Ijamsville
301-865-9203*

September 21–October 27

FALL FESTIVAL
AT MAGNOLIA
MEADOW FARMS

Join us for a day on the farm! Over 20 activities, including Maryland’s Largest Corn Maze.

*Magnolia Meadow Farms
13001 Creagerstown Rd., Thurmont
301-606-4086*

October 5–27

TRAIL OF JACK-O-LANTERNS &
TRICK-OR-TREATING AT GREEN
MEADOWS PETTING FARM

Walk along a trail of lights and witness jack-o-lanterns of all shapes and sizes. Enjoy fire pits, animal barn, a fun farm show, and trick-or-treating. Costumes encouraged.

*Green Meadows Petting Farm
10102 Fingerboard Rd., Ijamsville
301-865-9203*



For more information about Places to Stay, where to Eat & Drink, and Things To Do go to visitfrederick.org



October

October 4–December 28

GHOST TOURS OF HISTORIC FREDERICK

Take a remarkable journey through Frederick's gruesome and bloody past. Nearly 300 years of war, executions, and revenge.

Brewer's Alley Restaurant
124 N. Market St., Frederick
301-668-8922

October 5

HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month each year, Centro Hispano de Frederick brings a lively, colorful celebration of Hispanic art, culture, and music to Carroll Creek.

Carroll Creek Park
Downtown Frederick
301-668-6270

October 5–6

41ST ANNUAL BRUNSWICK RAILROAD DAYS

Visit the Brunswick Heritage (Railroad) Museum, enjoy food and drinks, music, games, crafts, restaurants, vendors, and trains.

Downtown Brunswick
1 W. Potomac St., Brunswick
301-834-7500

October 5&26

PINK-OUT MOONLIT MAZE AT MAGNOLIA MEADOW FARMS

Home to Maryland's largest corn maze, walk under the moonlight while wearing pink to show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Magnolia Meadow Farms
13001 Creagerstown Rd., Thurmont
301-606-4086

October 11–12

FALLFEST AT CATOCTIN FURNACE

Enjoy demonstrations of blacksmithing and apple butter boiling. Tour the Museum of the Ironworker and other historic buildings.

Catoctin Furnace Historical Society
12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont
240-288-7396

October 11–27

BACK FROM THE DEAD CEMETERY WALKS

A candlelit guide leads you through the dark cemetery as saints and martyrs come to life and you reflect upon the "Last Things" - death, judgment, heaven, and hell.

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg
301-447-6606

October 12–13

CATOCTIN COLORFEST

Enjoy the fall foliage and more than 300 well-known and respected artists from across the United States. Great food and music will be available throughout the park and at the beer garden.

Thurmont Community Park
21 Frederick Rd., Thurmont
301-271-7313

October 12–27

HAUNTED HISTORY TOURS

Hear ghostly tales from the past, while touring the darkened galleries of the most haunted building in Frederick.

National Museum of Civil War Medicine
48 E. Patrick St., Frederick
301-695-1864

October 19

SPIRITS OF THE FURNACE

Learn the stories of the spirits that come out during this guided nighttime tour of historic Catoctin Furnace and Village. Reservations must be made prior to the event.

Catoctin Furnace
12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont
240-288-7396

October 19–20

OKTOBERFEST AT SCHIFFERSTADT

Celebrate Oktoberfest at one of Frederick's oldest and most historic buildings. Featuring a band playing all your favorite German Oktoberfest songs, traditional German food, and local beer on tap.

Schifferstadt Architectural Museum
1110 Rosemont Ave., Frederick
301-663-3885

October 19–31

SCARECROWS MARCH DOWN MAIN STREET

Nearly 60 scarecrows take over Middletown's Main Street during the last two weeks in October for some good old-fashioned fall family fun.

Main Street Middletown
19 W. Main St., Middletown
301-371-6171

October 26

HALLOWEEN IN DOWNTOWN FREDERICK

Trick-or-Treat at all of your favorite businesses in Downtown Frederick, while supplies last. Great for families and kids of all ages, especially in costume! Continue the fun with a pet costume parade and movie night on Carroll Creek.

Downtown Frederick
301-698-8118

October 26

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY WALKING TOUR

Join AARCH Society for an informative exploration of local African American history and culture on All Saints Street and the surrounding area.

AARCH Heritage Center
125 E. All Saints St., Frederick

November

November 17

CEMETERY HISTORY AND MYSTERY TOURS

Discover Frederick's past through the labyrinth of graves, crypts, and monuments of Historic Mount Olivet Cemetery. One of Maryland's largest and most beautiful cemeteries.

Mount Olivet Cemetery (Main Gate Entrance)
515 S. Market St., Frederick
301-668-8922

November 22

A MOTOWN CHRISTMAS

A live performance featuring dazzling choreography and unforgettable harmonies all performed in that memorable, soulful Motown style.

Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 W. Patrick St., Frederick
301-600-2828

November 22–December 1

MARYLAND CHRISTMAS SHOW

Fine artisans and merchants come together to make your holiday shopping an enjoyable event. Seven buildings feature art, pottery, furniture, jewelry, clothing, wreaths, toys, and Christmas ornaments.

Frederick Fairgrounds
797 E. Patrick St., Frederick
301-788-6524

November 23–Early March

SAILING THROUGH THE WINTER SOLSTICE

Take in the breathtaking sight of more than 20 lighted sailboats along Carroll Creek. Courtesy of the helping hands of "Color on the Creek" and sailboat sponsors. Don't forget to vote for your favorite and show your support for our local non-profits!

Carroll Creek Park, Downtown Frederick

November 24–December 3

CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Interact with the Seton Shrine's celebrated Junior History Interpreters and enjoy a self-guided tour of the historic homes of Mother Seton, each tastefully decorated for the Christmas season.

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg
301-447-6606

November 29

FROSTY FRIDAY

Kick off your holiday season with all-day shopping, live holiday music, and FREE parking in Downtown Frederick! Most businesses are open 9am-9pm with special deals and downtown-wide giveaways at the Snowflake Tree.

Downtown Frederick
301-698-8118

November 30

TUBA CHRISTMAS

The popular tuba comrades of Frederick return with a variety of brassy Christmas hits, delighting audiences of all ages in this annual Weinberg Center tradition.

Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 W. Patrick St., Frederick
301-600-2828

December

December 4

HOLIDAY ART

COMPETITION-RECEPTION

This delightful display of original artwork created by local Frederick artists will be held in the Gardiner Gallery.

The Delaplaine Arts Center
40 S. Carroll St., Frederick
301-698-0656



December 6–8

MARYLAND REGIONAL BALLET'S THE NUTCRACKER

A Frederick holiday tradition, this full-length ballet features artists from the New York City Ballet and students from the Frederick School of Classical Ballet.

Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 W. Patrick St., Frederick
301-600-2828

December 7

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS

Kick off the holiday season with a full day of fun activities including breakfast with Santa, holiday parade, and tree lighting.

Downtown Brunswick
1 W. Potomac St., Brunswick

December 7

TRADITIONAL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS AT CATOCTIN FURNACE

Outdoor, European-style holiday market. Decorate a fresh wreath, watch a blacksmith at work, and enjoy cider and baked goods. Children can make a craft and visit with Belsnickel.

The Museum of the Ironworker
12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont
240-288-7396

December 7–8

CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR

This self-guided tour takes visitors inside private homes elaborately adorned with holiday décor in historic Frederick.

Downtown Frederick
301-600-2844

December 13

KRIS KRINGLE PROCESSION

Join in the small-town, festive charm of the holidays as costumed characters and local children march through the streets of Downtown Frederick. Follow the Procession for a closing ceremony including carols, lighting of the City Christmas tree, and special messages from Kris Kringle.

Downtown Frederick
121 N. Bentz St., Frederick
301-600-2844

December 14

MUSEUMS BY CANDLELIGHT

A long-cherished tradition in the region, Museums by Candlelight features many of Frederick County's historic sites and museums with extended hours, hands-on activities, and special programs.

Sites and Museums throughout Frederick County
301-600-4047

December 20

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Holiday greetings, carols, and an inspirational message are all part of this traditional community event that highlights the true meaning of the holiday season.

City Hall Courtyard
101 N. Court St., Frederick
301-600-2844



December 21

ERIC BYRD TRIO A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

The heartwarming animated cartoon, A Charlie Brown Christmas, is brilliantly paired with a live performance of the Vince Guaraldi jazz score.

Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 W. Patrick St., Frederick
301-600-2828

December 26

CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Self-guided walking tour highlighting nine historic worship sites in Downtown Frederick. Guests will be welcomed with special programs, angelic choirs, and nativity scenes.

Downtown Frederick
19 E. Church St., Frederick
301-600-4047

December 31

CANDLELIGHTS ON THE CREEK

Candles are distributed to release on the creek to signify remembrance, good fortune, joy, and renewed hope for a new year.

Carroll Creek Park
Downtown Frederick

December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE FREDERICK KEY DROP

As the clock approaches midnight, a handcrafted, lighted key slowly descends from the William O. Lee Memorial Bridge.

Carroll Creek Park
Downtown Frederick