



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH™

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Gulf Shores announces 2018 holiday events schedule

Gulf Shores, Ala – November 20, 2018 – Christmas is just around the corner, and the City of Gulf Shores is once again gearing up to celebrate with a full array of holiday events. Whether it's marveling at the magical glow of the Lighted Parade or the Baldwin Pops Christmas Concert, families young and old are invited to join in the excitement of the season.

Phone Calls from Santa

Children are invited to experience a memorable moment this Christmas season with a special message from Santa! Celebrate the holiday season with a free personalized phone call from Santa guaranteed to amaze your child! Registration for Phone Calls from Santa will be open until Friday, December 7. Santa will make phone calls on December 13-14 from 5 to 7 p.m. Phone calls will be made two times to reach your child at the requested day and time. If a child is unavailable, Santa will leave a voice message.

You may register for Phone Calls from Santa online at www.gulfshoresal.gov/recreationregistration or in person at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center or Cultural Center.

Popcorn and a Movie

The Gulf Shores Recreation Department will host Popcorn and a Movie on Wednesday, December 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center Auditorium, which is located at 19470 Oak Road West. The movie, Christmas Vacation, will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event open to all residents and visitors. Christmas cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided.

Please register online at www.gulfshoresal.gov/recreationregistration or in person at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center or Cultural Center.

Baldwin Pops Christmas Concert

On Tuesday, December 4, the City of Gulf Shores will open its doors to host the Baldwin Pops Band for a Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. at the Cultural Center Auditorium. The Baldwin Pops is an organization of volunteer musicians whose mission is to share music in a concert band format free of charge to the citizens of Baldwin County.

This event will not require a ticket. Seats are first come, first serve. Baldwin Pops Concerts are a collection site for the US Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. Patrons are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift.

Gulf Shores Lighted Christmas Parade & Holiday Celebration

You don't want to miss the Lighted Christmas Parade and Holiday Celebration in Gulf Shores on Friday, December 7. The evening parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature festive lighted floats, as well as appearances from holiday characters and marching bands. Large crowds of spectators looking to bask in the holiday spirit are anticipated along Highway 59 as parade entries make their way from Gulf Shores Public Beach to Sims Park.

The magical atmosphere from the parade will roll continuously into the night as a Holiday Celebration at Sims Park will kick off immediately following the parade. Families can enjoy pictures with Santa, holiday treats, crafts and the 4th Annual Snowball Drop. The Snowball Drop will feature a man-made blizzard as 4,000 ping pong balls will be dropped from above by Santa. Winning snowballs will have a number that correlates with a prize supplied by our generous sponsors.

The Nutcracker

The Coastal Ballet Academy will present the Nutcracker on Sunday, December 9. Under the direction of Madame Rio Cordy Barlow, the ballet academy will bring this classic holiday ballet to life. This event will begin at 2 p.m. at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center, located at 1930 West 2nd Street.

Tickets for the show are \$15 and will be available at the City Store box office or online. Space is limited. The box office is located at 1821 Gulf Shores Parkway and office hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa

Children will have one last minute chance to visit with Santa on Saturday, December 15, as Gulf Shores hosts Breakfast with Santa at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center. Beginning at 8 a.m., families can dive into a wholesome breakfast complete with sausage, bacon, eggs and pancakes. Admission for Breakfast with Santa is \$5.00, while children 3 and under are free. The first 50 children will receive a complimentary picture with Santa.

For more information about any of the City of Gulf Shores holiday events, contact the Special Events Division at 251-968-1174 or visit www.gulfshoresal.gov.

2019 Winter Entertainment Edition – Small Town, Big Beach Productions

The City of Gulf Shores is excited to announce the 2019 Winter Edition of Small Town, Big Beach™ Productions. This year's lineup is as follows:

Simply Sinatra: January 28-29

The New York Tenors: February 4-5

One Night in Memphis: February 11-12

Four Fabulous Funnymen: February 18-19

Shows will begin at 7 p.m. at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased online at www.gulfshoresal.gov/stbbproductions or in person at the City

Store located at 1821 Gulf Shores Parkway. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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