

**Happenings on Main Street (Main, Essex, Foster and Myrtle)
Friday, December 2nd**

Edward Jones

502 Main Street, 4- 5:45 pm

Santa is holding court at Edward Jones! Bring your children in for a photo. Co-sponsored by Marie T. Wood Realty

First Baptist Church

561 Main Street, 5-6:15 pm

The Lions Club is once again serving hotdogs and soup. The small admission fee benefits the good work of the Lions.

City Hall Lawn, 6:15 pm-6:30 pm

Start the holiday season with a prayer offered by Reverend Damaris Cami-Staples, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, followed by the lighting of the City Christmas tree by Mayor Robert Dolan.

Main Street, 6:30-7 pm

The magic of the season starts with the therapists from Roman Music Therapy Services leading us in holiday songs as we walk down Main Street to the YMCA. Mayor Dolan will turn on the downtown holiday lights and Santa Claus arrives in Melrose! Enjoy coffee and hot chocolate served by **Coffee, Tea and Me.**

Then, visit:

Breads n Bits of Ireland

530 Main Street, 7pm

Children are invited to visit Santa while enjoying cookies and hot cocoa.

Beansprout Gifts

12 Essex Street, Open Late!

Join us at this new store for hot cider and treats.

Beacon Hill Wine and Gourmet

538 Main Street, 7pm

Come in for a special tasting.

H&R Block

532 Main Street, 6-9pm

Learn about H&R Block services while warming up with holiday cheer.

Re/Max Heritage

536 Main Street, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

Enjoy a holiday family movie while eating popcorn.

Pepperberry Florist and Gift Shop

539 Main Street, 9 am-8 pm

Come in for our extended hours and take 10% off all gift items including candles, ornaments, and soaps. All holiday center pieces ordered during Home for the Holidays will be discounted by 10%. Enjoy eggnog and cookies while shopping.

B-Yoga

537 Main Street, 6:30 -9 pm

Join us for an Open House with tasty treats and special discounts on gift cards and yoga accessories.

Beauty Café

515 Main Street, 6-8 pm

Stop in for coffee, tea and cookies

Family Opticians

490 Main Street, 6-8 pm

Eye glasses make a great gift. Shop and enjoy apple cider and cookies.

Sweet Thoughts

504 Main Street, 5-8 pm

Shop for all your holiday gifts and warm up with cookies and cider

Melrose Army and Navy Store

488 Main Street, 5-8pm

Cookies and punch will be served to help you with your holiday shopping.

LCM Plus Landscaping

19 West Foster Street, open until 8 pm

Come in for warm cider and cookies. See a display of glassworks ornaments. Light up the night with our new line of Holiday Night Lites.

First Congregational Church

121 West Foster Street, 6-9 pm

Visit us for our traditional Winter Wonderland Fair. Friday night supper is just \$10 for adults; 1 child under 4 is free; \$8 Seniors; \$6 children. The Fair includes handcrafted items, baked goods and candy, jewelry, gift basket raffle and silent auction. Santa's Workshop for children to decorate gingerbread houses, do crafts and see Santa!

Temple Beth Shalom

21 East Foster Street, 7pm---

Join us for the traditional Hanukkah party. Play holiday games, listen to traditional music sample wonderful, warm holiday food.

Melrose Emblem Club at the Melrose Elks Hall

75 Myrtle Street, 5-8 pm

Visit us before or after visiting Santa for socializing with cider, hot chocolate, coffee and tea. Crafts, games, face painting and surprises will help us greet the holiday season

TD Bank

478 Main Street

Join us for a break from shopping and enter to win a fabulous prize including a \$50 TD Visa Gift Card with our free raffle. Prizes for the children too!

Hourglass

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St.Mary's School

46 Myrtle Street, 11am-9pm

Visit the school as a holiday tradition continues. Buy your Christmas tree, kissing balls, poinsettias and more. Cookies by the pound and cannoli kits from Mike's Pastry in the North End are other reasons to join in the fun at St Mary's School!

Possessions Gallery

416 Main Street, 6-8 pm

Shop and sip on eggnog and cider and enjoy holiday treats. Take advantage of the specials and raffles Friday and Saturday.

Melrose Youth Ballet presents The Nutcracker

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Tickets available at Sweet Thoughts, 504 Main Street and at the door
Memorial Hall, 590 Main Street

Happenings in Cedar Park (West Emerson and Essex Street)**Trinity Church**

131 West Emerson Street, 7-9pm

Gala reception with free refreshments. View the array of miniature trees (available through raffle). Silent auction, candy, plants, crafts, gifts and collectibles.

Other Happenings

Melrose Veteran's Memorial Middle School Performing Arts Center, 350 Main Street

The Melrose High School Drama Club presents "The Odd Couple" (female version) by Neil Simon on Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm and Saturday, December 3rd at 2pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door; \$10 adults; \$7 students.

Saturday, December 3rd

Melrose Boot Camp to Benefit the Mayor's Emergency Fund

Melrose Masonic Temple, 326 Main Street, 6:30-7:30 am

Energize your body, mind and spirit while helping those in need in Melrose

Happenings at Melrose Wakefield Hospital Area

Family Resource Network Pancake Breakfast at the Melrose Wakefield Hospital

Santa's Elves will be joining us at our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 3rd. They will be collecting letters to Santa to deliver to him at the North Pole. Bring your own letter or make one at the breakfast. Each child will receive a goody bag. The breakfast is \$3.50 per person and includes, juice, hot beverages, apple slices and pancakes. Seatings are every half hour from 8 am - 11 am. Call 781-662-2722 to make your reservation.

Happenings in the Franklin Square Area (Green Street and Main Street)

Melrose Church of the Nazarene

2 Short Street, 10 am-2pm

Come by for activities for young and old including crafts, decorating Christmas cookies and a Christmas puppet sing-a-long. Enjoy Christmas carols, Victorian tea and other festive things.

Franklin Square

10 am-noon

The Franklin Square Merchants once again host Santa and his world famous hayride. Visit this very popular spot and then stop by the businesses.

Brad Hutchinson Realty

193 Green Street, 9:30 am-2:30 pm

Join Brad and staff as they help you make your own T Shirt.

Hillside Press

192 Green Street, 10 am-2pm

Hillside Press once again invites you to stop by for a free Snowman pad and candy canes.

Affairs to Remember

202 A Green Street, 10 am-2 pm

Warm up with hot beverages and cookies and enjoy a 20% discount on holiday merchandise.

Melrose Oriental Rug

937 Main Street, 10 am-3 pm

Join the staff at Melrose Oriental for a feast of ethnic food and a free raffle to win an Oriental rug.

Gray's Appliances

945 Main Street, 10 am-2pm

After the hayride with Santa, come by for popcorn and hot chocolate.

Happenings in the Highlands**Faith Evangelical Church**

200 Franklin Street, 10 am -3pm

Join us for hot chocolate, cookie decorating and other holiday treats.

Highlands Nursery School at the Melrose Highlands Congregational Church

355 Franklin Street, 10 am -2 pm

Melrose once again will host the only indoor mini golf course in town. Come and play for free.

Ward Insurance

430 Franklin Street

10 am -2pm

Our traditional petting zoo is open.

Northern Bank and Trust

514-516 Franklin Street, 10 am -12 noon

Join us for reading of children's holiday books by a celebrity reader.

Salon Indulgence by Kimberly

525 Franklin Street, 10 am -2pm

Join us as we work on a Nutcracker themed craft.

Studio 6

526 Franklin Street

Visit for Holiday Cheer!

Happenings in Cedar Park (West Emerson Street, Tremont Street, and Essex Street)**Trinity Church**

131 West Emerson Street, 9:00 am -3:00 pm

The Festival of Trees continues with a raffle of trees, donate a can of food for a local food pantry, children's stories and crafts, and food featuring cookies, candy and corn chowder. Enjoy a silent auction and collectibles including items from local businesses and artists, unique, affordable gifts and crafts.

Reindeer Rides at Cedar Park

10 am -4pm

See what it is like to ride a real "reindeer". A small fee is charged.

Melrose Girl Scouts

10 am -3pm

The Girl Scouts invite you to show off your creativity and decorate holiday cookies.

Santa Comes to Town!

11:45 am

Straight from the North Pole! Santa will arrive on the train and talk to all his young visitors.

Tradewinds

169 West Emerson Street, 10 am -5pm

Shop in this beautiful local shop and enter a free raffle to win a collectible Byer's Choice Caroler.

Perella Jewelers

136 West Emerson Street

Stop by for a free raffle for a \$25 gift certificate and a holiday DVD. There will be two winners!

Bohemian Coffee House

132 West Emerson Street

Get in the holiday spirit with a coffee coupon for a treat at a later date. Enter a free raffle for a gift basket.

Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church

70 West Emerson Street, 10 am-3pm

The Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church invites all to the 8th annual Alternative Fair featuring items from India, South America and Africa as well as local farm products, coffees, chocolates, jewelry, raffles and more. Hot lunch will be available for purchase. Featured items will be the **Melrose Alliance Against Violence** Domestic Violence Awareness bracelets. Also at the Fair will be the Melrose Energy Commission, showing homeowners how to give themselves the gift of warmth and lower their heating bills. For other MEC sites visit www.melroseenergy.org.

This is truly "shopping with a conscience."

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Enjoy holiday carols with our Victorian carolers.

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Beansprout Gifts

12 Essex Street

Come in and hear Mrs. Claus reading winter stories at 10:30 am, 12 noon and 1:30 while enjoying cookies and milk. Meanwhile, at **Beanstalk Toys**, 14 Essex Street, write and send your letters to Santa at the North Pole while parents can take advantage of 20% off all holiday cards, stationary and boxed sets at Beansprout.

Century 21Sexton and Donohue

29 Essex Street, 10 am -2pm

Come in for some holiday fun with face painting.

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B-Yoga

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Whittemore Hardware

531 Main Street, 11 am -2pm

Come in out of the cold for a free lunch including hot dogs and cider.

Madison Ave of Melrose

523 Main Street, 10 am -6pm

Madison Ave will have special sales all weekend long.

Beauty Café

515 Main Street, 10 am-6pm

Enjoy coffee, tea and cookies while you shop.

Turner's Seafood Grill and Market

506 Main Street

Warm up by buying some of Turner's world famous chowder.

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Melrose Family YMCA

497 Main Street, 10 am -12 pm

Children are welcome to come in and work on a holiday craft

LCM Plus Landscaping

19 West Foster Street, 10 am -4 pm

Bring in a photo of your home's exterior and we will show you how good it could look!

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Miter Biter Frame Company

479 Main Street, 10 am-2 pm

Come in and use our retro photo booth. Take free photos of you and your friends.

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Roman Music Therapy Services

423 Main Street

Come in for our holiday family sing-a-longs at 10:30 am, 11:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Hugos

424 Main Street, 10 am -2pm

Get warm with cider and cookies while shopping.

Coffee, Tea and Me

421 Main Street

Stop by and try a gingerbread latte and a warm Nutella crepe. Early birds will receive a complimentary baked treat.

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MMTV

360 Main Street, 10 am -1pm

MMTV offers visitors the chance to make a video holiday greeting card.

Masonic Building, Wyoming Lodge

326 Main Street, 9 am -3 pm

Home Parties for the Holidays, featuring Lia Sophia, Silpada, Lindt Chocolate, Thirty-One Gifts, Mary Kay, Avon, PartyLite, Pampered Chef, Tupperware and Mama Giovanna's Cookies, Cakes and Catering. Shop till you drop!

Happenings on West Wyoming**Busy Bee Bakery**

One Hurd Street, 10 am -2pm

Warm up with very special homemade Belgian Hot Chocolate and decorate a snowflake cookie with royal icing and colored sugar sprinkles.

Melrose Floor Covering

59 West Wyoming Avenue, 10 am -2pm

Visit us for specials on all sport team area rugs and treat yourself to a candy cane.

Lincoln School Holiday Fair

80 West Wyoming Avenue

Come and shop, chat and munch while supporting the community. Crafters will be selling paintings, ceramics, charms, custom wineglasses, educational toys and games, embroidered crafts, hair accessories, handbags, Irish crafts, jewelry, ornaments, Pampered Chef products, pet products, scarves, snow globes, stamps for scrapbooking, stuffed creatures, Tastefully simple product and much more.

Happenings in the Pine Banks/Oak Grove Village Area**East Boston Savings Bank**

108 Main Street, 9 am -12:30 pm

East Boston Savings will serve White Christmas punch and cookies while children can make their own ornaments.

Oak Grove Village

12 Island Hill Road

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Polymnia Choral Society presents popular baritone Dana Whiteside as the guest soloist in the Holiday Concert Saturday, December 3, at 7:30 at the First Congregational Church, 121 West Foster Street, Melrose. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased at www.polymnia.org or at Sweet Thoughts, 504 Main St., Peacuddy's, 506 Franklin, Miter Biter, 479 Main Street, Melrose and the Bohemian Coffeehouse, 132 West Emerson, all in Melrose.

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46 Myrtle Street, December 4th from 7:30 am -12:30 pm

Visit the school as a holiday tradition continues. Buy your Christmas tree, kissing balls, poinsettias and more. Cookies by the pound and cannoli kits from Mike's Pastry in the North End are other reasons to join in the fun at St Mary's School!

The Mount Hood Association hosts the "Home for the Holidays" Children's Party at the Mount Hood Clubhouse on December 4th from 12:00 noon-3:00 pm. Come and see Santa and join in a carol sing-a-long. For more information visit www.mthoodpa.com.

Melrose Sharing and Caring invites you to a holiday event at the Stoneham Theatre on December 18th Come for a pre-show champagne gala at 4:00 pm and toast the holidays followed by the hilarious performance of "Sister's Christmas Catechism." Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by emailing Patty Granara at pattygranara@verizon.net.