

Alpharetta's  
**SEASON of  
CELEBRATION**

# Holiday Events



## DIWALI CELEBRATION AT NORTH POINT

November 2, 10:00 - 8:00 PM  
North Point Mall

India American Cultural Association, a 54-year-old organization serving the Indian American community in Georgia, and North Point are coming together to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, in Alpharetta. The event will continue from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm inside North Point and include Indian dance, music, yoga presentations, an art exhibition, clothes, jewelry, food and more. All are welcome with free admission. Visit [www.iacaatl.org](http://www.iacaatl.org) for more information.

## VETERANS CELEBRATION LUNCH

November 4, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Preston Ridge Community Center

Please join us for a special luncheon in honor of our Veterans, as we celebrate their dedication and service. The theme for Veterans Day 2024, "A Legacy of Loyalty and Service." We thank you for your service and sacrifice to our country.

## HAND BUILT HOLIDAY TRIVET\*

November 14 & 21, 9:00 - 11:00 AM  
Alpharetta Adult Activity Center

Create a 6 x 6 Holiday themed trivet using stencils, cut outs and transfers. Ages 50+ welcome to participate.

## THANKSGIVING LUNCH\*

November 19, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Alpharetta Adult Activity Center

A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served for our participants. Free to enter and all ages are welcome.

## HAMILTON TREE LIGHTING

November 22, 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
The Hamilton Hotel, Downtown Alpharetta

Join us for the Fourth Annual Hamilton Tree Lighting Ceremony while enjoying hot cocktails, holiday crafted snacks, and live music while admiring the 23 ft tall tree on the Courtyard.

## CITY OF ALPHARETTA TREE LIGHTING

November 23, 5:00 - 9:00 PM  
Town Green, Downtown Alpharetta

Kick off the holiday season with a 50 ft. tree lighting in Downtown Alpharetta. Enjoy live music, snow flurries, vignettes from The Nutcracker, marshmallow roasting, and more winter magic! To top it all off, Santa and other holiday helpers will make a guest appearance!

## ARTIST HOLIDAY MARKET

November 23, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Alpharetta Arts Center

Arts Alpharetta is hosting its annual Holiday Artists Market at the Alpharetta Arts Center. Enjoy a cash and carry opportunity to purchase original artwork in a variety of media. Visit [www.artsalpharetta.org](http://www.artsalpharetta.org) for more information.

## SIPS OF THE SEASON

November 23 - December 14  
Downtown Alpharetta

This holiday season enjoy a variety of festive flavors and creative concoctions at participating Downtown Alpharetta restaurants and specialty shops. From traditional favorites like egg nog and hot chocolate to delicious cocktails and wine all sure to keep your spirits bright. View a list of participating businesses at [www.downtownalpharetta.com](http://www.downtownalpharetta.com) and on social @DowntownAlpharettaDistrict.

## ALPHARETTA HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

November 23 - December 15  
Various Dropoff Locations

The season of giving is here, and it's the perfect opportunity to spread some cheer by helping those in need. Join us as Alpharetta continues its tradition of hosting a Holiday Food Drive by collecting non-perishable goods for the **North Fulton Community Charities** (NFCC) food pantry. Conveniently drop off items at City of Alpharetta facilities during business hours or use 24/7 accessible shelves downtown. *Together, we CAN make a difference in our community.* Visit [www.nfcchelp.org](http://www.nfcchelp.org) to learn more.

## THE LIGHTING OF AVALON

November 24, 2:00 - 7:30 PM  
The Plaza at Avalon

Get in the holiday spirit and spread festive cheer as the North Fulton community is illuminated during the annual Lighting of Avalon. Featuring holiday performances and musical entertainment, family friendly activities, the opening of the ice skating rink and the magical arrival of Santa, this unforgettable evening has something for everyone!

## SANTA'S MAILBOX

Alpharetta Community Center  
November 25 - December 13

Santa's elves will install a special mailbox exclusively for letters to Santa at the Alpharetta Community Center. From November 25 to December 13, children can mail their Christmas wishes directly to Santa. To ensure a personal response, each letter should include the child's first name, last name, age, address, and their wish list.

## ALPHARETTA SYMPHONY CONCERT:

### AN ALPHARETTA HOLIDAY

December 1, 3:00 PM  
Innovation Academy

Join your hometown orchestra, the Alpharetta Symphony, for an evening of some of your favorite holiday music. From beloved holiday movies, beautiful carols, to even a classical hit or two, there's something for everyone. Joined by members of the Alpharetta Symphony Chorus (in their concert debut), the Alpharetta Symphony will make you feel like you're next to a roaring fire, hot chocolate in hand.

## ALPHARETTA CITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT\*

December 1, 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
Adult Activity Center

## CHRISTMAS TREE TABLE ORNAMENT\*

December 2, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Alpharetta Adult Activity Center

Enjoy painting this vintage tabletop ceramic Christmas ornament. Ages 50+ welcome to participate.

## WINTER CRAFTING WITH NATURE\*

December 3, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Old Ruck Farm Outdoor Classroom

All ages, hands-on creation of festive and seasonal decorations using natural materials. Drop in, explore and create with nature!




\*Pre-registration required.  
Visit <https://bit.ly/registerARPCS>



# Holiday Hop & Shop

**DECEMBER 7, 9AM – 4PM**

Holiday shopping just got easier! Join us in Downtown Alpharetta for Holiday Hop & Shop. Enjoy the **FREE hop on, hop off shuttle** as you browse for handcrafted items for everyone on your list. Visit **four unique markets** offering a variety of crafts, food, decor, jewelry, sweet treats, and much more! Plus, there are plenty of fun activities for the kids including FREE pictures with Santa, holiday character meet & greets, and live music. *Make it a fun day of holiday shopping while supporting your community.* 

## HEARTFELT HOLIDAY MARKET

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Alpharetta Community Center**

Let the holiday season begin with a craft fair filled with family fun and holiday cheer! The Market features one-of-a-kind items on display, including jewelry, home décor, pottery, and treats, all handmade by local artists with disabilities and child entrepreneurs. Don't miss unforgettable holiday photo opportunities with two adorable llamas from 12:00 - 3:00 PM. Snap fun pictures and create lasting memories while you shop!

## ALPHARETTA CHRISTMAS MARKET

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Innovation Academy**

Support local businesses and artisans while shopping for holiday gifts and unique items for everyone on your list! Plan to spend the day enjoying a hot beverage and snack as you browse over 100 local vendors selling handmade crafts, gourmet food, home décor, jewelry, candles, and more. Enjoy live music throughout the day at this must-see, FREE community event!

## MAKER'S MARKET ARTISAN FAIRE

**10:00 AM - 6:00 PM | The Plaza at Avalon**

Located on Boulevard East (from Apple to Pottery Barn, on both sides). There will be live music, characters and more!

## SANTA PAWS MARKET

**12:00 - 4:00 PM | The Hamilton Hotel**

This holiday season, we're decking the paws for our furry friends! Pamper your pup with a tail-wagging selection of toys, paw-some treats, and paw-fect gifts from local artisans, boutiques, and vendors—all while enjoying a paws-itively festive atmosphere. From tasty holiday bites to bark-worthy cocktails for the humans, there's something for everyone! 'Tis the season to spoil your pets—you can even bring your furry loved ones and get ready for a fur-filled day of fun!

## MISTLETOE MARKET STROLL

**12:00 - 4:00 PM | Alpharetta City Center**

Get into the holiday spirit at the Market Street shops' Christmas market, where local boutiques spread festive cheer! Enjoy creating custom stockings for both people and pets, decorating Christmas wine glasses, designing ornaments, and selecting personalized Santa hats. From sparkling jewelry bars to perfect stocking stuffers, join us for a joyful day of holiday fun and great shopping! and merry holiday headbands, there's something magical for everyone to enjoy!



## FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA

**December 7, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Alpharetta Welcome Center**

Families are encouraged to stop by for a complimentary individual or family photo with Santa Claus. A photo will be printed onsite and emailed instantly to each person, so it can be shared with family and friends. *Attendees are advised to not wear green clothing as the photographer will be using a "green screen" and green clothing will interfere with the photo quality.*

**For more information call 678-297-2811. Hop & Shop Shuttle will not be stopping at this location.**

## NATURAL WREATH WORKSHOP WITH CHRISTEY HULSEY\*

**December 4, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Alpharetta Adult Activity Center**

Natural, holiday wreath-making workshop using materials grown, foraged and dried by the Community Agriculture Program. The workshop will be led by Christy Griner Hulsey, event planner and florist with over 15 years in the floral and event business.

## HOLIDAY CARDS\*

**December 5, 5:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Alpharetta Arts Center**

Learn the basics of carving linoleum and using stamps and stencils to create custom holiday cards and paper ornaments with Stone Dairy Press! No printmaking experience necessary. Materials included.

## ALPHARETTA COMMUNITY CHORUS WINTER CONCERT

**December 8, 3:00 - 4:30PM**

**Alpharetta Presbyterian Church**

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**December 10, 9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Alpharetta Adult Activity Center**

Enjoy a delicious breakfast with a visit from Santa. One is never too old for the magic of the season! Please bring an unwrapped toy for donation. Ages 50+ welcome to attend.

## DAY AT ALPHARETTA CITY CENTER

**December 14, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Town Green, Downtown Alpharetta**

There's 'snow' place like Alpharetta. Celebrate the 3rd Annual Snow Day at ACC. The property will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland, where guests can enjoy live music, snow, craft-making stations and several social-media worthy photo opportunities.

## THE HOLIDAY INDOOR ART FESTIVAL

**December 14, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

**North Point Mall**

Shop Alpharetta Arts Guild's local artists and crafters for unique holiday gift ideas at Macy's and H&M.

## LIVE WREATH MAKING\*

**December 14, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Future Farmers of America Log Cabin**

Create a wreath out of live holiday greens that will look and smell great! No previous experience necessary!

## HOMERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS\*

**December 14, 5PM**

**North Park Alpharetta, Softball Fields 1-4**

Join us for Alpharetta's newest holiday tradition - Youth & Adult Home Run Derby. Help us support Toys for Tots by bringing a new, boxed toy to spread love this holiday season!

## SANTA'S MAGIC GIFTBOX\*

**December 15-21**

Add a touch of magic this Christmas with a special, personalized gift box from Santa for your child! Each box includes a custom letter from Santa and delightful holiday surprises. Register by December 13 to create unforgettable Christmas memories.

## KIDS NATURE CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES\*

**December 20-January 3**

**Old Rucker Farm Outdoor Classroom**

Winter Break Nature Crafts & Activities that are perfect for kids to explore the winter season. Activities will change every few days.

## CAMP CHRISTMAS - MINI CAMP\*

**December 23, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Alpharetta Arts Center**

Send your little elf to Camp Christmas to create crafts! They'll have a holly jolly time as they draw and paint Santa, create Santa Bobble heads and so much more.

## MENORAH LIGHTING IN DOWNTOWN ALPHARETTA

**December 25, 5:30 PM**

**Town Green, Downtown Alpharetta**

Join Chabad North Fulton and the City of Alpharetta for the annual lighting of the Alpharetta Menorah on the Town Green.

## MENORAH LIGHTING AT AVALON

**December 29, 5:00-6:00 PM**

Join Chabad North Fulton for a Chanukah celebration at Avalon.

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