

CHRISTMAS IN STEUBENVILLE 2022

Love the seasonal lights and music? Do you want to take great Christmas photos with the family? Looking for a fun holiday weekend? Look no further than **Steubenville** in eastern Ohio which has become a mecca for Christmas lovers.

It all began eight years ago with the creation of the **Steubenville Nutcracker Village**. Starting with just 35 life-sized original nutcrackers depicting characters from literature, art, music, and entertainment, the collection has grown each year, and with the addition of 15 new nutcrackers this season there will be **200** on display 24/7 throughout the historic business district on 4th Street in downtown Steubenville from **November 22, 2022 through January 7, 2023**. Maps indicating the locations of the Nutcrackers can be obtained at Leonardo's Coffeehouse (159 N. 4th Street) and the Steubenville Visitor Center (120 S. 3rd Street).

All the nutcrackers are designed and produced locally by the creative elves at **Nelson's of Steubenville**. From the characters of the *Wizard of Oz* to the members of the *Rat Pack* and a huge variety of figures from history and the professions, the nutcrackers provide excellent opportunities for making family memories and taking selfies.

www.steubenvillanutcrackervillage.com

A number of additional attractions have developed alongside the Nutcracker Village including a **Holiday Market** and **Christmas at the Fort** at the Fort Steuben Visitor Center on S. 3rd Street on weekends during the event. Set up under a canopy of lights and music in Fort Steuben Park, the Market offers gifts, décor, and foods of the season. Choirs and singers gather around the 32' Christmas Tree while St. Nicholas strolls among the visitors. New this year, a **Forest of Animated Trees** will light up the central lawn in the Park. Weekend movies, puppet shows, and rides on the Holly Trolley add to the fun. The reconstructed 18th century Fort Steuben is open for tours at a nominal fee. Inside the Visitor Center, a model train village is on display and the Fort Gift Shop is stocked with holiday items as well as books, toys, and souvenirs.

www.oldfortsteuben.net

The downtown streets are decorated with **25 live Christmas trees** with a **tree decorating competition** for local non-profits that viewers can vote for. Students from the local schools have decorated store fronts to enhance the holiday spirit.

The Public Library of Steubenville & Jefferson County offers a **Nutcracker Storywalk** among the trees and nutcrackers on 4th Street, so visitors can search for pages and enjoy a seasonal classic while they walk.

The Children's Corner on 4th & Market Streets will be open on weekends with free crafts, games, performances, and photos with Fr. Christmas.

Leonardo's Coffeehouse on N. 4th Street will have a **Museum of Classical Christmas Masterpieces** displayed on their 2nd floor. North 4th Street will also be the site of the **German Gluhwein Garden**, where visitors can sip on mulled wine and bask in a Bavarian atmosphere. Other shops along the street will have special holiday sales and offerings.

No holiday event is complete without a parade and the **Steubenville Sights and Sounds of Christmas Parade** will process down 4th Street at noon on December 3rd with bands, dancers, and floats to celebrate the season.

Another popular way to join the fun is to participate in the **Saint Nicholas Day Lantern Parade** that will take place along 4th Street on the evening of **December 4th**. St. Nicholas and companions will begin at First Westminster Presbyterian Church and lead lantern-bearers, bellringers, angels, and celebrants to the Creche at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, singing hymns and spreading the joy of the Christmas season.

Other holiday events include Christmas concerts and music workshops, a **Holiday Hike** at Beatty Park, **Story Time** led by the Public Library of Steubenville & Jefferson County, and **Holiday Hayrides**.

After a lapse of two years, the original musical production **Wooden Heart Follies** is returning this season. Created by veteran community theater actors, directors, and playwrights John and Von Holmes, the play brings to life nine nutcrackers, using the music of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* with comic lyrics added. The story begins once upon a time in a magical land called Steubenville, where the mad scientist nutcracker falls in love with his human designer and turns the Nutcracker Village upside down. Audiences will discover whether nutcrackers really do like sugar plums, and whether or not wooden hearts can fall in love. The production will run December 1-4; tickets can be found at www.woodenheartfollies.com.

For information on these as well as lodging and dining options in Steubenville, contact the Steubenville Visitor Center by phone (740.283.1787), email (info@visitsteubenville.com), or stopping by 120 S. 3rd Street, Steubenville OH 43952.

Dates to be aware of:

Nov. 22- Steubenville Lights Up and Nutcrackers Village & Holiday Market opens

Nov. 27- Blessing of Advent Wreaths and Nativity Sets

Nov. 25-27, Dec. 2-4, Dec. 9-11, Dec. 16-18, Weekend Events and Holiday Market

Dec. 1-4, Wooden Heart Follies at the Masonic Temple, Thursday performance free to the local community at 6:30pm; Friday (6:30pm), Saturday (4pm), and Sunday (4pm) tickets: Adults \$10; Children 12 and under: \$5.

Dec. 3, Sights and Sounds of Christmas Parade

Dec. 4, Lantern Parade

December 8 – Old Fashioned Country Christmas Concert, Sycamore Center, N. 4th Street, Steubenville; music for the season; 6:30pm

December 10 – Drum Line, Market Street, 4:00; rain date Dec. 11, 4:00