

**Happenings on Main Street (Main, Essex, Foster and Myrtle)
Friday, December 4th**

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

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

Start the holiday season with a seasonal prayer offered by Reverend Damaris Cami-Staples, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, followed by the lighting of the City holiday tree by Mayor Robert Dolan. Dancers from the Melrose Youth Ballet's production of the Nutcracker will join us and holiday music will be provided by Roman Music Therapy Services. Bring your singing voice!

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**. After Santa arrives, bring your list to him while he sits at **Edward Jones**, 502 Main Street. Get in the holiday spirit with music provided by **DJ Tommy**.

Then, the festivities continue for people of all ages with live entertainment, holiday music, and refreshments around the area.

Don't forget to visit:

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Affairs to Remember

547 Main Street

Enjoy cookies, cheese, crackers and cider while shopping. 20% off holiday merchandise and 50% of select holiday merchandise.

Beansprout Gifts

12 Essex Street, Open Late!

We will be sharing in holiday music, warm drinks, and festive treats so be sure to stop by!

Beanstalk Toy Shop

14 Essex Street

Kids can pick up a FREE Holiday Craft! 6th Annual Toy Drive to benefit Children's Hospital Kickoff. Extended Evening Hours.

Beacon Hill Wine and Gourmet

538 Main Street, 5 -8pm
Come out of the cold and join us for a festive wine tasting.

RE/MAX Leading Edge

536 Main Street, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
RE/MAX invites you to warm up with a holiday movie and popcorn.

Pepperberry Florist and Gift Shop

539 Main Street, 9 am-6 pm
Hot apple cider and spiked egg nog will be served while you shop. 10% discount on all fresh outdoor holiday décor and free local delivery on all orders placed during HFTH.

Madison Ave of Melrose

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Buckalews (formerly Sweet Thoughts)

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Lilah-Rose

488 Main Street
Join us for a craft, treats, and special discounts.

RADA Boutique

486 Main Street
Rada is offering a sale on all accessories; buy one get one ½ off. Door prizes, giveaways and 10 minute “how to wear scarves” demonstrated throughout the day for groups of 8 or more.

LCM Plus Landscaping

19 West Foster Street
Come in for warm cider and cookies.

First Congregational Church

121 West Foster St., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Welcome to our annual Winter Wonderland Fair. Bring the kids and visit Santa's workshop to decorate gingerbread houses and make Christmas crafts! The fair features a silent auction, gift basket raffle, baked goods, jewelry and collectables, man cave, and much more.
Join us at the Candy Cane Café for a Baked Potato Bar!!

Temple Beth Shalom

21 East Foster Street, 6:45pm---

A tradition continues... Temple Beth Shalom invites us all to join them for an open house. The Temple will serve potato pancakes and doughnuts, traditional Hanukkah foods cooked in oil which represent the miracle that Hanukkah celebrates—that a tiny jug of oil, enough for just one day, kept the sacred lamp in the Temple in Jerusalem lit for eight days and nights. This year, Blue of a Kind, a men's a capella singing group, will perform. There will also be Hanukkah songs, games and family activities.

TD Bank

478 Main Street until 7pm

Join us for a break from shopping and enter to win a fabulous prize including a \$100 TD Visa Gift Card with our free raffle. Prizes for the children too, including candy canes and the famous elf hats!

St. Mary's School

4 Myrtle Street 11 am -9 pm; Saturday from 9 am -6 pm and Sunday from 7:30 am -12:30 pm

Come to the annual Christmas Tree Sale—beautiful trees, wreaths, kissing balls, poinsettias, sweets and treats and raffles.

CEO Fitness

145 Main Street

Join us at 5pm, 6 pm or 7 pm for a Sweat and Sips Classes. Get a taste of a total body work out class while sipping on a good for you protein shake. Enjoy 20% of all purchases including gift cards.

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Happenings in Cedar Park (West Emerson and Essex Street)

Mimi Lynch Interiors/My Vintage Bench

169 West Emerson Street, 4-7 pm

Enjoy some holiday treats at the new Mimi Lynch Interiors' showroom, across from Cedar Park, while you shop holiday décor and gifts. Featuring a special My Vintage Bench holiday pop-up shop with air plants, mini Christmas trees, holiday greens and more. Special Home for the Holidays hours.

Trinity Church

131 West Emerson Street, 7-9pm

The Festival of Trees begins with a gala reception featuring music and free refreshments. View the array of over 60 miniature trees and baskets (available through raffle). Silent auction, unique gifts, crafts, and "surprises". <http://www.trinitymelrose.org>.

Saturday, December 5th

Happenings at Melrose Wakefield Hospital Area

Melrose Wakefield Hospital

585 Lebanon Street, 10am-2pm

Jump of the Trolley and have a photo opportunity with the beloved Bruins mascot, Blades. Grab a healthy snack and before returning to the trolley and travelling on to the other Home for the Holidays events.

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

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.

Green Street Natural Food

164 Green Street, 10 am – 2 pm

Enjoy hot Chai tea!

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

Brad Hutchinson Realty

193 Green Street, 9:30 am-3pm

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

Joy Yoga

195 Green Street, 12 -1 pm

Free Family Yoga class. This class will feature yoga stretches, songs, games and partner poses. This is a great opportunity to connect with your playful side and share the joy of yoga as a family. Our FREE Home for the Holidays Class is limited to 8 families. Please pre-register at www.joyhealthylife.com.

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.

Golden Beauty Salon

951 Main Street, 10 am -2 pm

Come in for coffee, croissants and traditional Greek pastry.

Happenings in the Highlands

Faith Evangelical Church

200 Franklin Street, 10 am -3pm

Join us for free hot chocolate and baked goods outside and free cookie decorating for all ages inside. Or stop by just to get warm!

Teachable Moments Childhood Program

355 Franklin Street, 10 am -2 pm

Activities, games and crafts for young children. Local artisan/TM educator, Amanda Simpson, will sell handmade objects and holiday items.

Melrose Highlands Congregation Church

355 Franklin Street, 10 am – 2pm

Come in from the cold for hot cocoa and cider. We will make gingerbread houses! Offered by the Middle School Youth Group.

La Qchara

506 Franklin Street

Trolley riders, come in out of the cold and enjoy hot drinks, flavored steamers and samples of all natural smoothies. For every \$10 purchase, you are entered into a raffle for a gift basket.

Northern Bank and Trust

514-516 Franklin Street, 10 am -12 pm

Join us for cookies and hot chocolate while a guest reader will read The Night Before Christmas and other holiday stories.

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

Mimi Lynch Interiors/My Vintage Bench

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Trinity Church

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

The Festival of Trees continues with tree and basket raffles and silent auction items. A variety of crafts, gifts, plants, cookies and other unique items are available for purchase. Enjoy the Kid's Corner with crafts and activities. Luncheon featuring Roland's corn chowder. <http://www.trinitymelrose.org>.

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.

Golden Living Center-Melrose

10 am -2pm

Stop by our table at Cedar Park for hot cider, cocoa and treats for kids.

Perella Jewelers

136 West Emerson Street

Stop by and enter 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 Public Library

69 West Emerson Street

9-10 am. Children 10 and under are invited to a free Elsa Character Breakfast in the Children's Room. Enjoy a light breakfast, enter for a chance to win a "Frozen" raffle basket and have your photo taken with Elsa! 10 am -2pm. Holiday Book, Toy and Game Sale in the Lower Level Meeting Room. Books for all ages and interests. Sponsored by the Friends of the Melrose Public Library.

Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church

70 West Emerson Street, 9am-2 pm

The Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church invites all to the Alternative Fair . This fair is an "alternative" to mall shopping and provides a market for beautiful, handmade fairly traded goods. The Alternative Fair will feature jewelry, crafts, shea butter moisturizer and other gifts from Africa, South America, Central America . In addition, local causes such as the Melrose Alliance Against Violence will be selling their beaded bracelets. After shopping, relax over lunch or coffee and dessert.

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Holiday Breakfast Fundraiser for Bread of Life (at the First United Methodist Church of Melrose)

645 Main Street, 9-11 am

Breakfast sandwiches and French toast sticks

Donations only, no set price

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Miter Biter Frame Company

479 Main Street, 11am -2pm

Melrose cartoonist Mark Parisi will be signing his 2016 Off the Mark calendars. Great gift idea!

Hourglass

458 Main Street

Jon and Nancy Roll will once again show their work in metals, stones and enamel. New work, specials and maybe a demo!

Roman Music Therapy Services

423 Main Street

Have fun at Holiday Sing-a-Long and Family Open Mic from 12:15-1 pm and then join in the Community Drum Circle from 1:15-2:00 pm.

Coffee, Tea and Me

421 Main Street

Purchase a coffee, tea, latte or hot chocolate and receive a free cookie.

Follow Your Art

414 Main Street, 10 am-1 pm

Visit the studio and create your own bead and wire snowflakes and shrinky dink ornaments. \$5 per person with all the proceeds going to the Follow Your Art scholarships.

St. Mary's School

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MMTV

360 Main Street, 10 am -12 pm

MMTV offers visitors the chance to make a video holiday greeting card. And, new this year, Melrose resident Gina Tempesta, author of “Boston’s Other Green Monster—A Story About The Big Dig” will read her book at 11 am and answer questions afterward.

Melrose Masonic Temple Open House

326 Main Street, 9 am -1 pm

Join us for cookie decorating, ornament making and hot mulled cider and chocolate.

Happenings on West Wyoming

Lincoln School Holiday Craft Bazaar and Marketplace

80 West Wyoming Avenue, 10 am -3 pm

Featuring the unique artistry of many local vendors, artists and Etsy merchants. You are sure to find something for everyone on your list. Try delicious chili in our first annual “Chili Throw Down” or try your luck at some fantastic raffle prizes.

Happenings in the Pine Banks/Oak Grove Village Area

Windsor at Oak Grove (Oak Grove Village)

12 Island Hill Road, 11 am- 1pm

Celebrate with a hot chocolate bar with different candies, peppermints, and whip cream. Enjoy cookies while watching holiday movies.

Jitters Café

12 Main Street, 11 am-12:30 pm

Join Mrs. Claus for stories, arts and crafts and hot chocolate and treats. Co-hosted by The Julie Nolan Show.

The Holiday Fun Continues:

Relive the Miracle of Christmas at the First Baptist Church. Come join us to experience the Living Nativity on December 5, 2015 at 5 pm. It will be held on the lawn of the First Baptist Church , Melrose, at the corner of Main and Upham Streets. Church members and friends will once again relive the miracle of Jesus' birth, along with live animals and singing of Christmas carols.

Hot cocoa and cookies will be served inside the church following the performance. This will be a fun and inspiring event for all ages.

Polymnia Choral Society comes home for the holidays with its Holiday Concert, "Luminous Night," on December 5, 7:30 pm, at St. Mary's church, 46 Myrtle Street in Melrose and on December 6, at 3:00 pm at the First Congregational Church, 1 Church Street in Wakefield. Under the baton of Music Director Murray Kidd, the concert will include *Luminous Night of the Soul* by Ola Gjeillo, *Then Shall a Star from Jacob Shine Forth* by Felix Mendelssohn, and *little tree*, a poem by e.e.cummings set to music by Eric Whitacre.

This concert will feature winner of "Spotlight on High School Talent" Maria Tramontozzi, a Melrose High School junior, who will sing "O Holy Night."

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors, \$5 for children under 12 and are available at Miter Biter Frame Company, 479 Main Street, Melrose or at www.polymnia.org.

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