

Christmas by the Sea

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Updated on 11/25/24

Friday, December 13th

12 - 7 pm	GOLDIES GIN SATELLITE BAR Come try a variety of seasonal Gin cocktails with Goldies. Goldies is made right in Portland Maine. They will be with us all weekend with swag and merch helping us serve some great drinks on the deck!	Peppers Seafood Co. 243 Main Street
4 - 8 pm	FESTIVAL OF TREES Join in on the 2024 inaugural Festival of Trees hosted by Wells Rotary Club, Wreaths across America, and For the Love of Food & Drink. Proceeds from this event benefit Wells Wreaths Across America and local families in need.	For the Love of Food & Drink 411 Post Road, Wells, ME
4:30 pm	BRIDGE AND BOAT LIGHTING CELEBRATION AT FOOTBRIDGE BEACH Join us for carols and holiday cheer as we light up the bridge and the Ogunquit dory. Cookies and Cocoa will be available courtesy of Dunes on the Waterfront.	Footbridge Beach Parking Lot
5-6:45 pm	ROTARY PARK TREE LIGHTING Join the merriment for caroling with Maddie Ryan, s'mores, cookies and cocoa. Wear your favorite ugly holiday sweater or shine in your loveliest festive holiday attire. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5:45 pm for pictures, and the Christmas tree lighting will be held at 6:30 pm. These events are put on by Ogunquit Rotary and Ogunquit Parks and Recreation, with chowder donated by M.C. Perkins Cove.	Rotary Park in Perkins Cove
7-8 pm	CONCERT AT THE OGUNQUIT BAPTIST CHURCH (Performer TBD)	Ogunquit Baptist Church, 157 Shore Road
7 pm	OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "FROZEN" AT THE MUSIC HALL Set in the fictional Scandinavian land of Arendelle, FROZEN tells the story of royal sisters Elsa and Anna, who are torn apart by Elsa's icy powers. When Elsa sets Arendelle into eternal winter, Anna seeks to save her sister and finds the meaning of true love.	The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut Street, Portsmouth, NH
8 - 9:30 pm	HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS - A KING WITH QUEENS Join us for a magical sleighride through holiday classics with performances by Ladonya Lovelace, King Lyreck, and Shaunna Rai.	MaineStreet, 195 Main Street
8:15 pm	DOWNTOWN TREE LIGHTING Join us in caroling as we light the town tree. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa courtesy of the Village Food Market and cookies courtesy of Rick Barber Photography.	Veterans Park on Beach Street

Saturday, December 14th

8 am - 12 pm	DRESS A GIRL Dress A Girl Around the World, Northern New England (DAGNNE) chapter, makes dresses for at-risk and needy girls. Its goal for 2025 is to make and distribute 7,000 dresses for girls in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Philippines, Columbia, and the Republic of Georgia. There is plenty to do sewers and non-sewers Sewers, please bring your sewing machine, your sewing kit, thread and an extension cord	Wells Ogunquit Senior Center 300 Post Road, Wells, ME
9 -10 am	HOLIDAY STORIES AT THE LIBRARY Join us for a holiday story hour, featuring guest reader Julie Woods.	Ogunquit Memorial Library, 166 Shore Road
9:30 am - 2 pm	ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR Come find that special gift and enjoy our artisan craft fair featuring a unique showcase of artisans offering special holiday gifts and more at the Dunaway.	Dunaway Center, 23 School Street
10 am	HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S STORY & CRAFT Be sure to bring the kids for the Winter Holidays edition of our Mornings at the Museum, where all ages can enjoy a fun program of stories, activities, a scavenger hunt, and a craft to take home. And admission is free!	Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit 938 Post Road, Wells, ME
10 am - 3 pm	OGUNQUIT FIRE COMPANY HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR Crafts at the firehouse!	Ogunquit Fire Station, 13 School Street

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12 pm - 2 pm	BOOK SIGNING WITH MATT TAVARES: HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHT AT CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA Join us as we celebrate five magical years of Tavares's beloved holiday classic, <i>Dasher</i> . This festive event features the release of a beautifully designed gift set, perfect for the holiday season. The set includes two hardcover classics— <i>Dasher: How a Brave Little Doe Changed Christmas Forever</i> and <i>Dasher Can't Wait for Christmas</i> —along with four enchanting press-out keepsakes: two paper ornaments and two standees.	Village Toy Funatic 232 Main Street
12 pm - 3 pm	HOLIDAY TAROT CARD READING Want to know how to survive the holidays with your family or what's to come in the new year? Then this is the event for you! Spend 15 minutes with Master Shaman Michelle Guillemette to see what's to come. (For entertainment only.)	Bobbles & Lace 31 Perkins Cove Road, Ogunquit
12 pm - 3 pm	PIZZA WITH SANTA SAY CHEESE! Come visit Mr. and Mrs. Claus at LaPizzeria! Children can write and send their own letters to Santa, meet some elves, and sit on Santa's knee! The North Pole gang cannot wait to see you there!	La Pizzeria, 239 Main Street
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TBD	LETTERS TO SANTA VIA SAIL MAIL EXPRESS The Sail Mail Express will make sure your letters get delivered to the big guy before Christmas.	TBD
1:30 pm & 7 pm	OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "FROZEN" AT THE MUSIC HALL Set in the fictional Scandinavian land of Arendelle, FROZEN tells the story of royal sisters Elsa and Anna, who are torn apart by Elsa's icy powers. When Elsa sets Arendelle into eternal winter, Anna seeks to save her sister and finds the meaning of true love.	The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut Street, Portsmouth, NH
3 - 4 pm	OGUNQUIT CHRISTMAS PARADE Parade starts at the entrance of Perkins Cove and proceeds up Shore Road toward the center of town, then down Beach Street to River Road. Enjoy complimentary cookies and cocoa at Ogunquit Baptist Church along the parade route! Parade presented by the Town of Ogunquit. WEATHER PERMITTING.	Begins at Perkins Cove and ends at intersection of Beach St.& River Rd.
4 pm	BONFIRE ON THE BEACH Warm up on the beach while you wait for the fireworks display. Managed by the Town of Ogunquit. WEATHER PERMITTING.	Main Beach
4 - 7 pm	MORNINGS IN PARIS: HOT CHOCOLATE BAR Join us on the deck at Mornings in Paris to enjoy our European Hot Chocolate and add the toppings yourself, whipped cream, marshmallows, sprinkles, candy canes and enjoy a made to order festive crepe from our seasonal menu. Always a favorite event for all ages.	Mornings in Paris Café 246 Main Street
4 - 7 pm	UGLY SWEATER BEAR TEA DANCE Get ready for a festive and fun-filled afternoon! Join us for the Christmas Tea Dance, featuring: Music by DJ AGA spinning the best beats to keep you dancing all evening! Ugly Sweater Contest – Show off your most outrageous holiday attire for a chance to win fabulous prizes! Bear, cub, or ally, this event is open to everyone who loves good vibes, great music, and ugly sweaters. Come early, dance, and enjoy the holiday spirit with friends old and new!	MaineStreet, 195 Main Street

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7 - 8 pm	CONCERT AT THE OGUNKUIT BAPTIST CHURCH (Performer TBD)	Ogunquit Baptist Church, 157 Shore Road
7:30 - 9 pm	HOLI-SLAY DRAG SHOW Get ready to sleigh the season with our 2nd "Holi-SLAY" show at The Leavitt Lounge! Join 'A Woman Names Carlos' & 'Vanna Deux' for a night of holiday glitz, glam, and side-splitting drag! Show is in the intimate Leavitt Lounge so scoop tix fast!	Leavitt Theatre 259 Main Street
8 - 9:30 pm	HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS TOUR - LEVI KREIS Experience an unforgettable evening as Tony Award-winner Levi Kreis presents the 10th Annual Home for The Holidays Tour. A seamless blend of jazz, soul and rockabilly, Levi gives a fresh and unique perspective to a flawless collection of Christmas classics and holiday favorites. From uproarious storytelling to soul-stirring renditions, Kreis will leave you laughing, crying, and filled with the spirit of the season.	MaineStreet, 195 Main Street
9 pm - 1 am	JAMMING IN JAMMIES Christmas PJ Karaoke party at Pepper's and hosted by DJ Gerry Dumont. Limited food will be served till 10:30PM. Wear your comfiest jammies and enter our pajama contest w/ prizes!	Peppers Seafood Co. 243 Main Street

Sunday, December 15th

9 am - 2 pm	MARKET AT THE MEETINGHOUSE CRAFT FAIR Join us for our Holiday Market at the Meetinghouse as part of Ogunquit's festive Christmas by the Sea weekend. Browse all the wonderful local vendors for crafts and other goodies, and enjoy hot cocoa, doughnuts, and popcorn.	Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit 938 Post Road, Wells, ME
9:30 am - 1 pm	SANTA MEET AND GREET Bring the whole family to experience the magic of the holiday season at The Beachmere Inn's Santa Meet & Greet! Nestled on the picturesque coast, our cozy venue will be transformed into a festive wonderland where children and adults alike can enjoy!	The Beachmere Inn 62 Beachmere Pl, Ogunquit, ME
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1 - 5 pm	OPEN HOUSE AT THE LADY MARY INN Come and visit the Manor while it displays its holiday best. Rooms are decorated with ornaments, trees and lights. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.	The Lady Mary Inn 2 Elm Street, North Berwick, ME
2 pm	WELLS CHRISTMAS PARADE Visit wellschamberparade.com for more information.	Begins at Wells Plaza, and proceeds up Route 1 to Wells Junior High
4 - 9 pm	ANNUAL BIG FAT GREEK CLOSING PARTY Savor Greek specialties as Nikanos celebrates its closing day until re-opening in the spring.	Nikanos 173 Main Street

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Live Entertainment throughout the weekend!

Jonathan's - Live Music, Friday & Saturday
 MaineStreet – DJ's & Dancing, Friday-Sunday; Karaoke Friday & Sunday
 Leavitt Theatre – Live Jazz, Sunday
 Clay Hill Farm- Live Music, Friday-Sunday

Entertainment playing this weekend!

Day	Time	Performer	Venue
Sat, 12/14	4 pm	Frozen II	Leavitt Theatre
Sun, 12/15	4 pm	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation	Leavitt Theatre

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We hope to see you at our 2025 events.
 Mark your calendars!

Pride: June 6-8, 2025
 BonAire: June 13-15, 2025
 Fireworks: July 4, 2025
 OgunquitFest: October 24-26, 2025
 Christmas by the Sea: December 12-14, 2025