



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



December 4, 2024

Upcoming Events

Nov 29-Dec 15 - 4-H & TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Dec 3 - PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training

Dec 5 - PW 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night

Dec 14 - Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Dec 19 - PW 4-H Whisper Booth

Dec 30 - PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens

Jan 7 - PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training

Jan 11 - Cloverbud Club

Jan 14 - PW 4-H Association Meeting

Jan 17 - PW 4-H Share the Fun Rehearsal

PW 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night is TOMORROW

Date: Thursday, December 5th
Time: 6-8 PM
Location: Hope Lutheran Church, 10391 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

We're so excited to spend an evening with our fabulous Prince William 4-H families! We are thankful for each and every one of you. Our Homemade Holiday Craft Night is an annual family-favorite event with cookie decorating, holiday activities, apple cider, pizza, treats, and more.

Be sure to wear your holiday bling - or ugly sweater - and get ready to **JINGLE ALL THE WAY!**

prince William 4-H
HOMEMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

Enjoy a family-friendly evening cookie decorating and making holiday crafts while snacking on apple cider, pizza and treats with your 4-H friends!

Thursday, December 5th
6-8 PM | Hope Lutheran Church
10391 Sudley Manor Dr.
Manassas

Please Register by Dec 1st
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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Reserve Your Seat!

Date: Wednesday, January 22nd
(it's an excused day off from school!)
Who Should Attend: All PW 4-H'ers ages 9-19 and adult chaperones
[Click here to reserve your seat on the bus to represent the Prince William 4-H Delegation to Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol.](#)

Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol is an annual, state-wide 4-H event for youth to experience the government in action, interact with legislators and aides, and tour the Capitol and other historic sites in Richmond. It's a premiere 4-H event that is not to be missed!

Prince William 4-H is planning an exciting day of hands-on, in-person civic engagement in Richmond, Virginia! 4-H'ers ages 9-19 and adult chaperones are invited!

VIRGINIA 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL
— 22 JANUARY 2025 —

[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS BY DECEMBER 20TH!](#)

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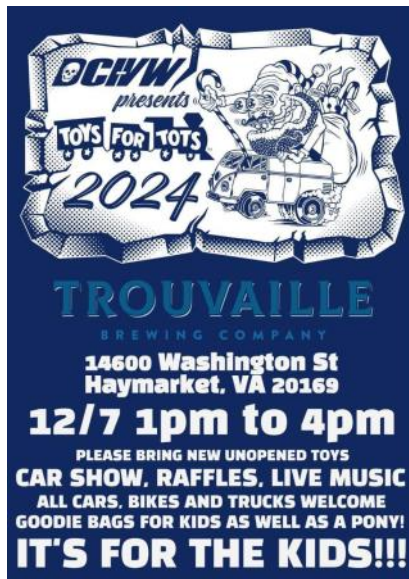
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Support Nokesville 4-H Equestrian's Efforts for Toys for Tots - **SATURDAY!**

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 1-4 PM

Location: Trouvaille Brewing Company, 14600 Washington St., Haymarket

Entry Fee: one (or more) new, in package, unwrapped, toy

Come out on December 7th from 1-4 pm to have your photo taken with a unicorn! Prince William's Nokesville 4-H Equestrian Club will have a special pony and activity table for youth at the DCI Shambles Toys for Tots event at Trouvaille Brewing Company in Haymarket. The car show will raise money and donated toys for Tots For Tots, with entry to the event being one (or more) new toy. The event will feature the car show, raffles, music, pony, goodie bags for kids, food, drinks, and more!

Few Slots Remain for Prince William - Stafford 4-H Junior Camp Counselor Applications - **CLOSES DEC 15**



[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications were due in Oct. Few slots left - closing link Dec 15.**

Camp Dates: July 13-17, 2025 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center, Front Royal

Prince William 4-H teens ages 14 & up are encouraged to apply for a camp counselor or counselor in training position. Counselors are expected to work hard and demonstrate mature and responsible behavior throughout camp. You must be willing to set a good example with your actions and attitude. You can expect to learn a great deal about yourself, acquire leadership and mentoring skills, and have FUN! Teens selected as counselors are required to attend leadership sessions, TALT weekend (Mar 7 -8), counselor training in July, and the full week of camp (Jul 13-17).

- **Teen Counselor:** age 14 by Jan 1, 2025, and previously attended camp as CIT
- **Counselor-in-Training:** age 14 by Jul 31, 2025

PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Development



Date: Tuesday, January 7th, 7-8:30 pm

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters, Manassas

Who Should Attend: All PW 4-H Adult Club Leaders, Instructors, and Project Leaders

[Click here to register for the January 7th training.](#)

MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND.

Come network with others working with 4-H youth! In a world that constantly evolves, understanding and supporting the growth of our youth has never been more crucial. This session will provide valuable insights and strategies to empower young people to thrive and reach their full potential.

All Prince William 4-H adult volunteer leaders and instructors are expected to attend this important annual training.

PW 4-H Whisper Booth Training

Date: Thursday, December 19th

Time: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Location: Central Park Library, 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas

Who Should Attend: PW 4-H'ers ages 14-18

[Click here to register.](#) **MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND.**

Must register by **Monday, December 9th** for planning purposes.

This is a truly unique opportunity for high schoolers! 4-H'ers will learn how to use a soundproof booth similar to those popping up around university campuses across Virginia. These scientific sound spaces are perfect for practicing speeches, presentations, musical instruments, and recording presentations, music, voiceovers, podcasts, and more! Once teens have been training, they are able to reserve the space to practice or produce their custom creations.

Join us to NOT whisper in the library!

REGISTER BY MONDAY!

PW 4-H at Tractor Supply Company



NOV 29TH - DEC 15TH IS THE TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN!

Shop at Tractor Supply Company in Manassas now through December 15th and support Prince William 4-H! PW 4-H staff set up our display table to promote the many diverse leadership opportunities local youth have through our programs. Support from the community,

friends, and families, helps us provide transportation to state events, event and activity scholarships, and programming materials so that we reach our goal of providing an *opportunity4all* in the greater Prince William area.

Be sure to stop by TSC this week and spread the word! Encourage your friends to shop at TSC and support PW 4-H, too!

PW 4-H Food Challenge Orientation



Date: Thursday, January 9th

Time: 7 PM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Who Should Attend: PW 4-H'ers interested in participating in Prince William 4-H Food Challenge Contest. Can be a team or individual interested in joining a team.

[Click here to register and receive Zoom link.](#)

4-H Food Challenge is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn a practical application of the 4-H Pillar of Healthy Living! Youth compete against a rubric intended to judge their nutrition knowledge, kitchen safety, and culinary skills, as well as their presentation and public speaking skills. 4-H teams have the opportunity to progress from the county to district to state and

even to national level competitions. **Attending the virtual orientation is key to success in the competition!**

TEAM AGE CATEGORIES

★ **Junior Team** - members must be 9-13 years old. Teams consist of 3-5 team members.

★ **Senior Team** - members must be 14-18 years old. Teams consist of 3-4 team members.

Extemporaneous Speech
Dramatic Reading
Music Recording
Presentations
Public Speech
Voiceover
Podcast

Whisper Booth

Prince William 4-H in partnership with the Prince William Central Library Makerspace is offering teens a unique opportunity to learn a new skill - audio recording in a whisper booth!

A whisper booth is a sound isolation space that is soundproof and reduces ambient noise. It's the perfect space to record professional audio projects, speeches, auditions, and more. The space offers state-of-the-art equipment such as headphones, microphones, and a sound control board. Trained teens have the opportunity to reserve space in the whisper booth at any time to utilize the equipment, practice, and produce audio recordings. Guess what you don't do in a whisper booth? **WHISPER!**

Register TODAY for this exciting experience!

Thursday, December 19th 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Central Park Library Makerspace 8601 Mathis Avenue Manassas	Event is open to Prince William 4-H'ers ages 14-18. Registration is limited to 10 teens.
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CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.

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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

24TH JANUARY 2025

SHARE THE FUN!



4-H TALENT SHOW



GET FEEDBACK



SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT



HAVE FUN

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

SHARE THE FUN SHOW: JANUARY 24, 7 PM

Dress Rehearsal: January 17, 5:30-7 pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER BY JANUARY 3RD.](#)

The Nokesville School, 12375 Aden Rd., Nokesville, VA 20181



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Embryology Project

“The Beginning of Life” 4-H Project is designed to help youth obtain a better understanding of life and embryonic development. 4-H educational materials guide students through each step of the hatching process from preparing the eggs for incubation to building a brooder for the newly hatched chicks. Educational material address Virginia SOLs for math, science, English, life science, and computer technology. Prince William 4-H provides fertilized eggs, guides participants through training, supports participants during the hatch, and then collects the chicks to be sent to a local farm.

Prince William 4-H Clubs, Prince William County Schools, Manassas City Schools, Manassas Park Schools, and Homeschool Groups are invited to participate in this exciting 4-H project!

**REGISTRATION OPENS
DECEMBER 30TH!**

New date. Link coming soon.

RESOURCES:

- [Prince William 4-H Embryology Project Facebook Page](#)
- [Virginia 4-H Resources for School Curriculum Website](#)
- [VA 4-H The Beginning of Life Project Curriculum](#)

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IMPORTANT DATES

Embryology Registration
Dec 30th - Jan 31st

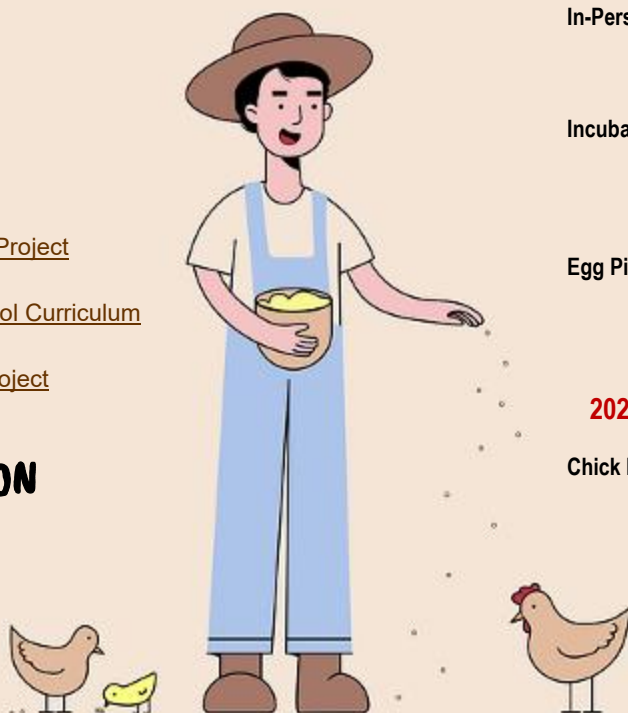
In-Person Leader Training
Feb 5 TBD
Feb 20 TBD

Incubator Pickup (if rented from 4-H)
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Feb 13 1 - 4 PM
Feb 17 10 AM - 2 PM

Egg Pickup
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Feb 24 4 - 6 PM
Feb 25 9 AM - 12 PM

2025 HATCH DAYS: MARCH 17TH - 21ST

Chick Drop Off
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Mar 27 2 - 6 PM
Apr 1 12 - 3 PM



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BECOME A TROJAN BEEKEEPING AMBASSADOR

Register to join the information Session
Dec. 4th
6pm

This program is created for high school and college students in the Commonwealth of Virginia with a passion for bees and beekeeping.

Contact Nicole Swinson, Extension Youth Development Associate Specialist, at nswinson@vsu.edu, or Khadija Gandy at kgandy@vsu.edu or 804-524-6971.

Register

<https://tinyurl.com/Beek-Registration>

cultural/historical impacts
discover how ancient cultures use bees & beekeeping in their artwork, writing and daily living.

bee biology and pollination
learn about colony dynamics and the magical ways that their bodies are designed to be apex pollinators.

research & apiary visits
talk with beekeepers around the world and research some of the pressing issues facing honeybees.

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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Mark Klingman (mklingman@vsu.edu) at 804-524-6493 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

*TDD number is (800) 628-7120

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TONIGHT!**VIRGINIA 4-H/VSU: BECOME A TROJAN BEEKEEPER AMBASSADOR****Date:** Wednesday, December 4th**Location:** Virtual**Who Should Attend:** high school, collegiate youth, and their supporting agents (educators/4-H Club Leaders)[Click here to Register for Interest Meeting.](#)

This six-month (virtual and self-paced) environmental science program offers university and high school students an in-depth exploration of honeybees and beekeeping through a combination of theoretical study, research opportunities, and hands-on experiences. Whether or not you intend to pursue beekeeping, this course provides a captivating lens through which to understand the cultural, historical, and environmental roles of honeybees. For those aspiring to become beekeepers, this program offers the chance to work alongside an experienced beekeeper, serving as a valuable introduction to the practicalities of beekeeping. Additionally, participants will be well-prepared to mentor novice beekeepers and potentially manage apiary activities on a local farm. There will also be virtual visits with beekeepers around the world. The program culminates with visits to Virginia apiaries where students will engage directly with bees and observe hive behavior in action and also including a pinning ceremony/celebration. This immersive experience bridges classroom learning with real-world practice, offering students a comprehensive understanding of both the science and practice of beekeeping.

Virginia 4-H: Hokie Dairy Day - SATURDAY**Date:** Saturday, December 7th**Time:** 10 AM - 4 PM**Location:** Virginia Tech Dairy Center, William M. Etgen Large Animal Learning Center, 473 Plantation Rd., Blacksburg, VA[Click here to register.](#) **Register by Friday, December 6th.**

Hokie Dairy Day is a free educational event for 4-H and FFA youth who have an interest in learning more about dairy cattle and the industry. The event takes what our Dairy Science students learn in the classroom and applies it to fun educational activities. Lunch will be provided.

Health History and Code of Conduct Forms Reminder: I

t is the responsibility of the lead chaperone to ensure each participant is duly enrolled and to always have the health history form and code of conduct forms for their group members with them. The chaperone must remain in proximity of the event. (Use the forms for your organization – 4-H or FFA.)

Questions: If you have any questions, contact [Katie Powell](#) or [Dave Winston](#).

2025 Virginia Association of Fairs Youth Scholarships & Poster Contest

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Who Should Apply: Teens who have worked with local fairs and festivals

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications are due December 6th.**

The VAF Youth Leadership Scholarship Contest is for teens age 14-19 involved in a VAF-member fair or festival. Application, resume, essay and letter of recommendation from fair/festival leadership are due by December 6th. An in-person interview, prepared speech, PowerPoint presentation and extemporaneous speech occur on Saturday morning, January 4th, at the Williamsburg Lodge in conjunction with the VAF Annual Conference. \$9,000 in post-secondary education scholarships are awarded to the top 8 participants. Teens can compete multiple times if they do not win first place.



AG IT UP YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

Who Should Apply: Youth ages 9-13 with an interest in local fairs and agriculture

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications are due by December 20th.**

The VAF Ag It Up Youth Poster Contest is for youth ages 9-13. Youth can bring a tri board displaying how agriculture is a part of their fair or festival for a chance at 1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes.

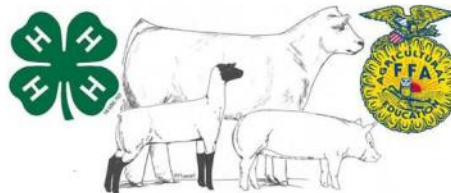
SAVE THE DATE - 4-H/FFA Stockmen's Contest

The Corey Child's Memorial Stockmen's Contest, formerly known as the Skyline Stockmen's Contest, will be held at Virginia Livestock, LLC on Feb. 1st (snow date Feb. 15th). Registrations are due by January 24th. There is a \$5/person registration fee which includes lunch. Checks should be made payable to Warren County 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association (VLA). More information, along with registration for the contest and YQCA will be coming soon.

2025 "Corey Childs Memorial" Stockmen's Contest

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Virginia Livestock, LLC



Where: 2796 Rivermont Drive Front Royal, VA 22630

When: February 1, 2025

Snow date: February 15, 2025

Tentative Schedule:

Registration 8:00-9:00am

Stockmen's Judging 9:00 am

Lunch will be served at end of the contest (around noon)

Stockmen's contest results following the YQCA Program

Registration is \$5.00 per person; this includes lunch.

Please Register by January 24, 2025

Be on the lookout for online registration information coming in the near future.

Registration will be capped at the first 250 participants that register.

*** YQCA will only be offered to contest participants. Watch for YQCA registration coming in the near future. ***

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BLOCK AND BRIDLE

Hippology and Horse Judging Clinic

With Assistance from the Virginia 4-H Horse Program, including the AAQH Congress Top Five, Virginia 4-H All Star Judging Team,

January 25, 2025

Save the Date!
Blacksburg, VA

Virginia 4-H All Star Awards & Scholarship Applications



[Click here for application/nomination links and instructions.](#)

Award Applications and Nominations Due by December 31st at midnight.

Each year the Virginia 4-H All Stars recognize selected 4-H All Stars and award college scholarships during the 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference. The 2025 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference will be held in Virginia Beach, February 15-16, 2025. Please direct questions and send completed applications to Glenda Snyder at gsnyder@vt.edu. Nominations may be made by 4-H volunteers, unit (county/city), District or State Extension Faculty members.

Nominate a Virginia 4-H All Star!

- **WAYNE M. KEFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - provides two \$1,000 college scholarships annually to college freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate students of any age.
- **C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence** - Nominee must be supportive of the 4-H All Star Mission of Service, involve 4-H All Stars in the local 4-H program, have or encouraged a formalized Unit 4-H All Star Chapter, and/or provided 4-H International opportunities for youth and families in the unit or area.
- **Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs** - The purpose of this award is to recognize initiative, growth, leadership and accomplishments in 4-H International programs by volunteer adult leaders. To encourage volunteers to take leadership in programs with emphasis on opportunities which broaden the horizon of participants.
- **Virginia 4-H All Star Hall of Fame** - The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for individual 4-H All stars who have been members of the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars more than 15 years and have rendered outstanding service to the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars, the 4-H Program, and other civic and community organizations
- **Bradshaw Service Award** - The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for individual active 4-H All Stars who have been members of the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars for fifteen or less years and have rendered outstanding service to the 4-H All Star organization.

GREAT GIFT IDEA: CONGRESS REGISTRATION FEE!

Dear Santa,
I want to go
to 4-H
Congress
June 24-27, 2025
AT VIRGINIA TECH

INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM YOUR
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Virginia DWR Archer Open 2025



Date Saturday, January 11th,

Time: 8 AM - 8 PM

Location: Richmond Raceway Exhibit Hall,
600 E Laburnum Ave., Richmond

Who Should Attend: 4-H members
participating in archery

[Click here for more info and to register.](#)

[Click here to register as an exhibitor.](#)

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) invites the archery and conservation community to participate in the 2025 DWR Archery Open. This inaugural competition will take place Saturday, January 11, 2025 in Richmond, Virginia and will feature opportunities for youth and adult level competitors. Event proceeds will contribute to connecting people to conservation.

CONSERVATION EXHIBIT HALL: In addition to all tournament activities, Virginia DWR invites the public to visit the Conservation Exhibit Hall to connect with exhibitors from our conservation community!

Virginia 4-H Food Frenzy

Dates: January 17-19, 2025

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox

Who Should Attend: PW 4-H'ers Ages 9-18 are eligible to register as a participant. Teens/Adults may apply to volunteer at this event.

Cost: Participants (ages 9-18): \$125; Teen and Adult Volunteers: \$25

How to Register: Interested participants, teen volunteers, and adult volunteers should contact MaryBeth Lerch at PW 4-H **by Thursday, January 2nd.**

[Click here for more information.](#)

Youth have the opportunity to learn and practice food safety and cooking skills. Campers will explore different cooking techniques and work with professionals in the food service industry. Whether you're new to the kitchen or looking into careers in the industry, this is the camp for you!



Kids' Tech University at Virginia Tech

Dates: January 25, February 22, March 22, and April 5

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Who Should Attend: youth ages 9-12 as of Sep. 30, 2024, with a parent

Registration Fee: \$120/child. Needs-based scholarships are available.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)



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Prince William Holiday Walk of Lights

Dates: Select evenings throughout December

Location: 15125 Blackburn Rd, Woodbridge, VA

[Click here for full schedule and parking information.](#)

Text lights to (703) 382-6716 to stay connected with event info.

Opening Night: Friday, December 6th, 5:30 - 9 PM

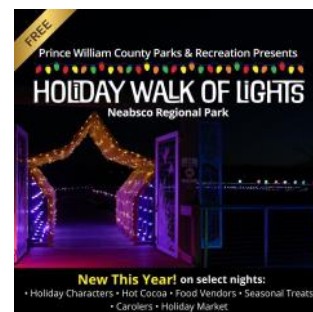
Sensory Night: Tuesday, December 10th, 5:30 - 8 PM

Holiday Walk of Lights is stroller and wheelchair friendly.

The 3rd annual Holiday Walk of Lights is back this year and brighter than ever! This year holiday enthusiasts will be able to stroll through a sparkling winter wonderland filled with thousands of twinkling lights with returning displays and new additions this year, holiday themed characters, a holiday market and joyful holiday music. Enjoy hot cocoa, seasonal treats and food vendors, and special photo ops along the illuminated paths, perfect for families, friends, and holiday lovers of all ages. Make memories and feel the holiday spirit come alive at this enchanting light-filled event!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: Please consider making a donation to our canned food drive this year.

Drop bins will be available each night to collect canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry.



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