



DECEMBER 6TH - 8TH, 2024 DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

Hosted by the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership

EVENT GUIDE

Historic Ebensburg's Dickens of a Christmas is a family-oriented Christmas celebration presented in a 19th Century setting, based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Ebensburg is transformed into Victorian England where vendors, entertainers and other participants are clad in period costumes. Let us be your host on this journey back in time to experience an old-fashioned Christmas.

Come enjoy vendors hawking Christmas wares, great holiday food and drink, antique and craft shopping, a Christmas Parade, photos with Santa, a Santa Pub Crawl, Christmas Tree Toss, Sleigh rides, DIY Crafting workshops, Christmas music programs, Live Nativity & Lights Festival, a Victorian Tea and much more!

This is truly a joyous way to bring in the holiday season, of which Mr. Dickens would surely approve!



Mayor Randy Datsko welcomes everyone to
Dickens of a Christmas!

**"Enjoy your time in Historic
Downtown Ebensburg and
have a Safe and Happy
Holiday Season!"**

2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, December 6th

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Gingerbread House Contest Display	Cambria County Historical Society
10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Ladies Day Specials & Prizes	Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Hot Cider, Coffee, Cookies & Pastries	High Street Emporium, 205 W. High St.
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Caroling, Cookies & Punch	Cambria County Courthouse
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Kid's Ornament Craft Bar	Artistry from Scratch, 129 W. High St.
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Alcohol & Ink Ornaments	Artistry from Scratch, 129 W. High St.
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Kokedama Plant Ornaments	Artistry from Scratch, 129 W. High St.
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Paint & Take Ceramics	The Porch Peddler, 927 W. High St. St.1
6:00 p.m.	Ebensburg Light-Up Night	Kimball Park
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Pyrography Ornaments	Artistry from Scratch, 129 W. High St.
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Live Music By Serendipity	Cambria County Courthouse
7, 7:30, 8, & 8:30 p.m.	Journey to Bethlehem (4 performances)	Saint Francis University, Loretto
8:45 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.	Indoor Public Ice Skating	North Central Recreation Center
Evening	Winter Wonderland Light Display	Historic Downtown Ebensburg

Saturday, December 7th

All Day	Cinnamon Roasted Nuts & Kettle Corn	Penn Eben Park
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Breakfast With Santa	Young Peoples Community Center
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Indoor Craft Fair	Holy Name Church Hall
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Indoor Craft Fairs	Dauntless Fire Hall & Ebg VFW
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Craft & Vendor Fair & Basket Raffle	First United Church of Christ
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Model Train Display	First United Church of Christ
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Dept. 56 Dickens Village Display	Ebensburg Borough Comm. Rm.
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Rotary Club Booth - Free Hot Cocoa	Penn Eben Park
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Ladies Day Specials & Prizes	Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Hot Cider, Coffee, Cookies & Pastries	High Street Emporium, 205 W. High St.
11:00 a.m.	Christmas Parade	Historic Downtown Ebensburg
After parade	Children's Treats & Free Santa Photos	Penn Eben Park
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Holiday Cake Decorating, <i>Reg Req.</i>	The Porch Peddler, 927 W. High St. St.1
11:30 a.m.	Dickens of a Fat Bike Day	Pour on Center, 102 S. Center St.
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	CLP Christmas Tree & Wreath Toss	Penn Eben Park
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Green Roof Acres Petting Zoo	Penn Eben Parking Lot
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Altoona's Jack Frost & the Frostbites	Penn Eben Park
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Felted Ornament	Artistry from Scratch, 129 W. High St.
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Mrs. Buck's Christmas Tea	Cambria County Historical Society
Noon - 4:00 p.m.	Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides	Historic Downtown Ebensburg
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Live Nativity & Lights Festival	Ebensburg Methodist Church
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Organ Recital	Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
1:30 p.m.	CLP Santa Pub Crawl & After Party	Starts at Penn Eben Park
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Vintage Ceramic Tree Glazing	Artistry from Scratch, 129 W. High St.
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Gingerbread House Contest Display	Cambria County Historical Society
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Holistic Skin Care	Artistry from Scratch, 129 W. High St.
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Christmas Crafts Open Workshop	The Porch Peddler, 927 W. High St. St.1
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Crochet Ornaments	Artistry from Scratch, 129 W. High St.
All Evening	Winter Wonderland Light Display	Historic Downtown Ebensburg

Sunday, December 8th

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Dickens Cookie Decorating, <i>Reg Req.</i>	The Porch Peddler, 927 W. High Street
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Ebensburg Borough Council
welcomes Everyone to
Dickens of a Christmas!

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www.EbensburgDickens.com



Cambria County Courthouse

200 South Center Street, Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Open to the Public

Each year, the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership hosts a decorating contest at the Cambria County Courthouse, seated in the heart of our Downtown Historic District. This is a holiday tradition wherein the county row offices are decorated by the County employees for the holiday season. This year, the entire courthouse will be decorated according to the theme, "Christmas in Nature."

The majestic courthouse rotunda boasts a 30' tall Christmas tree that reaches toward the historic stained glass dome that displays the county seal.

Nobody in Ebensburg shows more Christmas spirit than the County Commissioners, Judges, row offices and employees!

We're sure you will agree that the row offices and employees do an absolutely fabulous job of decorating this grand Victorian building!

Mrs. Buck's Christmas Tea

Saturday, 12:00 p.m., - 2:00 p.m.

Cambria County Historical Society, 615 N. Center Street

Mrs. Buck welcomes guests to join her for tea, sandwiches, scones and sweets! \$20 Donation - Must call 814-472-6674 for reservations.



Live Nativity & Nativity Festival Display

Saturday, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.;
Ebensburg Methodist Church

In this busy holiday season, take some time to pause and remember the story of Jesus' birth by stopping by our Drive-Thru Live Nativity Journey. Let the Story speak for itself as members of the church portray this ancient story in simplicity and beauty as it continues to bring hope and light into our dark world. Don't let the rush of Christmas push out the true reason for our celebration. After your journey, please join us in our Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and tour our church family's Nativity Festival displays. A sight for all to see and enjoy this wonderful season.

Dickens of a Fat Bike Day

Pour on Center
102 S. Center St.
Saturday, 11:30 a.m.
Bikes Ride at 11:00 a.m.

Join us as on the patio at Pour on Center as we celebrate Fat Bike Day! Enjoy live music, beer, bikes and barbecue. At least 8 craft breweries pouring on the patio! Bike ride starts at 11:00 a.m. (optional).

All ages welcome. Outdoor event (with heaters) — dress accordingly.



Gingerbread House Contest Display

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & Saturday, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Cambria County Historical Society
615 N. Center Street

The entire community is invited to participate in our gingerbread contest, hosted by the Cambria County Historical Society.

Child Division (17 & Under) Categories include: *Most Represents the Holidays*, *Most Creative*, *Most Represents the County History*, *Most Artistic & Best in Show*. Adult Division - *Best in Show*. All prizes provided by SHEETZ!

Entries must be dropped off Dec. 3rd - 5th from 10 am to 4 pm. Contact the Historical Society for rules (814-472-6674) or find on their website. Join the fun and start your own Christmas tradition! Visit the gingerbread display during hours posted above.



Winter Wonderland Light Display

Penn Eben Park, Veteran's Park & Kimball Park

You have to see it to believe it! Experience Ebensburg's small town charm during this holiday weekend. Stroll the streets of downtown Ebensburg after dark and enjoy a dazzling display of white lights. The holiday wreaths around the Victorian streetlights, the lights that illuminate the parks and gazebos, and the holiday displays in store windows make Downtown Ebensburg truly magical.

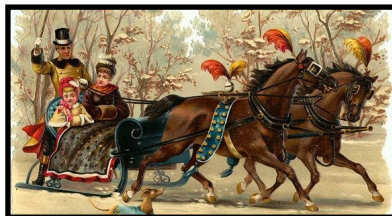
Be sure to visit Kimball Park, Penn Eben Park and Veteran's Park at night for an outstanding holiday light display. Drive through the neighborhoods and let our residents share their Christmas spirit with you. Homes are adorned with lights and Christmas greenery. Throughout Ebensburg, smiles are bigger and arms open even wider at Christmas!

If we're fortunate, a blanket of white snow will add the final touch.



Jack Frost & the Frostbites

Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Live Music at Penn Eben Park



Ebensburg's Victorian History

Ebensburg Borough, the seat of Cambria County government, is situated on a plateau in the geographic center of the county along the eastern fringe of the Laurel Hill Ridge.

Ebensburg, the first settlement on the Allegheny Front, was founded by Rees Lloyd. Ebensburg developed as a mountain resort as word of the area's scenic beauty spread. Many of the "summer cottages" containing fifteen to twenty rooms built by the urban rich can be seen today.

From its humble beginnings as the landing site of the Welsh advance party to its fame as a mountain resort, Ebensburg has enjoyed continuous prosperity while retaining its small town charm.

From "Historic Ebensburg"
W.R. Davis and Dave Huber

Light-Up Night

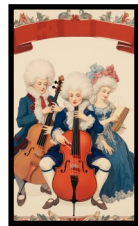
Friday, 6:00 p.m. Kimball Park

This traditional opening of Ebensburg's Christmas season takes place in Kimball Park, right in the center of downtown Ebensburg. Attendees will enjoy Christmas music as they arrive. At 6:00 p.m. the Mayor will proclaim the official opening of Ebensburg's "Dickens of a Christmas" and the downtown display of dazzling white Christmas lights will be lit simultaneously. Those attending will be invited to sing Christmas carols and warm up with hot chocolate and a tasty treat. Immediately following the Light-Up ceremony, stroll to your choice of holiday events. Choose to join carolers about town, attend one of the holiday productions or have dinner at one of your favorite Ebensburg restaurants.

Period costume is encouraged!

Live Music by Serendipity

Friday, 7 - 8:00 p.m.
Cambria County
Courthouse
200 S. Center Street



Enjoy live music by local music group, Serendipity, and check out the amazing decorations on display at Ebensburg's most notable and historic property.

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Dickens' Village Display

Ebensburg Municipal Building,
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Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Young People's Community Center (YPCC)

Making a special pre-Christmas journey direct from the North Pole, Father Christmas (Santa) is inviting kids and their families to a breakfast exclusively at the YPCC or to Breakfast to Go! Come join Father Christmas and the Ebensburg Woman's Club in celebrating the holidays.

To help pay for the extra hay required by Santa's reindeer to make this special trip, admission will be \$5.00 per child ages 3 - 10, \$10.00 per adult and per child 11 and over, and children under 3 are free. Enjoy a full breakfast – Kids receive a special goody bag! Take a photo with Santa and drop your letter in his special mailbox!

Indoor Craft Fairs

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Holy Name Church Hall, Dauntless Fire Station & VFW

Visit our holiday craft fair at 3 locations as you begin your Christmas shopping. Exhibitors will display a wide variety of hand-crafted items such as clothing, home décor, candles, dip mixes, maple syrup, jewelry, distilled spirits, cider, beef jerky, cinnamon roasted nuts, kettle corn and numerous other unique products.

The Holy Name craft fair boasts 50 vendors and is open from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. The craft fair at Dauntless Fire Station and right across the street at the VFW are open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Craft Fair, Basket Raffle, Food & Refreshments

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

First United Church of Christ, Jenkins Education Building

Join us for a craft and vendor fair, basket raffle, kids activities, food & refreshments and more.



Model Train Display

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First United Church of Christ, 217 E. High Street

View an impressive model railroad display at the First UCC.



Journey to Bethlehem

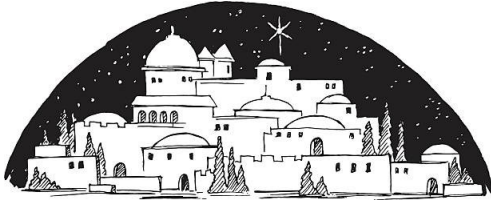
Friday, December 6th;

Four Performance Times:

7:00 PM, 7:30 PM,

8:00 PM, and 8:30 PM

Saint Francis University, Loretto



Four performances of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. This living nativity will be performed by members of the SFU community. Come celebrate the anniversary of the nativity with us as St. Francis may have portrayed it for the first time 800 years ago in Greccio. (Part of the performance will be outdoors).

Christmas Parade

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.; Downtown Ebensburg

The Ebensburg Christmas Parade is a grand tradition!

Get the best seat in the center of town! The parade will include holiday floats, local civic organizations and churches, fire equipment, dancers, marching bands and more! As always, a very special guest from the North Pole will signal the end of the parade and the beginning of the holiday season! Treat bags are provided by the Central Cambria Area Lions Club, and hot chocolate is provided by the Rotary Club of Ebensburg from 9:30 - 1 pm at Penn Eben Gazebo.

CLP Christmas Tree & Wreath Toss

Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Penn Eben Parking Lot

The *CLP Christmas Tree Toss* is exactly what it sounds like, pay \$4 for all ages and throw the tree as far as you can. The winner of the farthest tossed tannenbaum will win a prize bag full of fun goodies. There are three categories to compete in; men, women, and children, with a smaller tree for children to toss. This year we're also adding a Christmas wreath ring toss! If you can ring the wreath onto a candy cane you will be one lucky elf! Tossing will take place at the Penn Eben Park Parking Lot from 11:30-1:00. Trees donated by Glendalough Farms.

Santa Pub Crawl

Saturday,

Registration 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Race 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Pre-Reg: \$25,

Day of Reg: \$35, DD: \$15

Penn Eben Park Gazebo Start



Cresson Lake Playhouse is pleased to announce its fifth annual *Santa Pub Crawl* for anyone over 21. Dress up in your festive clothes (the more Santas we have, the more fun it will be)!

The crawl will begin at the Penn Eben Park Gazebo with a champagne kickoff and a raffle for free drinks from the participating bars that will be redeemed during the event. Winners must be in attendance at kick-off at 2:30 to receive prizes.

After the champagne toast, go to any participating bar of your choice. Your goal is to visit 6 of the participating bars to be eligible for the prize drawings at the after party. Also, you will be eligible for free drinks! Each bar will be giving out 10 free drinks to the first arrivals. Anyone else that follows will have the option to order the specialty pub crawl drink or order from their already existing beverage list.

The crawl will be followed by an **after party at the Ebensburg Moose Lodge** from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. with food and live entertainment. Participants who visited 6 bars will be eligible for the prize drawings at the after party. Register at www.cressonlake.com!



Children's Treats & Photos

Immediately after parade Penn Eben Park

Following his parade duties, Santa Claus will visit with children in Penn Eben Park. There he will distribute treats put together by the Central Cambria Lions Club and pose with your children for a complimentary Christmas photo from KMN Photography.

Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides

Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Downtown Ebensburg

Experience an old-fashioned horse-drawn sleigh ride through charming Ebensburg. Let our holiday sleigh take you back to yesteryear and become part of your family tradition. You and your whole family will enjoy this nostalgic ride. Carriage & sleigh rides are only five crown (\$5.00) per person.



Ladies Day Specials & Prizes



Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique
Ebensburg Mini Mall
3135 New Germany Rd, Ste. 38

Dickens of a Christmas Workshops

Artistry from Scratch
129 W. High St.



Friday, December 6th:

Noon - 2 p.m. - *Kid's Ornament Craft Bar*

2 - 4 p.m. - *Alcohol & Ink Ornaments*

4 - 6 p.m. - *Kokedama Plant Ornament*

6 - 8 p.m. - *Pyrography Ornaments*

Saturday, December 7th:

Noon - 2:00 p.m. - *Felted Ornament*

2 - 4 p.m. - *Vintage Ceramic Tree Glazing*

4 - 6 p.m. - *Holistic Skin Ornaments*

6 - 8 p.m. - *Crochet Ornaments*

Holiday Ceramics & DIY Craft Workshops



The Porch Peddler's Workshop
927 W. High Street, Ste. 1

Visit The Porch Peddler's Workshop and create your own DIY holiday display!

Friday, December 6th, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Paint & Take Ceramics and More!

- All Ages, Walk-ins welcome

Saturday, December 7th, 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

*Holiday Cake Decorating **Pre-Reg Req. ***

Saturday, December 7th, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Crafts Open Workshop!

- All Ages, Walk-ins welcome

Sunday, December 8th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Dickens Cookie Decorating Workshop

***Pre-Reg Req ***

Brass & Organ Recital

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church,
Saturday, 1:30- 2:30 p.m.

This recital features the Altoona Brass Collective and other musicians for a feel-good hour of Christmas music to listen to and sing-a-long. Co-sponsored with the Indiana, PA chapter of the American Guild of Organists, we will also feature local organists and a joint choir with members of the Westmont Presbyterian Church.



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Indoor Ice Skating

Friday, 8:45 pm - 10:15 pm
North Central Recreation Center



Cambria County's indoor skating facility is open to the public, on Friday of "Dickens" weekend. There is a fee of \$5.00 per person to skate. Skates are available to rent for \$4.00.

Visit with Green Roof Acres Petting Zoo

Saturday, Penn Eben Park
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Straight from the North Pole, some of Santa's favorite four-legged friends will be joining us! Stop by and enjoy a memorable photo-op with these incredible creatures!



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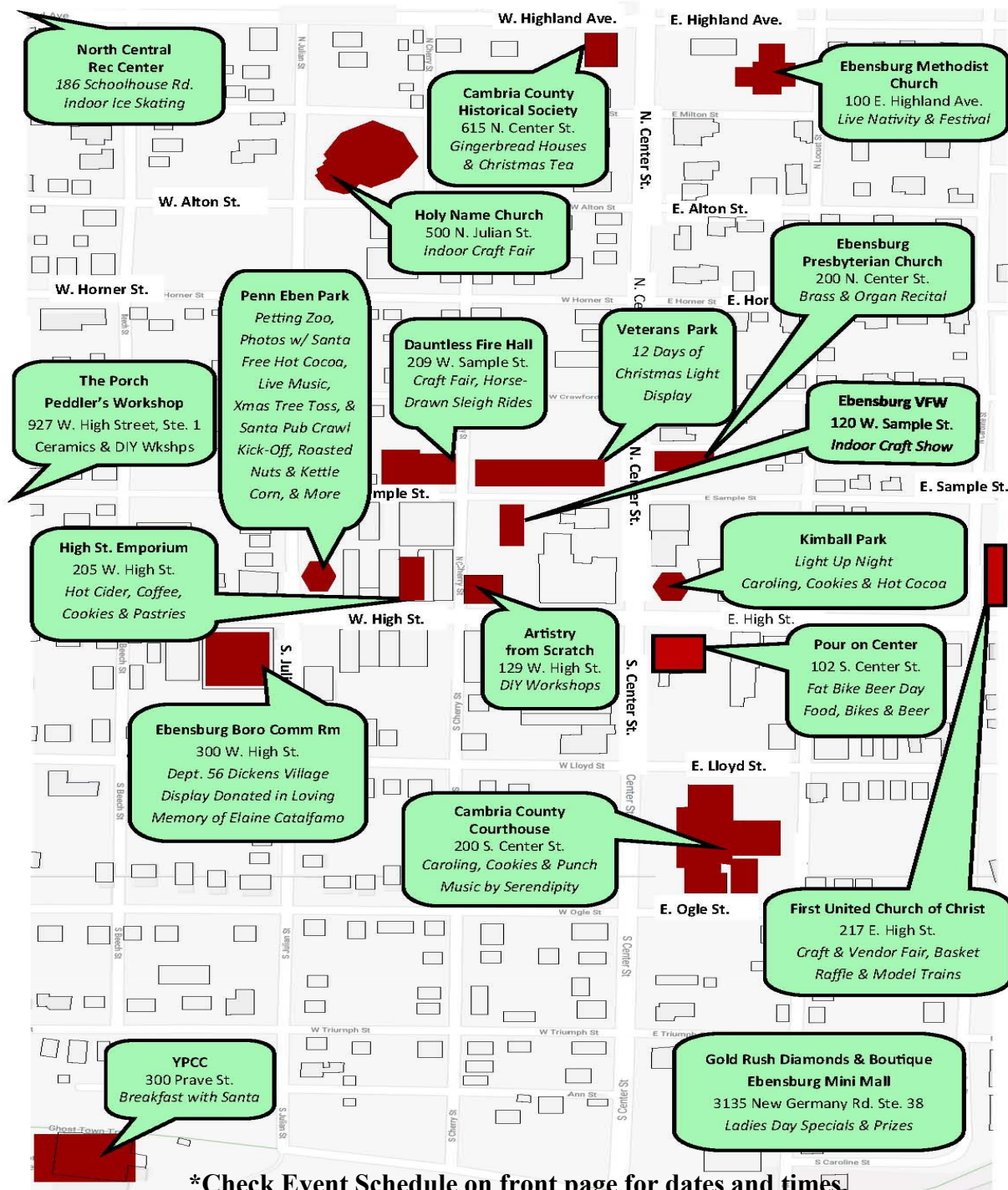
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MAP OF DICKENS EVENTS*



*Check Event Schedule on front page for dates and times.



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