

Christ- mas all around!

Community Christmas festivities peak this weekend near and far. From tree lightings and block parties, to wagon rides, reindeer and Santa, holiday activity is everywhere.

Downtown Glens Falls

Three days of events!
Friday: Mayor Bill Collins, the “First Lady,” Santa Claus, Elves, Clarice and other characters arrive by firetruck for the tree lighting in City Park at 6 p.m. Also on Glen Street: Photos with Santa, live music, Bolton Dance Academy and horse drawn wag-



Father Christmas & Glens Falls Mayor Collins, at last year's tree lighting.
Chronicle photo/Cathy DeDe



Carolers at Spirits in the Trees. Opening ceremony & tree lighting, Saturday, **Dec. 6**, 5 pm, Crandall Park *Cathy DeDe photo*

on rides. Downtown businesses stay open late offering “holiday specials and festive treats.”

Saturday: Block party at The Ed on South Street starts at 1 p.m. Vendors from the Glens Falls Farmers Market, Pete and Dan broadcasting for Regional Radio Group, Bolton Dance Academy, music by Reggie's Red Hot Feetwarmers as “The Dixie Santas.” Hot chocolate, cook-



Christmas in Warrensburgh is Dec. 6-7. Organizer Teresa Whalen.
Photo provided

ies, food trucks, kids' games and crafts, letters to Santa, face painting and photo booth.

Saturday, The Hyde hosts free family-friendly craft sessions at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., screening of *The Grinch* at 11 and visits with Santa, 1-3 p.m. Registration required at glensfallscollaborative.com.

Sunday: LARAC's Winter Arts Festival at the Queensbury Hotel, 10 to 4. **50+** artisans showcase “jewelry, artwork and everything in between.”

Qby: ‘Candy Cane Lane’

The Town of Queensbury's annual “Candy Cane Lane” drive-thru holiday festival is **Friday, Dec. 5, 6 to 8 p.m. at SUNY Adirondack**. Enter via Haviland Road. Toys, food, drinks and treats offered at booths sponsored by local businesses, groups and clubs. Limit 500 children. Visitors must remain in their cars and follow traffic signs and cones.

More events throughout!

Cathy's course: How to butcher a deer

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

I don't know how you spent your Sunday after Thanksgiving. I spent mine hunkered down for more than six hours at SUNY Adirondack's Culinary Arts classroom in downtown Glens Falls learning how to butcher a deer.

Emily Peterson was our instructor in “Deer Butchery: A Nose-To-Tail Breakdown of a Whole Deer.”

Offered for the first time by SUNY Adk. Continuing Education, the cost was \$115 including materials — and a book and venison to take home.

It was sold out. Chef Petersen said she'll think about offering it again.

Of the 12 students — 10 men and two women — several (but not all) are hunters. Some said they've field dressed or even butchered their own deer, in-

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Perspective of elected Ward 5 councilman Sean Palladino

Editor's note: Glens Falls Ward 5 councilman-elect Sean Palladino wrote this essay several weeks ago. It packs a lot in, which is why we're bringing it to

you now.

This journey of running for Glens Falls Councilperson has been filled with surprises, learning experiences, and creative endeavors.

I began in March, gathering 43 signatures to secure a spot on the Democratic line of the ballot, meeting a small fraction of the folks that make up Glens Falls Ward 5. I learned

the struggles of procuring Federal grants from Jeff Flagg, the decades of history among neighborhood feuds, the concern from folks surrounding unsafe drivers and dark side streets, the excitement from dog owners on the future of Haviland Cove Park, the guiding philosophy of holding office from Margaret Farrell, and so much more.

Our neighborhood in Glens

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