

TALKING TOURISM Nov. 4, 2018

Each month this space will be devoted to a column written by Debbie Robinson, executive director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB). She will provide information about upcoming events, area attractions, bureau services and projects, and most importantly, communicate the tremendous impact that the travel and tourism industry has on this region.

Cambridge Honored as a Best Hometown

During Friday's opening ceremony of the 13th annual season of Dickens Victorian Village, leaders from *Ohio Magazine* were on hand to honor the city as one of Ohio's Best Hometowns in 2019. This is a very special designation and something in which the VCB will promote throughout 2019.

Ohio Magazine editors selected Cambridge because this city embodies all of the qualities and characteristics that make Ohio hometowns so special: historic landmarks and architecture, quaint shopping and galleries as well as an amazing sense of community. Cambridge is featured within the publication's cover story available on stands now.

It's hard to believe Dickens Victorian Village marks its 13th year in 2018. Our community works so hard to create a truly unique and magical holiday event for all to enjoy. We hope you will mark your calendars to attend a few, if not all, of the many wonderful events listed below. Please note the return of the Dickens Welcome Center to Wheeling Avenue!

The **Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Light Show** lights up the night with thousands of pulsating lights synchronized to holiday music. This historic building that was built in 1881 is bathed in colored lights with over 60,000 lights outlining the building. There are four different light shows that run from now until January 1, 2019 each evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the last show playing at 9:00 p.m. (Show continues until 11 p.m. on Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1). It's free to attend and watch night after night in the starlight! November 2-6 the show starts at 6:30pm due to Daylight Savings Time.

A unique **themed scavenger hunt** for the entire family will take place on the following Saturdays, Nov. 10, Nov. 24, and Dec. 1. Clue sheets are available beginning at 10 a.m. at the Dickens Welcome Center on Wheeling Avenue. Answers may be found while you explore Cambridge's historical downtown. Youngsters and adults have a "dickens of a good time" hunting for the Dickens mug hidden in various businesses in the downtown area. Clue sheets must be returned to the Welcome Center by 2 p.m. to be entered into the drawing. Drawing will be held from the returned entries and a bag filled with prizes will be awarded to the winner. Free to participate.

Discover the amazing story of Dickens Victorian Village and the 186 characters that the community built as your costumed guide escorts you around Historic Downtown Cambridge on a **Trolley Tour** on Nov. 24, Dec. 8 & 15. During your trolley ride, you may stay aboard and enjoy the scenery, or get out and experience any of the seven unique stops along the way. Cost is \$10 per person.

Come join the fun at the much-loved annual **Holiday Parade** on Saturday, Nov. 24, sponsored by Cambridge Main Street, featuring lighted floats, bands, a visit from Santa, and more! The theme for this year is *Christmas at the Movies!* Bleachers will be provided on Wheeling Avenue near Sixth Street and also near the Post Office at Tenth Street. The parade begins at 5 p.m.

Events to Discover

- Nov. 2** Dickens Victorian Village Kick Off & Opening Ceremony, Historic Downtown Cambridge and Guernsey County Courthouse
- Nov. 2 – Jan. 1** Dickens Victorian Village, Historic Downtown Cambridge

Nov. 2 – Jan. 1	Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Light Show, Guernsey County Courthouse
Nov. 2 – Dec. 15	National Museum of Cambridge Glass Holiday Hours (Fridays & Saturdays)
Nov. 2, 16, 30	Bluegrass Concerts, Pennyroyal Opera House, Fairview
Nov. 3	Cemetery Tour, Founders Cemetery
Nov. 4	Gingerbread House Class, Guernsey County Senior Center
Nov. 6-15	Wonderland of Trees Display at SEORMC
Nov. 7-Dec. 7	Gingerbread House Contest and Display, Senior Citizens Center (Monday-Friday)
Nov. 9 – Dec. 15	Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, West 8th Street, Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 10 & 24	Scavenger Hunt, Dickens Welcome Center
Nov. 11	Vintage Appraisal Fair, National Museum of Cambridge Glass
Nov. 12	Veterans Day Parade, Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 14	Superstar: The Musical, The Songs, The Carpenters, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
Nov. 16	Wonderland of Trees Gala Dinner and Auction, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
Nov. 16	Chef in the Vineyard, Terra Cotta Vineyards
Nov. 16-17	Salt Fork Gospel Jubilee, Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center
Nov. 17	The Grand Holiday Ball, Eagles Club
Nov. 17	Victorian Tea with the Queen, Colonel Taylor Inn
Nov. 18	Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert, Brown Chapel, New Concord
Nov. 23 & 24	Holiday Open House, National Museum of Cambridge Glass
Nov. 24, Dec. 8 & 15	Trolley Rides through Historic Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 24	Small Business Saturday, Historic Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 24	Holiday Parade, Historic Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 25	At the Stroke of Midnight (play), Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
Nov. 25	Cambridge City Band Holiday Concert, Scottish Rite Auditorium
Nov. 26	Christmas Open House, John & Annie Glenn Museum, New Concord

To learn more about the VCB, area events, and activities, visit the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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