

Bridgewater Current

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Sipe Center – The Place to Go for Holiday Cheer!

Free Holiday Movies at Sipe Center

Holiday movies, with the exception of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, are free for everyone. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning one hour prior to showtime.

<p>Elf (PG)</p> <p>Friday, November 29 3:00 & 6:30 pm Saturday, November 30 4:00 & 7:00 pm Sunday, December 1 2:00 & 5:30 pm</p>	
<p>How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG)</p> <p>Thursday, December 5 6:30 pm Friday, December 6 3:00 & 6:30 pm Saturday, December 7 4:00 & 7:00 pm Sunday, December 8 2:00 & 5:30 pm</p>	
<p>The Polar Express (G)</p> <p>Thursday, December 12 6:30 pm Saturday, December 14 4:00 & 7:00 pm Sunday, December 15 2:30 & 5:30 pm</p>	
<p>Santa drops by Sipe on Dec. 15, 2-5 pm.</p>	
<p>The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (PG) \$5 Admission</p> <p>Thursday, December 19 3:00 & 6:30 pm Saturday, December 21 4:00 & 7:00 pm Sunday, December 22 2:00 & 5:30 pm</p>	
<p>It's a Wonderful Life (NR)</p> <p>Thursday, December 26 6:30 pm Friday, December 27 3:00 & 6:30 pm Saturday, December 28 3:30 & 7:00 pm Sunday, December 29 2:00 & 5:30 pm</p>	

Sipe Center Box Office

Open Thursday – Sunday, 3:00 – 8:00 pm
 (540) 908-4208

Please Join us for

Santa at Sipe

Sunday, December 15
 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Bring your camera for a photo with Santa!
 Be sure to stick around for a FREE showing
 of *Polar Express* at 2:30 pm or 5:30 pm.

Upcoming Live Performances at Sipe

Santa Sisters
 December 13
 7:30 pm

Songs of the season in the style
 of the Andrews Sisters!



Atlantic City Boys: Holiday
 December 20, 7:30pm

Only two single seats
 remaining!

Learn more and buy tickets at
www.sipecenter.com/liveperformances.



Bridgewater Holiday Classic

Businesses are gearing up to participate in our annual *Bridgewater Holiday Classic*, and the winner is up to you! Businesses will decorate for the holidays by December 1. Voting will begin on the *Buzz* (bridgewater.buzz) following the tree lighting. Stay tuned to the *Buzz* for more details.

The *Great Gingerbread Escape Scavenger Hunt* returns this season. Look for details in the *Buzz* starting December 1.

Generations Park Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 1
6:30 pm



Enjoy holiday music, ginger snaps, and hot cider while we gather around the tree. Spend the evening on the ice or at one of our fire tables. Join your neighbors as we kick off the holiday season together!

Ice Skating Is Back!

The Generations Park Ice Rink is back and open seven days a week starting Thanksgiving Day! Skating and skate rentals are free for all Town residents with a B-Rec card. Sessions are 90 minutes and begin on the even hours with a 30-minute setup time between sessions. Call (540) 908-4212 to reserve your session now! See bridgewater.town/skating for more details.

2024-25 Ice Rink Schedule

Monday	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Tuesday	4:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Wednesday	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Thursday	4:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Friday	4:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday	12:00 noon - 9:30 pm
Sunday	12:00 noon - 9:30 pm



Holiday Schedule



Dec. 23	12:00 noon - 9:30 pm
Dec. 24-25	Closed
Dec. 26-Jan. 3	12:00 noon - 9:30 pm

Find Icy the Elf hiding at Gen Park through 12/23 and claim a treat!

Register for Baseline Tennis Clinics



Registration for Winter Baseline Tennis Clinics is now available at bridgewater.town/tennisclinic. Karen Clark, varsity girls' tennis coach at Turner Ashby High School, directs the clinic. All clinics are held at the Doug Will Tennis Center in Bridgewater. Cost is \$60 for B-Rec members and \$65 for non-B-Rec members.

Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 7, 4:00 pm



Dynamic Aviation is again hosting our annual Christmas Parade, so mark your calendars now!

Interested in entering the parade? Pre-register now at www.dynamicaviation.com/community-engagement to confirm your spot in this year's parade. You will then receive a welcome packet by email on Monday, December 2 with registration and line-up instructions.

Wreath Making Workshop

December 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Sipe Center



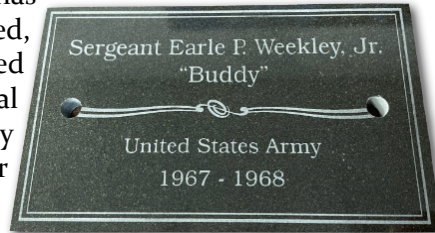
Ready to wreath your home in holiday cheer? We're excited to partner with Amanda Tutwiler of Sparrows Flowers to design beautiful wreaths using fresh evergreen, and all necessary tools for construction and decoration will be provided. Register at bridgewater.town/workshop.

The Current's Annual Holiday Gift Guide

All Things Bridgewater for Under the Tree

Plaques at Veterans Park – \$200

Honor the veterans in your life with a permanent plaque at Veterans Park. Plaques are available for a veteran of any of the six branches of the United States military who has retired, been honorably discharged, or died while in service to the United States. Net proceeds benefit the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. Come by the Bridgewater Community Center at 201 Green Street to order.



Live Performance Tickets – \$12-\$55

Sipe Center tickets are a great gift to share with family and friends! To purchase tickets, call (540) 908-4208, visit the Box Office at 100 North Main Street, or visit the website www.sipecenter.com/liveperformances.



Historic Street Signs – \$100

Give the gift of a bit of Bridgewater history with one of our old street signs! This is the perfect gift for history buffs and town residents who take pride in their neighborhood alike. The complete list of our limited inventory is available at bridgewater.town/streetsign. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!



Ice Skating Lessons



This year, give the gift of learning to ice skate. You can schedule lessons from local ice skating instructor Ashleigh Welch. At Generations Park Ice Academy, she offers instruction for kids and adults in group classes and private lessons. Visit generationsparkiceacademy.com for more details.

Seat Sponsorship at Sipe – \$500

Create a legacy and support the arts as you honor someone special with a personalized plaque mounted on a seat at Sipe Center. Drop by 201 Green Street for more information.



Commemorative Bricks at Gen Park – \$100/\$200

Remember a loved one or celebrate a life event with a commemorative brick installed at Generations Park! We offer two sizes able to hold three or six lines of text for \$100 or \$200, respectively. Call (540) 908-4212, go to bridgewater.town/brick for more information, or visit the BCC to order one today.



River Roos

Support local Bridgewater businesses with the gift of a River Roos gift card for that someone special. River Roos are currently accepted at 14 businesses here in town. For more information, go to bridgewater.town/roos.

Dedicate a Tree – \$200

Honor a friend or loved one by dedicating a tree. Your donation will include a 6" x 8" plaque to be posted at the tree of your choosing in one of our thirteen parks. Come to the BCC or visit bridgewater.town/dedicateatree to begin the process.



Gift Certificates

Surprise someone with the gift of an experience this holiday season with a gift certificate to one (or all) of our wonderful facilities!

Gen Park Ice Skating
Sipe Center Live Performances
Sipe Center Movie Tickets
Sandy Bottom Mini-Golf

Gift certificates make perfect stocking stuffers! Call (540) 908-4212 or visit the BCC to order yours today.

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Project Status Updates

For more information and a full description of these projects, follow this QR code.



Project	Status
Riverwalk, Phase III	Awaiting approval in December from Virginia Department of Historic Resources to continue design work.
Riverwalk, Phase IV	Continuing work with engineers on potential path designs to island connecting to Phase III.
Bridgewater Website	New website design should launch in December!
Traffic Signal Work	Upgrades underway on traffic cabinets at College and Dinkel. Signal coordination work begins in December.

Municipal Calendar & Events

- December 2 – Large Item Pickup Begins
- December 5 – Personal Property Tax Due
- December 10 – Town Council, 7 pm
- December 24 & 25 – Town Office, Recycle Center, Generations Park, & Sipe Center Closed
- January 1 – Town Office & Recycle Center Closed

Tuesday,
 December 17
 Arey Assembly Hall

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

When you sign up, join the group
 "Bridgewater Gives"

Sign up here!

