Holiday Gifting Ideas

For those having special holiday spirit, here are some wonderful ideas to help others.

Buy Fruit from the Oddfellows

It’s not too late to get your holiday fruit from the Odd Fellows Lodge #97. They are now set up in the retail space next to Subway. They ordered some extra and can sell to walk-ins on a first come, first serve basis.

For Soldiers Serving in Combat Zones

American Legion Post #247 is sponsoring a drive to provide care packages for soldiers serving in combat zones. Those wishing to contribute can drop off their gifts in a collection box at the Poolesville Town Hall. The collections will continue through January 1, 2010. Anyone aware of a local person currently deployed should email Paul Kelly at paulkellywh@gmail.com to have the person added to the mailing list. The legion is grateful to town staff and the commissioners for their support of this program.

The items needed are: any kind of toiletries, baby wipes, aspirin, antacid, sunscreen, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, small toys and candy that they can pass out to kids, deflated soccer balls, playing cards, magazines (old is fine: sports, hunting and guns are the most popular types), handwritten notes of support, pictures drawn by children, homemade baked goods, and used movies or TV episodes on DVD.

Toys for Tots at UMCVFD

Jeffery Eck reports the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is now in full swing at the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department. The community is encouraged to contribute a new and unwrapped toy. The U.S. Marines Corps Reserve distributes all toys locally through the Toys for Tots program.

Toys for Tots collection boxes are now in place at Shear Elegance Hair Salon, Selby’s Market, Poolesville Hardware, Healthworks Fitness Center, Cugini’s Pizza, Kristopher’s Pizza, Harris Teeter, and the UMCVFD in Beallsville. Your contribution will put smiles on the faces of our firefighters and, most importantly, on the faces of the children who receive the gifts.

December 11

The Best in Holiday Ballet Entertainment All in One Place

The Hope Garden Children’s Ballet Theatre offers a very special holiday treat at the Poolesville High School Auditorium. This year’s program, *Noel Notes,* features scenes from both *The Nutcracker* and a *Christmas Carol.* This is just what your family is looking for this holiday season to lift spirits. The presentation is exciting, enchanting, traditional, and affordable.

Adults: $10.00

17 and under: $7.00

6:30 p.m.

Cugini’s Entertainment Night

Featuring: Poolesville Band Project

With Special Guest: Matt Fitzwater

8:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville

Featuring: Doug Bell

8:30 p.m.

Bassett’s Entertainment Night

Featuring: Kenny Ray Horton

10:00 p.m.

December 12

Poolesville Baptist Church, with special guest the Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra, will present a Christmas musical program entitled “The Son of God Came Down” at 6:00 p.m. The adult and children’s choirs of PBC will be performing as well. The program is free and open to the public.

Sounds of the Season

A community celebration of music will be held at the St. Paul Community Church, 14730 Sugarland Road, Poolesville, Maryland. Proceeds will benefit preservation of Montgomery County's farmland and open space reserve and the ongoing restoration of the historic St. Paul Community Church. Musicians include: Violinsanity, Rabbi David of [Am Kolel](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=opzs5vdab&t=l8lhcgeab.0.0.opzs5vdab.0&id=preview&ts=S0545&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sanctuaryretreatcenter.com%2Findex.html), jazz by Bob Israel and Chris Battistone. The cost is $20.00, children twelve and under, free. Please RSVP at info@mocoalliance.org. Refreshments generously provided by Whole Foods Market.

December 17

Bassett’s Entertainment Night

Featuring: J. B. Dunn

Starts at 10:00 p.m.

December 18

Poole General Store, located at 16315 Old River Road, will host Santa Claus from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visitors can bring their children or animals and take their own photos. Refreshments will be available. Free.

Cugini’s Entertainment Night

Introducing: V6 Band – Classic Rock

8:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville

Featuring: DJ Valaree Dickerson

8:30 p.m.

December 18 and 19

Holiday Jewelry Show

Hosted by Glad-I-Yoga

25000A Fisher Avenue

Sat.: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sun.: noon to 4:00 p.m.

December 19

Santa Claus makes his annual test run through Poolesville aboard a fire engine starting at 5:00 p.m. Good little boys and girls should listen for the Christmas music in the air as he approaches their house. Santa loves to see all the smiling and waving children.

December 24

Seasonal Christmas Eve Open House

The Surrey

Traditional Eggnog Reception

14120 Darnestown Road, Darnestown

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.