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San Rafael – Always Something Happening

Get Out, Explore, Engage & Live Local

December 2015

Upcoming Events in San Rafael

Parade of Lights/Winter Wonderland: Friday/Saturday, November 27 & 28



Kick off the holidays and have some fun in the snow at the City's traditional winter time party! The 36th annual holiday party starts with snow sledding on A street on Friday from noon to 4:30. The community parade starts at 5:30 along with the tree lighting ceremony and then sledding resumes from 6 to 8 PM. The holiday marketplace with unique arts and crafts, live entertainment, children's activities, & visits with Santa are open from noon to 8 PM. Sledding and other kids activities are also held on Saturday morning from 9 AM to noon. For more information [click here](#).

Small Business Saturday: November 28



Show your love for your local San Rafael merchants on Small Business Saturday. Shopping online may be perceived as anti-social, sitting at a computer all day can be bad for your health, and ordering items from a company named after a jungle is not nearly as fun as meeting your local merchants and digging the 'Shop Small' scene. We encourage you to Shop Small, Shop San Rafael on Small Biz Saturday. For information on 'Shop Small' activities in the downtown area, [click here](#)

Giving Tuesday: December 1



We've got Black Friday, Shop Small Saturday, and Cyber Monday - to balance out all that consumption we have a new event in what is being called 'Giving Tuesday', a global day of giving which celebrates generosity worldwide. This event encourages everyone to give to their favorite charities on this day. San Rafael arts organizations are highlighting this event as part of a Creative San Rafael partnership. [Click here](#) to learn more about local arts groups and ways to donate or otherwise show your support.

Disney's Cinderella: Friday – Sunday, December 5-6



Disney's "rags to riches" story charms its way to the stage with fairy godmother and mice in tow. Presented by San Rafael Young Performers Theater and San Rafael Community Services at the San Rafael Community Center on 618 B Street, San Rafael. Performances on Friday, December 4 at 7:30pm; Saturday, December 5 at 12pm; and Sunday, December 6 at 2 & 5pm. Directed by Sharon Boucher. Tickets are available on BrownPaperTickets.com or call (415) 485-3333 for more information.

Second Fridays Art Walk: Friday, December 11



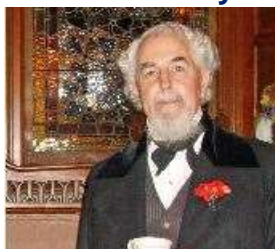
On the second Friday evening of every month, the Second Fridays ArtWalk highlights some of the creativity happening here in San Rafael and it is a great way to end the week with art and community. Enjoy gallery openings, open studios, art exhibits, live music and refreshments as you stroll in downtown San Rafael. The Second Fridays Art Walks is anchored by the Art Works Downtown galleries and artist studios and great place to start your walk – you can pick up a map of the various venues throughout Downtown San Rafael that are participating that month.

Lighted Boat Parade: Saturday, December 19



The San Rafael Lighted Boat Parade is an annual event along the San Rafael canal. The event starts at 5:30 PM and it is a fun way for the family to get out and enjoy the wide array of decorated boats and yes, Santa will be there. Good viewing areas include behind Montecito Plaza, at Terrapin Crossroads, the San Rafael Yacht Club or Pickleweed Park. Roots of Peace is sponsoring the event this year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dickens Family Victorian Holiday Party: Friday, December 4



Join us for a festive family event on Friday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of Victorian revelry at the Falkirk Mansion, 1408 Mission Avenue. Partake in a holiday treat as you go back in time to Victorian England and meet Charles Dickens; listen to him read from his famous works and watch his characters come alive; meet and greet Father Christmas, play Victorian parlor games, make traditional holiday crafts, and sing and dance with our Victorian family. Light food and drink will be served. [Click here](#) for more information or to purchase tickets - \$10 for adults, \$7 for children.

Keeping It Local – New Stuff in San Rafael

New Business Location: Body Kinetics – 1800 Second @ Ida



Body Kinetics has relocated their gym to the West End Village neighborhood of Downtown San Rafael. Come experience a family owned neighborhood health club in their brand new facility (enter facility at Fourth & H, next to Pacific Sales). For information on Body Kinetics classes, amenities, and a free 3 day pass, [click here](#)

New Retail: Seawood Photo – 1601 Fourth @ F



The newest downtown retail tenant, Seawood Photo, is a transplant from San Anselmo. This is a great place to pick up a holiday gift for that photography obsessed relative or friend. Seawood Photo buys and sells used cameras, repairs cameras, rents equipment, restores photos, transfers video & photos, and more. They offer photography classes and special workshops. To check out the Seawood Photo website [click here](#)

New Retail: Gathering Thyme – 1447 Fourth @ E



Another recent San Anselmo transplant is Gathering Thyme, a woman owned independent herb store. Gathering Thyme uses botanical wisdom to promote community health - they have several trained herbists and nutritionists on staff to assist customers with their health needs. In addition to a wide variety of herbs, Gathering Thyme features classes and an on-site holistic health clinic. For more info on the store & services [click here](#)

New Restaurant: Rocket Roll – 1109 Fourth Street @ A Street



Looking for a quick bite for lunch or dinner? Can't decide between sushi and Mexican? How about getting the best of both world's – a sushi burrito! Yes, now you can have it all - Marin's newest quick service sushi spot is located in the heart of downtown at Fourth & A. Rocket Roll features various salads, sushi rolls, and yes, sushi burritos.

Last Notes – Our Favorite Things

Holiday Shopping: Gamescape - 1225 Fourth @ C



Gamescape is a retailer that is also a community of gamers and fantasy enthusiasts. They carry a large selection of board games, role-playing, card games, miniatures, traditional games, puzzles and hobby supplies. Gamescape prides itself as a bustling hub of activity for the local gaming community, and they have a busy schedule of events, tournaments, open-gaming nights, and classes. To find out more about the store products, services, calendar, and community, [click here](#)

Holiday Shopping: Riley Street Art Supply - 1138 Fourth Street @ B



Rileystreet Art Supply is a great place to shop for art supplies. They feature a wide selection of artist materials, many of them at highly discounted prices. In addition to the art supplies, Rileystreet offers an extensive calendar of art classes and workshops. This is a great place to give an 'experience' gift of an art class or a gift certificate for that talented person in your life. Rileystreet has great service and a wide selection of materials for every creative project, vision or idea.

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