

## Olde Tyme Christmas 2020 - Safe and Spirited

The Olde Tyme Christmas festival in the historic towns of Bolivar and Harpers Ferry, WV, will happen in a unique but still-special way in 2020. This 50th annual event will cap an unprecedented year in American History by offering visitors a safe yet spirited experience they will always remember.

Quaintly decorated streets, shops, and inns will welcome visitors to a Victorian-era holiday season. Stroll with townspeople wearing vintage attire, enjoy listening to the *clop* of horse hooves during a wagon ride, visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the town gazebo, and find the perfect gift for everyone on your shopping list in a Handmade Holiday Market.

Shops and restaurants will offer extended hours and special sales. Masks, limited occupancy, and social distancing will be required to keep our employees, volunteers, visitors, and all those seeking the holiday spirit safe. Visit [harpersferryotc.com](http://harpersferryotc.com) for a schedule of events. (Schedule subject to change.)

### Help Spread Holiday Spirit with Light Tour

The 2020 Olde Tyme Christmas Planning Committee, in its efforts to provide a safe yet special event for visitors, invites Harpers Ferry and Bolivar residents and businesses to decorate their homefront for a "Holiday Light Tour."

Beginning in Colonial times, candles were placed in windows as a sign of good news, to welcome weary travelers, or when a family member was away. The Edison Light Company expanded this tradition with the invention of Christmas lights. Today, families take special holiday light tours or drive through neighborhoods to see the magical displays. This year, more than ever, visitors will be coming to our small towns in search of this holiday spirit.

On the evenings of December 5-6 and 12-13, from 6 to 8 p.m., visitors will be guided via map or phone APP to view our storefronts and beautiful homes decorated and lit in traditional holiday style. Visitors can vote for their favorites with prizes for the winners!

To sign up to include your home or business on the tour click this link: [Holiday Light Tour](#) **Deadline to sign up is November 24.** For more information, please email [harpersferrymerchants@gmail.com](mailto:harpersferrymerchants@gmail.com) or call 304-535-2078.

