



Each year, the Christmas season in Great Bend shines brightly with its renowned Trail of Lights holiday display. For over twenty years, the holidays have come alive with beautiful animated and static light displays that wind throughout the community. Enjoy the Wild Lights at Brit Spaugh Park, the Twelve Days of Christmas at Veteran's Memorial Park, the brilliance of the lights at Jack Kilby Square in downtown Great Bend, the wonder of the Christmas Nativity at 10th and K-96, and the charm of the lights at the Barton County Historical Village. Many of the displays have been hand-crafted by City employees and local artists! The lights begin at dusk on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and will continue throughout the holiday season. We wish you a very Merry Christmas during this special time of year!



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COME VISIT
Great Bend, KS
DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON!



Calendar of Events



November

November 12th – Annual Mission Bazaar. Sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend. Hundreds of handcrafted and homemade items for sale. Heartland Center for Spirituality, 3600 Broadway, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

November 16th - 30th – Award Winning Quilts from the National Quilt Museum. Shafer Art Gallery at BCC.

November 19th - 30th – Christmas Craft Mall. Great place to get those one-of-a-kind gifts. 1709 Main Street, Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m.

November 21st – Winter Instrumental Concert. BCC Fine Arts Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 23rd - 30th – Trail of Lights. Featuring displays in Brit Spaugh Park, Veterans Lake, 10th Street and K-96 Park, Jack Kilby Square, Barton County Historical Society. Begins at dusk.

November 25th - 26th – Santa House. Bring the kids to meet Santa. Jack Kilby Square, 5-8 p.m.

November 25th - 30th – Santas Around the World. Display of 22 life-sized international Santas. 1901 Lakin. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m. Private tours or parties can be booked by calling 792-1614 (RSVP).

November 25th - 30th – Free Ice Skating. Jack Kilby Square. Thursday and Friday 4-8 p.m.; Saturday 1-8 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m. Skates provided.

November 26th – Annual Lighting of the Mayor’s Christmas Tree. Jack Kilby Square, 5 p.m.

November 26th – “Let It Snow” Holiday Parade. Great Bend Main Street. Begins at 5:30 p.m. Downtown businesses will be open late.

November 26th – Barton County Arts Council Open House. Refreshments and music provided during the parade. 1401 Main Street; 5-7:30 p.m.

November 26th – Kids Story Time. Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams. Following the parade.

November 26th – Living Nativity Family Portraits. A gift from Foundry Methodist Church to you and your family. Jack Kilby Square, 2-8 p.m.

November 27th - 30th – Festival of Trees. Trees decorated by area school children. Shafer Art Gallery at BCC. Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.

December

December 1st - 4th – It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Show? - This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. This play, with its original twist, its clever use of props, entertaining voices and a love story that you want to witness over and over again, is a perfect way for the whole family to kick off the Christmas season. Presented by the Great Bend Community Theatre. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.

December 1st-3rd, 8th-10th, 15th-17th and December 22nd-23rd – Santa House. Bring the kids to meet Santa. Jack Kilby Square, 5-8 p.m.

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December 1st - 31st - Free Ice Skating. Jack Kilby Square. Thursday and Friday 4-8 p.m.; Saturday 1-8 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m. Skates provided.

December 3rd – Jingle Bell Swing. Holiday dance featuring music by the BCC Hilltop Singers. American Legion, 1011 Kansas Ave., 8-11 p.m.

December 3rd – Living Nativity Family Portraits. A gift from Foundry Methodist Church to you and your family. Jack Kilby Square, 2-6 p.m.

December 3rd – Family Tree Trimming Party. Come make Christmas ornaments for the tree and spread some holiday cheer. Great Bend Public Library; 1409 Williams; 2 p.m.

December 4th – 2nd Annual Holiday Home Tour. Sponsored by Barton County Fair Friends. Reception will be held at Rosewood Gallery, 1607 Main Street following the tour. 1-5p.m.

December 4th – Shafer Gallery Holiday Open House. Shafer Art Gallery at BCC, 1-5 p.m.

December 5th – Holiday Music Concert. Featuring the Hilltop Singers, Concert Choir, vocal soloists and ensembles. BCC Fine Arts Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

December 5th – Santa’s Workshop. Enjoy an evening with Santa’s Elves in creating holiday crafts. Event sponsored by GBHS student organizations, local business and GBRC. City Auditorium, 6-8 p.m.

December 7th – Christmas Entertaining Meals. Get into the Christmas spirit with a wonderful meal and the sound from the Great Bend Middle School Women In Harmony group. Great Bend Recreation Center, 1214 Stone, 12 p.m. Registration is due to the GBRC by Friday, December 2.

December 8th-10th – Drive-Thru Christmas Story. Trinity United Methodist Church, 5700 Broadway. 6-8 p.m.

December 8th – Christmas Dinner and Open House. Join your friends for a Christmas dinner and party after the dinner. Senior Center, 2005 Kansas, 12 p.m. Make your reservations early by calling 792-3906.

December 11th – “Ghosts of Christmas Past” Annual Open House. Barton County Historical Museum, South Highway 281, 1-4 p.m.

December 14th – Holidayze. Don’t let the “holidayze” get you down this year. This free program is designed to simplify the hectic details of the season. Sponsored by the GBRC. 12 p.m. at the GBRC Activity Center.

December 18th – Great Bend High School Vespers Concert. High School Auditorium. 2027 Morton, 2 p.m. Youth Choir Concert at 3:30 p.m.

December 19th – Great Bend High School Vocal Concert. High School Auditorium, 2027 Morton, 7:30 p.m.

December 19th – Annual Story Time Christmas Program. Enjoy songs, a story, refreshments and meet Santa! Great Bend Public Library; 1409 Williams; 7 p.m.