Meet Me in Morris for Home for the Holidays!

Friday, Nov. 27th – Sunday, Nov. 29th, 2026

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

Friday, November 27th

10AM – 5PM 50+ charming boutiques, stores, bars and restaurants open for holiday sipping, dining, and shopping.

10AM – 7PM Festival of Trees auction and vendor fair at the Grundy Co. History Museum at 510 W. Illinois Avenue.

3PM– 5PM Free horse-drawn carriage rides. Climb aboard on Washington Street in front of the courthouse.

4PM Morris High School madrigal singers carol throughout downtown shops.

4– 5:30PM Hot cocoa stand, benefiting the charitable mission of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. 120 Liberty Street.

21st Annual Lighted Holiday Parade -5:30 pm

Join local businesses and organizations to kick off the season! Parade lasts about 30 minutes and ends with Santa & Mrs. Claus' arrival. Enjoy lighted giveaways from the City of Morris while they last.

No parking along route after 3PM.

6:00PM Countdown to light Chapin Park for the season! Follow the parade to the park for carols and the ceremonial lighting. Free cocoa, courtesy of Morris Cub Scouts. Horse-drawn wagon rides continue.

Saturday, November 28th

10AM-12PM Children's Winter Carnival at the Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St. Play games, win prizes.

10AM-1PM Climb aboard his sleigh and share your wishes with Santa! Pet a real reindeer and meet a Christmas elf on the courthouse lawn. Enjoy cider and sweets from SOCU while you wait for Santa.

10AM – 4 PM New! Awkward Family Photos at Morris Area Public Library. Find festive props and make memories.

10AM – 5PM Festival of Trees continues at Grundy Co. History Museum.

2nd Annual Holly Jolly Sip & Stroll



2026 Collector's mugs - $20

Proceeds provide student scholarships and support downtown improvements. Purchase at Cat & Hound Market, Oleander's & Gigi's. Bring your mug on **Small Business Saturday**, Nov. 28th to sample warm drinks from participating businesses while you shop. *Hosted by Morris Restaurant & Retail Association and City of Morris.*

11AM-1PM Horse-drawn carriage rides continue. Board at the courthouse.

11AM-1PM Morris Police will be stationed on the courthouse lawn with cookers and supplies to toast s'mores. Connect with local heroes. Hosted by Morris Police Benevolent Society.

THE PLAZA on Wauponsee

Dine at *The Plaza (as in Home Alone)* in the 200 block of Wauponsee Street.

Food truck court:

- ***Tacos Before Vatos***
- ***Cousins Maine Lobster***
- ***Applejax Creations Coffee***

***All the way from Kenosha, Eddie Karosa, Jr. - Polka King* from *Home Alone*- will entertain from 2-5PM at Keg Grove Brewing, 222 Wauponsee St.**

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See reverse for more.

Sunday, November 29th

12PM-3PM 9th annual Kris Kringle Market at Montage Wine Bar & Spirits, feat. 20+ small business vendors. 307 Liberty St.

Many downtown shops, pubs, and boutiques will be open on Sundays until Christmas!

1PM-3PM – Visit Santa in his house at 111 E. Illinois Ave. Bring your camera. Each child receives a candy cane and may choose a small gift. A beloved Morris tradition!



Events are subject to change.
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Meet Me in Morris for these upcoming events!

December 11th

Midnight in Morris - *Extended shopping hours until 12AM. Find restaurant specials and themed sips at pubs. Pajamas encouraged!*

December 12th

Holiday in the Hall - *Free, family-friendly event at City Hall from 3-6PM. Santa will hear children's wishes. Enjoy s'mores, hot cocoa, and a holiday coloring station.*

Winter Wonderland *- Morris Area Public Library will offer winter kids activities, crafts, and more.*

December 13th

Winterfest Market *Shop small business vendors from 9AM-3PM, hosted by 3 French Hens Market on Liberty Street.*

December 18th **New!**

Holiday Magic in the Windows - *Downtown shops and restaurants will reveal live holiday scenes in their storefronts.*

Visit Santa in his House *– 111 E. Washington St. Kids receive a candy cane and trinket while they last. Great photo op!*

- *Saturday, 12/5 – 10AM-1PM*
- *Sunday, 12/6 – 1-3PM*
- *Sunday, 12/13– 1-3PM*
- *Saturday, 12/19 – 10AM-1PM*
- *Sunday, 12/20 – 1-3PM*

There's More to Morris!

Open your dream in our thriving downtown. Retail and restaurant spaces are available for lease, including two unique city-owned properties for sale. The City of Morris offers grants for new and expanding restaurants. Join a vibrant, collaborative small business community in our historic downtown. Contact Julie Wilkinson, Business Development Director, at (815) 941-3685 or jwilkinson@morrisil.org.

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