

# Downtown Morris HOLIDAY

# HAPPENINGS!



## November 5 - 28 – Festival of Trees

Grundy County Historical Society and Museum –  
510 W. Illinois Avenue The museum will be open for bids  
on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 3pm,  
and Sundays Noon – 3pm. All auction items and bidding  
are also available at <https://richardaolson.wordpress.com>

## November 6 – December 13

### Holiday Open Houses - Downtown Morris

Your favorite downtown businesses will be hosting open  
houses every weekend. Begin your holiday shopping NOW!

## November 14 – 3 French Hens Holiday Market

Jennifer's Garden – 555 Gore Road

Shop the market and continue your holiday shopping in  
downtown Morris!

## November 21 – Downtown Morris

### "Kris Kringle" Style Market

In front of your favorite stores from 10:00am-7:00pm.  
Musicians strolling the streets and more!

## Grundy Bank's Home For The Holidays Lights Contest

Registration begins November 27. For more information  
visit [www.grundybank.com](http://www.grundybank.com) or register via email to  
[jhock@grundybank.com](mailto:jhock@grundybank.com)

## Friday, December 4 – Midnight in Morris!

Noon to Midnight. Shopping starts early this year to  
minimize crowds.

## Saturday, December 5 at 1pm – Virtual Santa!

Morris Area Public Library – 604 Liberty Street

All ages - children, teens & adults. This year we are inviting  
Santa into our homes via Facebook. Santa will bring crafts,  
story time and songs from his home to yours. Call the  
library to register for your goodie box 815.942.6880.  
Goodie Box pick up starts November 27th.

## December 12 & 13 – Peppermint Bear

### Scavenger Hunt – Downtown Morris

Bring the kids to search participating stores for adorable  
stuffed bears! Be sure to have your form stamped and  
submitted to a participating store by December 13th.  
Thirty-two names will be drawn to receive a stuffed bear!

## December 19 – An Evening With Santa!

Canal Port Plaza - 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Visit with Santa and your favorite characters while  
enjoying the music of Tony DeBlois!

## December 19 & 20 – Hurry! Holiday shopping

days are limited! Most stores have extended hours!

For more information, to volunteer  
or sponsor, contact:

### Morris Downtown Development Partnership

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<https://www.instagram.com/visitmorris>

For additional information  
on Morris Retail Association events, visit:

[www.shopmorrisil.com](http://www.shopmorrisil.com)  
[www.facebook.com/morrisretailassociation](http://www.facebook.com/morrisretailassociation)  
[www.instagram.com/morrisretailassociation](http://www.instagram.com/morrisretailassociation)

All events may be modified or canceled based  
on the status of COVID-19

Masks are required at all activities

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## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



## Monday, November 23 – Friday November 27 - Lantern Making

Pick up a lantern making kit at participating downtown stores! Kids can decorate their lanterns at home and bring them downtown while enjoying holiday events. (While supplies last)

## Friday, November 27

## Friday 27 – Thursday, December 3 - Community Tree Decorating Contest

Create a beautiful ornament to help decorate the large evergreen on the Grundy County Courthouse lawn. Be sure to write your name and phone number on your ornament. On December 3, we will select the most creative ornament and award a gift basket of sweets from The Sweet Tooth!



## Window Walk – Downtown Morris

Stroll downtown Morris' beautiful holiday window displays while participating in the Window Walk Contest. Search store windows for the items listed on a clue sheet and submit completed sheets at a participating stores by November 29. Six winners will be drawn for \$100 gift certificates! Be one of the first downtown, and pick up your Window Walk cloth bag FULL of offers from your favorite stores & restaurants! Most businesses will be open late.

## November 27 – December 11 - Virtual Christmas House Walk

Although an in-person house walk isn't feasible this year, let's take this opportunity to share our homes virtually! Share a photo of your tree, your favorite room or your entire house! Have you purchased décor from one of our great downtown businesses, or a local maker? Be sure to tag them! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/homefortheholidaysmorrisil> and find the virtual house walk under "Events".

## Festival of Trees – Continues

**Friday 27 – Thursday, December 31 – Make Some Music Photo Opportunity and Contest – Grundy County Courthouse Lawn.** Join the large image of carolers for great photo opportunity. Feel free to add a tune, or bring your own instrument. Post your photo on social media with #homefortheholidaymorrisil for a chance to win a \$25.00 Grundy County Chamber gift certificate.

**3:00pm – 7:00pm – Horse Drawn Carriage Rides – In front of the Grundy County Courthouse.** To allow for social distancing, registration will be required. Register at [homefortheholidaysmorrisil.com](http://homefortheholidaysmorrisil.com) beginning on Nov. 1st.

**5:30pm – 6:30pm – Drive-By Holiday Parade – Franklin Street from North St. to Washington St.** Jump in your car, put on some holiday music, and see the stationary parade from the comfort of your car. Enjoy floats, decorated vehicles, your favorite characters, Santa and more! Enter the parade route from the west at North Street only. Participants must also exit the parade route to the west. Attendees must remain in their vehicles at all time.

## Saturday, November 28

Window Walk – Continues

Community Tree Decorating Contest – Continues

Festival of Trees – Continues

Make Some Music Photo Opportunity and Contest – Continues

**10:00 am – Noon - Santa and His Reindeer – Grundy County Courthouse Lawn**

Bring your camera for this great photo opportunity! To allow for social distancing, registration will be required. Register at [homefortheholidaysmorrisil.com](http://homefortheholidaysmorrisil.com) beginning November 1st.

**10:00 am – Noon - Hot Chocolate and Cookies – Grundy County Courthouse Lawn**

Compliments of Streator Onized Credit Union.

## Sunday, November 29

Window Walk – Continues

Community Tree Decorating Contest – Continues

Make Some Music Photo Opportunity and Contest – Continues

**12:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Kris Kringle Shopping Event**

Montage Wine Bar and Spirits – 307 Liberty Multiple vendors will be displaying their holiday wares. Charcuterie demonstration at 3:00pm. Holiday inspired drinks will be available while you shop.