Numerous events are taking place this weekend and following through the end of the year, as the Holiday season begins, snowbirds return, and the City lights up with activities. Here is a sampling for the coming three weeks. More Information is available at ExploreTarponSprings.com.

**Weekend of Nov. 23-24**

- **Save a Lot Re-Grand Opening, Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.**, 780 S. Pinellas Ave. The newly-renovated and re-branded grocery store is celebrating with a ribbon cutting and 90-second “grocery grab” for two participants.
- **Euphoric Arrangements 1-Yr. Anniversary Grand Opening, Saturday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.**, 53 W. Tarpon Ave. See the new Christmas merchandise, and enjoy wine samples and refreshments.
- **Precious Heirloom Dolls Holiday Open House, Saturday, Nov. 23, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and ongoing through the holidays**, 807 N. Pinellas Ave. This unique doll gallery will be open to the public for the first time in years. The award-winning, hand crafted dolls, accessories and gift items are available for purchase.
- **Bohemian GypseaSoft Opening Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 23-24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**, 740 N. Pinellas Ave. This new store features everything wellness, including essential oils, crystals, and jewelry, along with alternative treatments including Reiki and Reflexology.
- **Amahl & the Night Visitor Christmas Opera, Saturday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m.**, Performing Arts Center. This Christmas opera is sung in English and presented by Opera Orlando.
- **Yoga and a Scoop, Sunday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m.**, Orange Cycle Creamery, 212 E. Tarpon Ave. Enjoy a one-hour yoga class by Gyspea Air followed by a free scoop of ice cream.

**Thanksgiving Weekend – Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday**

One of the biggest shopping weekends of the year encompasses the day after Thanksgiving through the weekend and beyond. Stores and restaurants throughout the City will have specials, discounts, refreshments, and more. Downtown shops are allowed outdoor displays of signage and merchandise.

- **Downtown Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Festival, Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** Sponsored by the Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce, the two-day event features craft and artisan vendors to fill your holiday shopping list.
- **Wine Walk, Saturday, Nov. 30, 4-9 p.m.** Sponsored by the Tarpon Springs Merchant’s Association, the event features wine samples and appetizers at more than 35 stops from Downtown to the Sponge Docks. Participants can enjoy the walk, or hop on the Jolley Trolley throughout the evening.

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Small Business Saturday Shop Tarpon Springs, Saturday, Nov. 30. This is a day to celebrate all of the City's local stores, boutiques, and restaurants, and spend the day exploring and shopping at the hundreds of small businesses in Tarpon Springs. Most stores observe the day with special offers, discounts, refreshments, and more.

**Weekend of Dec. 6-8 and Mid-week**

Snow Place like Tarpon Springs, Friday, Dec. 6, 5-10 p.m., Downtown. In its 8th year, the annual family-friendly Christmas festival gets better each year, with all activities free, including horse and carriage and train rides, snow slide, and more. The event includes the Illuminated Boat Parade that enters Spring Bayou about 8:15 p.m.

Sponge Docks Tree Lighting, Saturday, Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening at the Sponge Docks with music and a Christmas Tree lighting, then stay for shopping or dinner on the Docks.

The Four C-Notes-Seasons Greetings, Saturday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. The musical show features the hits of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, along with favorite holiday chart toppers by artists including The Drifters, Beach Boys, and many more. Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center.

Santa’s Calling, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6-8:30 p.m. Have your child receive a call from Santa Claus at home! Apply online at TRSDonlin.com or at the Recreation Center, and Santa will call your child between 6-8:30 p.m. on December 11.

**Weekend of Dec. 14-15**

Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. Organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Tarpon Springs Rotary, the parade route winds through Downtown beginning at South Pinellas Ave. and ending at Craig Park.

Christmas on the Sponge Docks, Saturday, Dec. 14, 2-8 p.m. Join in the Christmas spirit and shop along the world famous Sponge Docks, enjoying music, food, and craft vendors. Shops and boutiques will be open until 8 p.m. for holiday purchases.

The Gift of the Magi, Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. Enjoy the retelling of the classic O. Henry story filled with lessons on live and giving for the whole family. Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center.

Victorian Christmas at the Safford House, Sunday, Dec. 15, 1-6 p.m. Experience a traditional Victorian Christmas at the historic Safford House which is beautifully decorated for the holidays. The event includes guided tours, live music, storytelling, refreshments, and more.

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Additional Events

**Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 21, 9-10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon, Tarpon Springs Community Center.** Enjoy a fun, holiday-themed breakfast including craft activities and a visit with Santa Claus.

**Light Up the Bayou, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 6-11:30 p.m.** Walk around Spring Bayou amid thousands of lambathes adorned with special messages or memoriams to loved ones. A much-loved Christmas tradition sponsored by Sunset Hills Elementary School.

**Epiphany, Monday, January 6, 2020.** One of the country’s most celebrated Epiphany celebrations, the Tarpon Springs tradition is a day-long affair, highlighted by teenage boys diving into Spring Bayou to retrieve a cross. Services at St. Nicholas Cathedral begin at 8 a.m., followed by a procession to Spring Bayou and Blessings and Cross Dive at approximately 1 p.m. A Glendi (festival) follows at Craig Park.

Enjoy all the festivities of the Holiday Season in Tarpon Springs, and watch for all the coming activities and events sponsored by local businesses and organizations. Shop Local and Spend Your Time in Tarpon Springs!

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