

December 2022



Holiday Lights	Events and Shows	Ice Skating
Oakland Zoo Glowfari 12/1 - 1/29	The Dickens Faire (Daily City) Weekends 11/19 - 12/18	Union Square (SF) 11/2 - 1/16
Blinky's Holiday Drive Through (San Jose) 11/30 - 1/1	The Nutcracker Ballet (SF) 12/8 - 12/27	Winter Lodge (Palo Alto) Open year round
Garden of D'Lights (Walnut Creek) 12/1 - 1/8	Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair (Berkeley) Weekends 12/10 - 12/24	San Mateo on Ice 11/14 - 1/8
Holiday Lights Train (Santa Cruz) 12/3 - 12/23	Happy Holidays at Rockridge District (Oakland) 11/26 - 12/18	Walnut Creek on Ice 12/9 - 1/16

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE
JOLLY

As the year is winding down and the chill in the air gets crisper we are fast approaching the winter holidays. This means celebrations of love and joy in the dark of the winter. There are so many ways to enjoy this season, whether it is outings with friends and family or a quiet cup of something warm at home. This month, we want to share some ways to enjoy the winter.

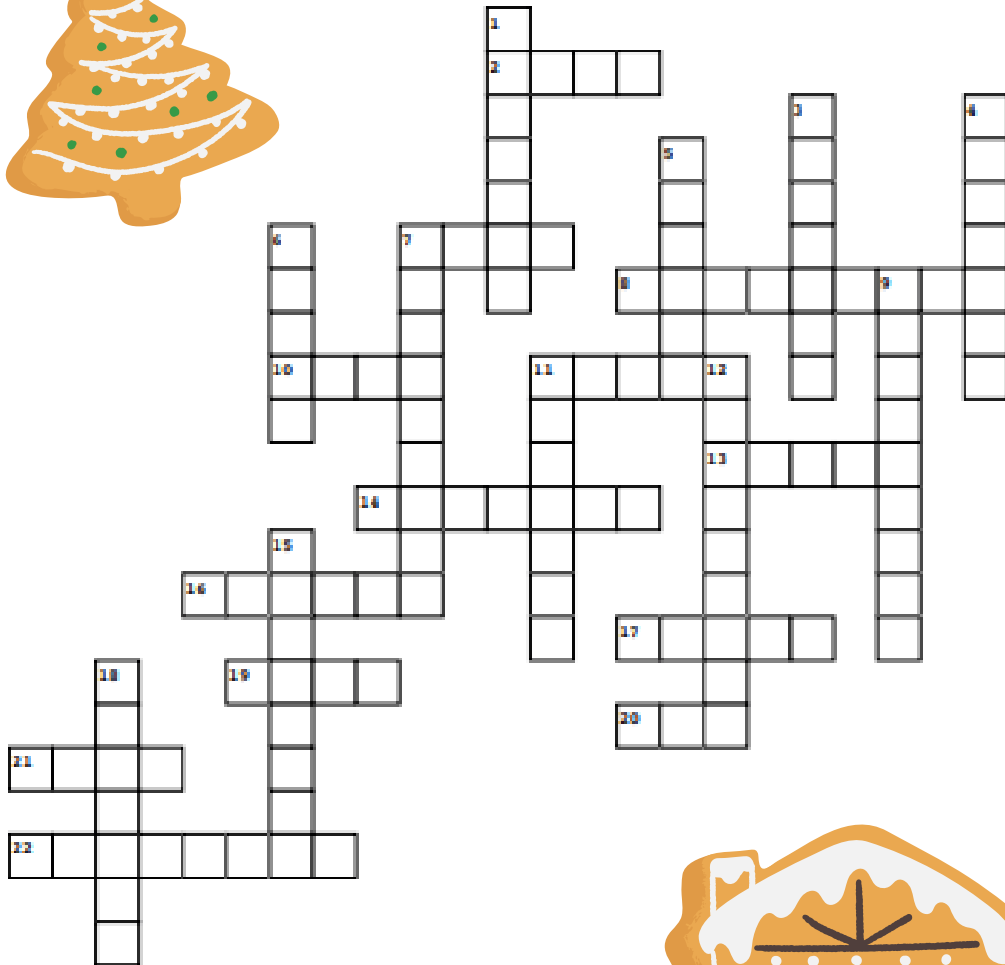


* Please check online for details and additional information about these event. S.G. Real Estate is not involved in any of these events. These are just a few of the many options available to the public during the holiday season.





WINTER CROSSWORD



Across

2. If you are not careful, you might catch a _____.
7. Something you sit on as you ride down a hill.
8. Snow crashing down a mountain.
10. White fluffy stuff that covers the ground.
11. Wet, partly melted, snow.
13. These keep your feet dry in the winter.
14. The first month of the year.
16. Change ice to water
17. Something you wear to keep your neck warm.
19. A large animal that hibernates.
20. Frozen water.
21. The opposite of freeze.
22. A snowstorm.

Down

1. Ice hanging from your roof.
3. Head south for the winter like birds do.
4. These keep your hands warm in the winter (hint: no fingers).
5. Something else you wear to keep your hands warm.
6. This covers windows in winter.
7. A piece of snow.
9. Merry _____!
11. A warm article of clothing.
12. Sleep through the winter.
15. The last month of the year.
18. A fun thing you can do on ice.

KOOKY COCOA

Classic hot chocolate is a staple for this time of year. We at SG wanted to share some of our favorite add ins for this comforting beverage

- Cinnamon
- Candy Cane
- Shot of Espresso
- Chili Powder (Just a dash)
- Carmel Sauce
- Nutella
- Sprinkle of Salt
- Almond Extract
- Orange Zest
- Maple Syrup
- Dulce De Leche



WHERE TO GIVE BACK IN YOUR COMMUNITY

During a season of so much joy and giving, we like to take a step back and see what we can do for those in our community who could use some extra support. We have compiled a short list of charities that give back to our local communities in the Bay Area. We encourage anyone who would like to know more about how to get involved with these resources to take a look at their websites.



- Alameda County Community Food Bank
- One Warm Coat
- White Pony Express
- Hands on Bay Area
- Meals on Wheels Berkeley

POPSICLE STICK SNOWFLAKES

I want to share with you a craft to bring a little cheer and sparkle to your home during this winter.

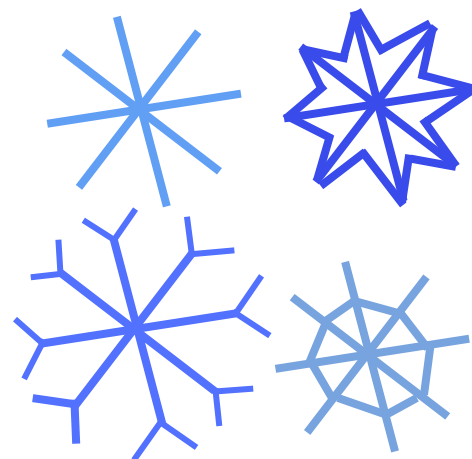
SUPPLIES:

- Popsicle Stick (Any size)
- Hot Glue Gun (Or any type of glue, it just will take longer to set)
- Ribbon or string
- Decorative items (Paint, buttons, gems, ect.)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1) On a flat surface take your popsicle sticks and place them in any shape you would like your snowflake to be. To the right are a couple ideas for inspiration. Feel free to cut the sticks if you desire.



Step 2) Use a dot of hot glue to connect the sticks anywhere they touch. You can test if you have made all connections by gently lifting your snowflake off the table.

Step 3) Create a loop with your ribbon or string. The loop can be any size, but for an ornament I would make it at least 1.5 inches long. Once the loop is tied, use your hot glue to attach it to the back top most point of the snowflake.

Step 4) Now its time to decorate it! This is really where you can let your imagination go wild. Paint, sparkles, and buttons are few of my favorite things to add to my snowflakes to give it a bit of the holiday flair.

Step 5) Admire your work!



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