

FALL/WINTER 2023



Fall into Fun!
Fall Festival
Oct. 14

GET READY FOR WINTER

From the 50th Annual Christmas Parade to our new Little Elf Workshop, NOR's Winter Season will be exciting, magical, and celebratory. **LEARN MORE INSIDE!**

ABOUT NOR

MISSION

To provide recreation programs and facilities for the benefit of the North of the River community.

ABOUT THE FUNBOOK

The Funbook is published three times a year in Spring, Summer, and Fall/Winter. Leagues, camps, and programs are available to the public. We're adding programs through the season! Programs may be re-scheduled or cancelled according to NOR policy and registered participants will be notified of a change in program status. Residents living within the District's boundaries may be eligible for a rate discount at registration for select programs.

Visit NORfun.org to find out what's new, confirm the most up-to-date program information, and register for most activities.

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NOR CENTERS



GA - Greenacres
 392.2010
 2014 Calloway Dr



SAC - Rasmussen
 392.2030
 115 E. Roberts Ln



RL - RiverLakes
 392.2000
 3825 Riverlakes Dr



RV - Riverview
 392.2020
 401 Willow Dr

Visit an NOR Park Today!

ALMONDALE 5501 Verdugo Ln



Visit NORfun.org for all 24 parks!

JOIN OUR TEAM!



Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to grow your career and make a positive impact in your community? Look no further!

We are seeking dedicated individuals to join our team and contribute to our success.

Visit NORfun.org for a full list of our job openings!



REGISTER ONLINE *For most activities, unless otherwise noted

- 1 Visit NORfun.org**
Click on the ONLINE REGISTRATION tab in the upper right corner.
- 2 Select activity type**
Select the appropriate activity type.
- 3 Select class**
Check the box to the left of the description.
- 4 Add to cart**
Select the ADD TO CART button.
- 5 Login**
Login and verify your account info.
- 6 Proceed to checkout**
Follow the prompts and proceed to checkout. You're ready to **JOIN THE FUN!**



**NO ACCOUNT?
NO WORRIES!**

Select the "Sign Up Now" option under the Login button. Add each family member to your account to register for unique activities.

THE NOR 411



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NOR Newsletter

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FALL FESTIVAL

ALL AGES Celebrate the changing of the seasons with us as we host our 6th Annual Fall Festival. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a kids' zone with carnival games, bounce houses, vendor booths, and so much more. The day ends with a movie in the park...and it's all FREE! Free lunch for the first 200 guests (while supplies last).



S	10/14	2 - 5p	Almondale	FREE
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50th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

ALL AGES Since 1973, the Annual North of the River Christmas Parade has spread holiday cheer to North of the River residents and Bakersfield. Join us for the 50th year of the NOR Christmas Parade Holiday Tradition! This year's theme will be "A Christmas Carol." Want to participate in the NOR Christmas Parade? Head on over to NORfun.org for all the details on how you can be a part of this NOR tradition.



S	12/9	10a	N. Chester Ave.	FREE
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MEMORY SUBMISSION PROJECT

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary, the North of the River Recreation and Park District (NOR) invites community members to submit their memories of attending, walking in, or performing at the parade. These submissions will be utilized as part of a larger storytelling effort to celebrate the history of the Oildale and North Bakersfield community and the role NOR has played. Submit memories online in the form of written stories, photos, audio clips, and video. See full Terms & Conditions at NORfun.org.



Submissions close September 30th, 2023

NEW HOLIDAY PHOTO STOP

ALL AGES Capture magical moments and memories with our enchanting selection of beautifully decorated photo backdrops. Bring your imagination and your own camera to snap photos with these festive and cozy holiday scenes. Bookings begin November 13th. Price is per time slot per single-family household.

F	12/1	5 - 8p	RV	\$25
S	12/2	11a - 5p	RV	\$25

NEW LITTLE ELF WORKSHOP

AGES 3-9 Kids will create an elf costume for 3 weeks and on the fourth day they will join Santa for some cookies and pictures. Costume will be made out of felt (Includes chirstmas hat & gloves). *This program is eligible for a residency discount.

11/9 - 12/7 (No class 11/23)

Th	Ages 3-5	4:30 - 5:30p	GA	\$64
Th	Ages 6-9	5:30 - 6:30p	GA	\$64

NEW SANTA BREAKFAST

ALL AGES Mark your calendars, set your alarms, and get ready to join us for a truly unforgettable Santa Breakfast experience! We can't wait to celebrate the magic of "A Christmas Carol" and with you! Kids 2 and under are FREE!

S	12/2	8 - 10a	SAC	\$10
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SANTA HOME VISITS

AGES 8 & Under Have Santa visit your home for FREE! Santa Visits are one week only. Reservations are first-come, first served basis as this is Santa's busiest season! Priority is given to children ages 8 and under. Santa has about 5-10 minutes at each house, so please plan accordingly. Santa visits are **ONLY** for single family households that live in the NOR district. For bookings, contact Riverview Community Center at 661.392.2020 between 8am-5pm. Bookings begin on Tuesday, November 14th.

M-F	12/11 - 12/15	5 - 8:30p		FREE
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WINTER CAMP

AGES 6-12 We invite campers to join us for two weeks of camp. Each day features activities based on holiday themes and offers a variety of games, arts and crafts, and special activities. Bring your own lunch and snacks. *This program is eligible for a residency discount.

T-F	12/26 - 12/29	7:30a - 6p	GA	\$154*
T-F	1/2 - 1/5	7:30a - 6p	GA	\$154*
	ALL SESSIONS	7:30a - 6p	GA	\$274*

NEW CREATIVE CORNER

AGES 6-10 This program gives children a chance to explore a wide range of activities including art, science, crafts, and cooking. Projects are developed for children to express themselves through their work. Drop off your child to enjoy three hours of fun!
*This program is eligible for a residency discount.



T/Th	1/2 & 1/4	1 - 4p	RV	\$70*
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CO-OP PRESCHOOL

Our children's school year program provides hands on activities, arts/crafts, music, and fun projects that celebrate the holidays. Children will participate in hands-on learning age-appropriate activities focused on (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Literacy, and much more! Parents are required to help with activity prep work twice per month. Child must be toilet trained and current with immunizations. One time registration fee of \$25. *This program is eligible for a residency discount.

GREENACRES (Ages 3.5-5. Must be 3.5 by start date)

M-Th	9/5/23 - 11/16/23	8:30 - 11:30a	GA	\$760 Sess./\$315 Mo.*
M-Th	11/27/23 - 2/22/24	8:30 - 11:30a	GA	\$760 Sess./\$315 Mo.*
M-Th	2/26/24 - 5/16/24	8:30 - 11:30a	GA	\$760 Sess./\$315 Mo.*

RIVERVIEW (Ages 3-5. Must be 3 by start date)

M-Th	9/5/23 - 11/16/23	10a - 1p	RV	\$675 Sess./\$275 Mo.
M-Th	11/27/23 - 2/22/24	10a - 1p	RV	\$675 Sess./\$275 Mo.
M-Th	2/26/24 - 5/16/24	10a - 1p	RV	\$675 Sess./\$275 Mo.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24!

LINE DANCING

AGES 13+ Country Line Dancing is a fun way to exercise and socialize. We will learn line dances like Electric Slide, Tulsa Time, Watermelon Crawl, Boot Scootin' Boogie, and Cowboy Cha Cha. A drop in year round class.

M	Beginner	5:30 - 6:30p	GA	\$6
M	Intermediate	6:30 - 7:30p	GA	\$6
Th	Beginner	10a	SAC	\$5
Th	Intermediate	1:30p	SAC	\$5

ORDER OF THE DRAGON

AGES 4+ Master Earl Absher, 8th Degree black belt, teaches a combination of Tae Kwon Do, Karate, and self-defense. Practical "real life" self protection program for all students. Goals are to learn self defense, become aware of stranger danger, and safety awareness - all with an emphasis on respect and discipline. This is a year round program, sign up any time! Ask about our new student special and prepaid monthly discounts. For more information, call 588-3217 or visit orderofthedragon.com.

T/W/F	White Belt	6 - 6:40p	GA	\$55/mo
T/W/F	Yellow Belt	6:45 - 7:25p	GA	\$55/mo
T/W/F	Orange Belt	7:30 - 8:10p	GA	\$55/mo

JUNIOR THEATRE - LITTLE MERMAID JR.

AGES 5.5-18 In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home — and her fins — behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking. **Must register to audition. All who register are cast.** *This program is eligible for a residency discount.



AUDITION

S	9/30	9a - 12p	RV
T	10/3	6:30 - 8:30p	RV

REHEARSALS

M-Th	10/16 - 12/8	6:30 - 8p	RV	\$230*
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PERFORMANCE

S	12/9	6p	SAC	\$10
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JUNIOR THEATRE - PETER PAN JR.

AGES 5.5-18 Peter and his mischievous fairy sidekick, Tinkerbell, visit the nursery of the Darling children late one night and, with a sprinkle of pixie dust, begin a magical journey across the stars that none of them will ever forget. In the adventure of a lifetime, the travelers come face to face with a ticking crocodile, the fierce Brave Girls, a band of bungling pirates and, of course, the villainous Captain Hook. **Must register to audition. All who register are cast.** *This program is eligible for a residency discount.

AUDITION

S	1/13	10a	RV
T	1/16	6:00p	RV

REHEARSALS

M-Th	1/22 - 3/8	6:30 - 8p	RV	\$230*
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PERFORMANCE

S	3/9	1p	SAC	\$10
S	3/9	6p	SAC	\$10

NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

We offer FREE educational, social programs and activities to assist children up to five years of age in learning skills necessary for adequate school preparation. All children must be current with immunizations.

LITTLE LEARNERS

Little Learners offers free educational, recreational, and social opportunities to help prepare children for kindergarten. The program is focused on early learning development.

M-Th	18mos - 3	8:45 - 9:45a	RV	FREE
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4 & 5 READY TO STRIVE

Get your child ready for kindergarten! Our 4 & 5 class is structured toward kindergarten readiness and focuses on new curriculum that includes Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), and Literacy. Age-appropriate hands-on activities are provided to help further your child's educational development, expand their social skills, and learn in a classroom environment.

M-Th	Ages 4 - 5	10 - 11a	RV	FREE
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NEW OPEN TURF - ULTIMATE FRISBEE

AGES 18+ Calling all frisbee players! Play pickup ultimate frisbee games and meet other local people interested in ultimate frisbee. Share experiences, inspire, and encourage each other! First drop in is FREE. Must sign waiver before participating. For participation after your first drop in, participants must purchase a 4-week pass at any community center for \$10.

Th	Ongoing	6 - 8p	Polo	FREE VISIT
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OPEN GYM

AGES 18+ Open Gym is defined an inclusive opportunity that gives everyone at all skill levels free time (for an established participation fee) to play with different players, come alone and have someone to play with, learn or expand skills, and most importantly, to have fun! The Open Gym program is not intended for the use of private lessons or group classes, competitive games, player discrimination or non-inclusion, or closed groups. Pickleball nets are provided; players set up and take down nets. Paddles and Wiffle Balls are not provided. Players and spectators must pay fee. Daily fee of \$3 or \$30 for a 15-day pass. **CASH ONLY**



BASKETBALL

T/Th/F	Ongoing	11a - 2p	RL (Starts 9/5)	\$3
M-F	Ongoing	10a - 12p	GA	\$3

PICKLEBALL

M-F	Ongoing	11:30a - 2p	RV	\$3
Su	Ongoing	11:30a - 2:30p	RV	\$3



BAKERSFIELD YOUTH LACROSSE CLINIC

Register directly at bakersfielddyouthlacrosse.com

AGES 8-18 NOR partners with the Bakersfield Youth Lacrosse League to teach participants the basics of this fast moving, action packed sport during a FREE clinic. Registration online is preferred, but walk up registration is available. Boys & Girls ages 8-18 in school. For more info, call 377-8711.

S	11/18	10 - 11:30a	N. Meadows	FREE
S	12/9	10 - 11:30a	N. Meadows	FREE
S	1/6	10 - 11:30a	Liberty	FREE

NEW ADULT ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT

AGES 18+ NOR invites all adult ultimate frisbee players to participate in our first Adult Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. A recreational tournament for adults of all skill levels and abilities to participate in. Team must consist of a minimum of 8 players and will play a minimum of 4 games. Registration ends September 6.



S	9/16	8a - 5:30p	Polo	\$350
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DISC GOLF

ALL AGES It's a walk in the park with a point! Try this exciting and popular sport, played similarly to golf but with "Frisbee-like" discs. In partnership with Kern County Disc Golf Club, we offer an 18 hole course with different tee locations.

Weekly	Ongoing	Park Hours	RV	FREE
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FENCING Register directly at kernaff.org

INTRO TO FENCING

AGES 8+ In partnership with the Kern Athletic Fencing Foundation (KAFF), youth and adults can learn the basics of Foil Fencing in an introductory 4-week course. Classes are held at KAFF's fencing studio located upstairs of the Bakersfield Woman's Club, 2030 18th St. All equipment will be provided. Participants must wear athletic shoes, full-length sports pants, and bring a water bottle.



S	9/30 - 10/21	12 - 2p	Ages 8-17	\$100
S	9/30 - 10/21	2 - 4p	Ages 18+	\$100

NEW SKATEBOARD CAMP

AGES 6-15 Join the Fun at our exciting youth Skateboard Camp, where young skaters can unleash their passion for skateboarding! Whether your child is a beginner or an intermediate skater, our sessions are tailored to provide appropriate instruction and guidance. Participants will receive expert coaching on proper techniques, balance, tricks, and safety measures, empowering them to progress confidently on their skateboarding journey. Registration Nov 20th – Dec 28th. Participants must provide their own skateboard and safety equipment (helmet, knee, & elbow pads). *This program is eligible for a residency discount.

S	1/13 - 2/10	9 - 10:30a	NB Skatepark	\$95*
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YOUTH & ADULT TENNIS

AGES 6+ Instruction will focus on basic fundamentals of tennis to include grip, swing, forehand, backhand, volleys, serving, and fun game based drills. Please dress appropriately and bring a racquet. Youth Beginner racquet size is 23-25". All other racquet sizes are 27". *This program is eligible for a residency discount.



YOUTH (9/30 - 10/28) & (11/4 - 12/16) No class 11/11 & 11/25

S	Beginner	8:30 - 9:30a	Westdale/MG	\$69*
S	Intermediate	9:30 - 10:30a	Westdale/MG	\$69*
S	High School	10:30 - 11:30a	Westdale/MG	\$69*

ADULT (10/1 - 10/29) & (11/5 - 12/17) No class 11/12 & 11/26

Su	Beginner	9 - 10a	Silver Oak	\$69*
Su	Intermediate	10 - 11a	Silver Oak	\$69*

NEW SKILLS & DRILLS - BASKETBALL

AGES 3-11 Whether you're a beginner eager to grasp the basics or an experienced player seeking to refine your techniques, our program is tailored to elevate your game and boost your confidence on the court. Join us on this exciting journey as we break down the essential skills and techniques that form the foundation of basketball excellence. The activities are designed to build on each other, allowing children to gradually improve their skills.



YOUTH - 10/6 - 11/3

F	Ages 3 - 5	3:30p	GA	\$105
F	Ages 6 - 8	4:30p	GA	\$105
F	Ages 9 -11	5:30p	GA	\$105

ADULT SPORTS

AGES 18+ Stay in shape and enjoy the friendly competition of one of our Adult Sports programs. Entry fees are per team so sharing the cost with friends makes it affordable and fun. Visit our website for registration deadlines for each sport's season.

BASKETBALL

M-Th	8/28 - 10/12	Fall	RL/GA/RV	\$625
M-Th	3/25 - 5/9	Spring	RL/GA/RV	\$625

KICKBALL

W	9/6 - 10/11	Fall	NR	\$250
W	2/21 - 3/27	Spring	NR	\$250

SOFTBALL

Su/T/Th	9/5 - 12/17	Fall	NR/GA	\$450
Su/T/Th	1/16 - 4/14	Winter	GA	\$450

VOLLEYBALL

Th	9/28 - 11/9	Fall	RL	\$375
Th	1/4 - 2/15	Winter	RL	\$375
Th	3/21 - 5/2	Spring	RL	\$375



DISCOVERY SPORTS

AGES 3-6 It's never too early to work on your child's motor development skills and NOR's Discovery Sports program provides the building blocks for learning basic sports skills in a FUN, non-competitive environment. Parents participate with their children so it is fun for the entire family. Choose from two different sports: soccer or t-ball, or try both of them and SAVE! Receive a 10% discount on 2nd sport when you register for two sports (per child) at the same time. Includes t-shirt, ball, and medal. *This program is eligible for a residency discount.



FLAG FOOTBALL (10/3 - 10/31)

T	Ages 3 - 4	3:30 - 4:15p	Almondale	\$59*
T	Ages 5 - 6	4:30 - 5:15p	Almondale	\$59*

FLAG FOOTBALL (10/7 - 11/4)

S	Age 3	9 - 9:45a	Almondale	\$59*
S	Age 4	10 - 10:45a	Almondale	\$59*
S	Ages 5 - 6	11 - 11:45a	Almondale	\$59*
S	Ages 3 - 4	2 - 2:45p	North Meadows	\$59*
S	Ages 5 - 6	3 - 3:45p	North Meadows	\$59*

INDOOR SOCCER (11/16 - 12/21) No class 11/23

Th	Ages 3 - 4	3:30 - 4:15p	RL	\$59*
Th	Ages 5 - 6	4:30 - 5:15p	RL	\$59*

BASKETBALL (11/14 - 12/19) No class 11/21

T	Ages 3 - 4	3:30 - 4:15p	RL	\$59*
T	Ages 5 - 6	4:30 - 5:15p	RL	\$59*

BASKETBALL (11/18 - 12/16) No class 11/25 - 4 Week Session

S	Age 3	9 - 9:45a	RL	\$59*
S	Age 4	10 - 10:45a	RL	\$59*
S	Ages 5 - 6	11 - 11:45a	RL	\$59*



NEW KIDDOS IN THE KITCHEN

AGES 4-7 Drop off your child for fun cooking activities this winter. Each child will learn step-by-step simple recipes that they will enjoy and will receive their own cooking apron. Two day class. Child must be toilet trained. Must be 4 yrs old by start date. Space is limited and fills up quickly. *This program is eligible for a residency discount.



T/Th	12/26 & 12/28	10a - 12p	RV	\$55*
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ROBOTS 4 TOTS

AGES 3.5-5 Children will work together crafting their own robot to take home using recycled materials and craft materials. Enjoy this FUN Robot activity day for FREE! Robots for Tots is brought to you by Chevron and NOR! *Space is limited to one adult per child! (Must be 3.5 by event date)

F	10/13	10:30a - 1p	RV	FREE
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NEW SENIOR MARKETPLACE

AGES 60+ Seniors are invited on the third Wednesday of the month during lunch time to stroll through a convenient shopping experience comprised of local vendors right at the Senior Adult Center.

W	8/16	9a - 2p	SAC	FREE
W	9/20	9a - 2p	SAC	FREE
W	10/18	9a - 2p	SAC	FREE
W	11/15	9a - 2p	SAC	FREE
W	12/20	9a - 2p	SAC	FREE



CONGREGATE NUTRITION

AGES 60+ Enjoy nutritious meals for older adults in a group setting with an opportunity to socialize with others. Live music is played daily. Call 661.392.2030 by 2p the day before to make a lunch reservation. Lunch is served promptly at 12p and participants should arrive no later than 11:45a. Voluntary \$3 contribution. For companions under 60, meals cost \$6.

Join us for holiday celebrations on these dates:
 8/25 Hawaiian Party
 9/8 Patriotic Celebration
 10/31 Halloween Party w/Costume Contest
 11/22 Friendsgiving Party
 12/21 Christmas Party w/Ugly Sweater Contest
 3rd Wednesday - Monthly Birthday Celebration

M-F	Ongoing	12p	SAC	FREE
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BINGO

AGES 60+ Grocery Bingo is played just like regular Bingo. Instead of a chance to win money, players have the chance to win snacks, toilet paper, or other household items.

GROCERY

T	Ongoing	1p	SAC	Varies
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PENNY

AGES 50+ Penny Bingo is a game that you can play from just one penny. This activity offers the same thrill and excitement as the higher stake games, but for a fraction of the cost. Not only is this a low-risk way for new players to learn how to play bingo, but this game is popular amongst experienced players too.

Th	Ongoing	5:30 - 8p	GA	Varies
F	Ongoing	1p	SAC	Varies

NEW SENIOR AFTERNOON MOVIES

AGES 60+ Seniors are invited to gather together for a movie night and light appetizers. Voluntary \$3 contribution.



W	8/9	1p	SAC	FREE
W	9/13	1p	SAC	FREE
W	9/27	ONE BOOK	1p	FREE
W	10/11	1p	SAC	FREE
W	11/15	1p	SAC	FREE
W	12/20	1p	SAC	FREE

HOBBY MEETUP

AGES 60+ Connect with seniors with shared interests and participate in your hobby with others at these informal get-togethers. Participants must bring their own supplies.

SEWING & QUILTING

T	Ongoing	9a	SAC
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CROCHET

W	Ongoing	9a	SAC
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PLAYING CARDS

T/F	Ongoing	9a	SAC
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PAINTING

F	Ongoing	9a	SAC
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EXERCISE CLASS

AGES 60+ Join Ruth Reid, an authorized Arthritis Association Teacher, in gentle exercise set to music. This is a great class focused on natural movements and general wellness.

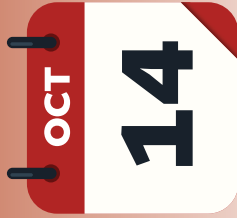


Th	Ongoing	9a	SAC	\$5
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Little Mermaid Jr. Auditions
September 30 & October 3
Riverview Community Center



NOR Fall Festival
October 14 2 - 5p
Almondale Park



Santa Breakfast
December 2 8 - 10a
Rasmussen Senior Center



NOR 50th Annual Christmas Parade
December 9 10a
N. Chester Ave.