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## **Special Events Make National Harbor Holiday Destination for All Ages**

***Waterfront Festivities Include Light Show, Fireworks, Carousel Rides, Holiday Market, ICE!, PEEPS Holiday Festivities, Entertainment and Water Skiing Santa.***

**National Harbor, Maryland, November 18, 2013** – [National Harbor](#) will truly live up to its Waterfront Wonderful theme this holiday season with more than a month of events and activities ranging from family-friendly carousel rides with Santa, to the Harbor's signature water skiing Santa, to special offers at participating merchants and restaurants. This unprecedented holiday event schedule makes National Harbor the destination of choice for [holiday events in Washington, DC](#) for both locals and visitors alike.

National Harbor is pleased to announce the following holiday events and activities:

**[Harbor Light Show](#) - FREE**

Nov 30 – Jan 5

A spectacular light show every 30 minutes after sunset until 10 pm located at the National Harbor tree.

**[Holiday Fireworks](#) – FREE**

Fridays, Nov 29 – Dec 20

7 PM

**[Carousel Rides with Santa](#)**

Saturdays, Nov 30 – Dec 20

12 – 2 PM

Kids can saddle up and take a spin on The Carousel with Santa.

**[Ice Skating Rink](#)**

November 29 – January 5

Hours Vary

National Harbor's first outdoor ice skating rink located on the East Pier along the Potomac River. S'mores, warm cider, hot chocolate and treats will be available Friday through Sunday, 12-8pm.

### **Harbor Holiday Market**

Saturdays & Sundays, Nov 30 – Jan 5

12-5 pm

Holiday Market features gifts and concessions from local artisans.

### **Christmas on the Potomac**

Nov 15 – Jan 5

Open Daily – Hours Vary

Experience two million twinkling lights, amazing nightly indoor snowfall, beautiful dancing fountains set to the season's most loved music, a stunning 60-foot tall glass Tree of Light, and the award-winning ICE! attraction featuring 'Twas the Night Before Christmas at Gaylord National Resort.

### **PEEPS Holiday Festivities - FREE**

Fridays, Nov 29 – Dec 20

6:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Family fun event hosted by Peeps & Company featuring sweet treats and Peeps-inspired cooking demonstrations. FREE to the first 50 children.

### **Holiday Caroling & Entertainment – FREE**

Fridays & Saturdays, Nov 29 – Dec 21

Local school choirs and children's musicals will bring holiday cheer every Friday and Saturday.

### **Waterskiing Santa – FREE**

Tuesday, Dec 24

12:30 PM

Santa will zoom by on Christmas Eve, accompanied by flying elves, the Jet-Skiing Grinch, Frosty the Snowman, and surprise holiday guests. Pre-event festivities start at 12:30pm including strolling holiday characters, hot chocolate and holiday music. Santa and his friends arrive at 1pm!

Throughout the holiday season, participating merchants and restaurants will provide customers with special discounts and offers. To download the complete 2013 Holiday Guides, visit [www.holidaysontheharbor.com](http://www.holidaysontheharbor.com). National Harbor is accessible from DC, Maryland and Virginia and features "No Hassle Parking" starting at \$3. ([Directions and parking info.](#)) For more information, please visit [www.nationalharbor.com](http://www.nationalharbor.com).

### **About National Harbor:**

National Harbor is a community unlike any other in the D.C. region, designed to take full advantage of the most historic river in the nation. Rising from the banks of the Potomac River just south of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Prince George's County, Md., National Harbor is a 350-acre, resort destination designed to include six hotels (including the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center), thousands of residential and office units, tree-lined promenades with scores of shops and restaurants, a marina and much more [www.nationalharbor.com](http://www.nationalharbor.com).

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Peterson Companies is one of the largest privately owned real estate development companies in the Washington, DC region and offers fully integrated development services for commercial, office, residential and retail real estate. The company is responsible for some of the most prominent and successful mixed-use retail, residential and office developments in Northern Virginia and Maryland including National Harbor, Downtown Silver Spring, Washingtonian Center, Fairfax Corner, Virginia Gateway, Fair Lakes, Burke Centre and Tysons McLean Office Park. Founded by Milt Peterson over 30 years ago, the company has an extensive two million square foot development pipeline throughout the Washington, DC region. For more information about the company, please visit [www.petersoncos.com](http://www.petersoncos.com).

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