

Hotels, restaurants, trains and more offer New Year fun

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Take out your party hats, kazooos and a bit of wild Lang Syne spirit as you personalize your plans to celebrate the beginning of a new year. Here's a sampling of some interesting ways to celebrate New Year's Eve. Enjoy safely!

■ **Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham**, offers a variety of ways to celebrate, including stay-the-night packages. A luxury room for \$225 (discounted from \$320) is available as is a luxury suite for \$295 (discounted from \$390) that includes champagne.

■ **Townsend Tuxedo**, chocolate-dipped strawberries and continental breakfast on New Year's Day. The packages include sales tax, gratuities and valet parking. Check-in is 2 p.m.

■ For those who want to dine in a grand way at the Townsend, another package offers an overnight stay in a regular room or suite for \$395. Guests will enjoy a five-course dinner for two at the four-star Rugby Grille restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

■ **Music by a solo pianist**, a glass of champagne, valet parking, sales tax and gratuities are included. Later seating at 9:30 p.m. for a seven-course dinner for two, plus a luxury suite, dancing in the Tea Lobby to a three-piece trio and champagne completes the \$645 package.

■ **Dinner without an overnight stay** is also available at \$210 per couple for the 6:30 p.m. seating, and \$495 per couple for the 9:30 p.m. seating.

■ **For reservations**, (248) 642-7900.

■ **Michigan Star Clipper, 840 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake**, lets you ride into the New Year on the popular train for \$125 person. The package includes a four-hour train ride, a five-course meal, choice of cabaret holiday music or a murder mystery; champagne toast at midnight, and a keepsake photograph. Board at 8 p.m. Depart at 9 p.m. with a return at approximately 1 a.m. For reservations, (248) 960-9440.

dinner for \$169 per couple. Reservations, (248) 349-4000.

■ **Camp Ticonderoga in Troy** and its sister restaurant, Beaver Creek Tackle & Beer in Westland get the New Year's Eve celebrating off to a start with dinner.

■ **Camp Ticonderoga's dinner**, starting at 6 p.m., is \$49.99 per person and includes party favors, champagne and late night pizza. La Trinity will entertain.

■ **Beaver Creek's dinner package** is \$31.99 per person and also includes party favors, champagne, pizza after midnight, DJ and dancing and tarot card reading. Doors open at 7 p.m. for dinner.

■ **Not hungry for dinner?** Camp Ticonderoga opens its doors at 9:30 p.m. for partygoers. The price is \$15 per person and includes entertainment, champagne toast at midnight, party favors and late night pizza. General admission is \$10 per person and starts at 9 p.m. at Beaver Creek.

■ **Camp Ticonderoga is located** at 5725 Rochester Road, south of Square Lake Road, Troy, (248) 828-2828. Beaver Creek is at 1609 North Wayne Road, Westland. (734) 722-6330.

■ **Northville Nite** offers lots of family fun, food, music, entertainment, swimming, carnival games and crafts from 5-9 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Department, 700 West Baseline, Northville. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for children, 10 and under. Buy tickets from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 26-27, and 30 at the recreation center.

■ **Photographer Steve Fecht** will be on hand to snap family photographs for a fee during the event. (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

■ **Alexander Zonjic, Joe McBride and Angela Boffill** entertain at Marriott Centerpoint's New Year's Eve celebration. Guest packages include dinner and the show for \$299. The price with an overnight stay is \$399. The Marriott Centerpoint is located at 3600 Centerpoint Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 648-6003

FIRST NIGHT.



The Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield presents
New Year's Eve Celebration
Birmingham, Michigan
Tuesday, December 31, 2002

FIRST NIGHT EVENTS

First Night Family Ticket

\$5.00 per person
Children 12 years and under are free
Choose from any of the following:
Balloon Lady
First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm • 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Birmingham Historical Museum
Exhibits, Face Painting, Celebrity Photos
Birmingham Historical Museum
Drop in anytime between 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Face painting 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fox Puppets
First Church of Christ Scientist - Downstairs
7:00 pm - 7:45 pm
8:15 pm - 9:00 pm

The Golden Griffon Stringlet
Contra Dancing
First Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall
Drop in anytime between 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Pippin Puppets
First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm • 8:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Spitzer & Sons Magic
St. James Episcopal Church
Continental Hall
7:15 pm - 8:00 pm • 8:30 pm - 9:15 pm

Make a New Year's Eve Mask and Make a "2003" Bag
First Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

First Night Star Ticket

\$10 per person for all ages
Marina is recognized throughout Europe as an exhilarating world-class pianist and composer. Marina will include classical music by Chopin and Marina's renditions of America's favorite music.
St. James Episcopal Church
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm



First Night Noisemaker Ticket

\$10 per person for all ages
The Red Garter Band will be on hand to bring in the New Year with a musical bang
First Baptist Church • 11:30 pm - 12:15 am



First Night Jester Ticket

Village Players Theater
\$2.00 per child (6 yrs. and under)
Village Players Theater
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

A fun-filled musical review of The Wizard of Oz
Tickets available prior to December 31st at TechnoMasters, 725 S. Adams, Birmingham. TechnoMasters is located on Adams between Lakes and Maple. Tickets available on December 31st at TechnoMasters and at the door of each performance venue. Payment by cash or check only. No credit cards accepted. For More Info, call: 248-258-8075 or visit website: www.technomasters.com/firstnight

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