

# Thanksgiving kicks off the holidays in Los Gatos

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*Bella Vista League founder Cheryl Bailey, second from right, poses with Kyra Adams, left, Denise Dulin and Andrea Holmes at the 14th annual Witchy Women with a Cause Lunch. The event has raised more than \$3 million for local nonprofits over the years. (Photo courtesy of Cheryl Bailey)*

Celebrate Thanksgiving without cooking at Verge Restaurant + Lounge at the Toll House. Their annual Thanksgiving buffet offers a carving station with roasted turkey and prime rib; a seafood station with oysters and shrimp cocktails; and guests ages 21 and older can enjoy unlimited mimosas. First seating begins at 11 a.m., last seating is at 3 p.m.

Reservations: [408-884-1065](tel:408-884-1065).

Lots of dough being made at Manresa Bread, and it's delicious. Order early for the holidays and wow friends and family with whole wheat, sourdough, pumpernickel-buckwheat-rye breads, rounds with fruit and nuts and Pullman loaves. These breads are made from local grains and hand-milled flour can be shipped fresh nationwide. 276 N. Santa Cruz Ave., [manresabread.com](http://manresabread.com)

It's wonderful when talented people give back. Uber piano talent Katya Grineva has performed at Carnegie Hall 18 times. Residents of The Terraces of Los Gatos were treated to a recital while Grineva was in town for a (now annual) benefit at the Saratoga Foothill Club. Her CD makes a great holiday gift.

A bra decorating contest? It was all in good fun to boost cancer awareness, highlight new treatment technologies and fundraise for Cancer CAREpoint. Dr. Kamakshi R. Zeidler, trained in advanced breast reconstruction, hosted her eighth BRA (Breast Reconstruction Awareness) Day. Contest. Judge Gay Crawford declared Good Samaritan Hospital staffers the contest winner. [www.aesthetx.com](http://www.aesthetx.com), [BreastCancer.Org](http://BreastCancer.Org)

It was quite a sight to see hundreds of imaginative witches' hats at the "Wonderful Witchy Women with a Cause Lunch. Founder and magic woman Cheryl Bailey has really pulled something out of her hat, starting with a lunch for 20. Fourteen years later, the event has made more than \$3 million to help the Bella Vista League and local charities serve local families and children in crisis. Hats off to you ladies! [WonderfulWitchyWomen.com](http://WonderfulWitchyWomen.com)

There's something magical about the Los Gatos Holiday Parade. Thanks to the Los Gatos Lions, LGS Recreation and Los Gatos High School, the 63rd annual parade will take place Dec. 7 at 11 am, rain or shine, A free bike valet service is available for parade p.m. at Municipal Lot 1 (near Flights Restaurant). You can leave bikes, scooters and strollers with volunteers while you enjoy the parade. Info: [lgsrecreation.org/community-programs/holiday-parade](http://lgsrecreation.org/community-programs/holiday-parade)

It's a good idea to reserve tickets now for Fantasy of Lights at Vasona Park. Tickets are a must and available online only and for specific time slots. Tips: Choose a weeknight with an early time slot. It's fun to tune in to 104.1 to hear Christmas music while trailing cars through the lights. Our grandkids love to shout "Merry Christmas!" through the car's sunroof. It's \$20 a car, but you can pack in up to 12 people. A walk-through is offered Dec. 7-8. Tickets at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

Join fellow Los Gatos neighbors and town leaders at the annual Los Gatos Tree Lighting. Los Gatos school bands, choirs and local musicians will provide music, and Santa will arrive for photo ops. On Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. the mayor will flip the switch and the fir tree planted in 1923 at by the Los Gatos History Club will light up Los Gatos Town Plaza Park (now with energy-efficient bulbs).