

# ANNUAL *Events*



## JANUARY

- napaARTwalk**  
[www.napaartwalk.org](http://www.napaartwalk.org)  
 Year-long Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in downtown Napa presented by Napa Community Redevelopment Agency and Arts Council Napa Valley. Visit all ten sculptures! At each sculpture, when you see the black and white boxes, you can download a free scanner app with your smartphone, then scan the code with your phone's camera and link to the audio tour.
- Napa Environmental Film Festival,**  
[www.napaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com](http://www.napaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com)  
 The newest Napa County film festival features positive, solution-oriented films about the planet with attending filmmakers. There is a Blue Green Day with free films for students and educators. Every film includes lively discussion with local leaders in the Green Movement.

## FEBRUARY

- Crab Feed month in the Napa Valley**  
 Visit the Community Calendar at [www.napachamber.com](http://www.napachamber.com) to find out about these popular community events that raise money for many of our charitable organizations.

## MARCH

- Napa Valley Marathon & Marathon Expo**  
[www.napavalleyrun.org](http://www.napavalleyrun.org)  
 The Kaiser Permanente Napa Valley Marathon boasts one of the most beautiful courses in the world. The course runs the length of the famed Napa Valley wine-growing region and except for the last half-mile, the entire course is rural. Runners are treated to panoramic views of the valley, flowering fruit trees and dormant vineyards carpeted with golden mustard flowers.

## MAY-AUGUST

- Chefs' Market in Downtown Napa**  
[www.napadowntown.com](http://www.napadowntown.com)  
 Now in its 17th year, Napa's most popular outdoor event combines food, wine and entertainment to make this one a signature Napa event. There are featured chefs' demonstrations from some of the best chefs in the valley—and you are invited to enjoy and taste, with three musical stages and kids' entertainment, too.

## JUNE

- Auction Napa Valley**  
[www.napavintners.com](http://www.napavintners.com)  
 Auction Napa Valley is the world's

largest charity wine auction, having raised more than \$100 million in 30 years for Napa County health, youth and housing nonprofit organizations.

- Connolly Ranch Family Farm Day**  
[www.ConnollyRanch.org](http://www.ConnollyRanch.org)  
 This event is always held in June on the Saturday before Father's Day. Open free to the public, this event offers the community the chance to tour the Connolly Ranch, visit the farm animals including goats, sheep, miniature donkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, Olivia the pig, the miniature horse and cow plus an assortment of new baby animals.

## JUNE-SEPTEMBER

- Napa City Nights Concert Series**  
[napacitynights@gmail.com](mailto:napacitynights@gmail.com)  
 Weekly concerts in Veterans Memorial Park. Bring a blanket, picnic and your dancing shoes. Fridays in the summer, 6:30-10pm.
- Movies in the Park Series**  
 Weekly movies in Veterans Memorial Park & Amphitheatre. Bring a blanket and watch under the stars. Saturdays in the summer, 6:30-8:30 pm.

## JULY

- Festival del Sole**  
[www.festivaldelsole.com](http://www.festivaldelsole.com)  
 Napa Valley's Festival del Sole is a weeklong event in July featuring a combination of concerts and exhibitions by internationally acclaimed musical and visual artists, discussions with top literary figures and culinary delights with the finest chefs and winemakers. It is the sister event to Italy's annual Tuscan Sun Festival, which is held every August in Cortona.

## AUGUST

- Blues, Brews & BBQ**  
[www.napadowntown.com](http://www.napadowntown.com)  
 Featuring Blues from some of the Bay Area's best blues musicians, twenty hard to find micro-brewed beers and BBQ extraordinaire. It doesn't get much better!

## Main Street Reunion Car Show

- [www.napadowntown.com](http://www.napadowntown.com)  
 Now in its 35th year with over 400 pre-1976 cars on display, plus entertainment.

## SEPTEMBER

- Annual Napa Valley Aloha Festival**  
[www.nvalohafest.com](http://www.nvalohafest.com)  
 Traditional Hawaiian entertainment, music, hula, crafts, Hawaiian vendors and food, great raffle items and more! Bring your blanket or chairs and enjoy the day on the lawn at the Napa Expo. This is a kid-friendly, "green" event—no pets, alcohol, drugs or large coolers. Please bring a donation to support the Napa Food Bank. Enjoy the Spirit of Aloha in your own backyard.

## Annual River Festival

- [www.friendsofthenapariver.org](http://www.friendsofthenapariver.org)  
 One of Napa's most celebrated musical events! This Labor Day weekend tradition continues with an evening concert on the banks of the river with the Napa Valley Symphony (performs from 7-9 pm), delicious food, fine wine and glorious fireworks (explode at 9:05 pm). Proceeds from the event support the Friends' mission of restoration, conservation and responsible development of the river.



Veteran's Park

## Napa River Wine, Crafts & Jazz Festival

- [www.napadowntown.com](http://www.napadowntown.com)  
 Celebrating its 34th year, this event has added music in a big way and a new location. Two hundred artists display unique, original handcrafted art and a new kids' craft area. Napa Valley wines make strolling down the street a summer delight.

## Wine Country Film Festival

- [www.winecountryfilmfest.com](http://www.winecountryfilmfest.com)  
 This popular roving festival takes place outdoors in spectacular settings and in select theaters and venues in Napa Valley, Santa Rosa and Kenwood, Sonoma Valley.

## OCTOBER

- Connolly Ranch Harvest Festival**  
[www.ConnollyRanch.org](http://www.ConnollyRanch.org)  
 This festival is always held in October on the Saturday before Halloween. Open free to the public, this event offers the community the chance to tour the Connolly Ranch and take advantage of activities that include meeting the farm animals, garden information, face-painting, free pumpkins and hot dogs and lemonade.

## NOVEMBER

- Christmas Parade**  
[www.napadowntown.com](http://www.napadowntown.com)  
 Since becoming an evening parade, Napans have figured out how to add lights to any entry—cars, horses, even children. The floats get a little better every year!
- The Napa Valley Film Festival**  
[www.napavalleyfilmfest.org](http://www.napavalleyfilmfest.org)  
 An annual celebration of the best new independent film and world cinema, paired with the world-class food, wine and hospitality of legendary Napa Valley. The Wednesday-Sunday event includes screenings of 75 or more new films; discussions with the filmmakers, actors, writers and producers; VIP experiences; celebrity tributes; Juried and Audience Awards; and both Opening and Closing Night parties. Screenings and events are held in "walkable villages" at various venues in Napa, Yountville, St. Helena and Calistoga.
- Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
[www.napadowntown.com](http://www.napadowntown.com)  
 It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, cookies and entertainment as Napa's mayor lights the Christmas tree in Veterans Park.