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## Breakfast with Santa Benefit for Lafayette Historical Society, Dec. 15

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Santa at last year's "Breakfast with Santa" event with, from left: Maggie Conklin and Lafayette Historical Society advisory board members Laura Torkelson, president Mary McCosker, Lauren Herpich and Larry Blodgett. Photo provided

It seems as if Thanksgiving were just yesterday, but since there are only three short weeks between the turkey and the tinsel, it's not too early to say that Santa Claus is coming to town ... and this year, he's staying for breakfast. Back for the second year, the Lafayette Historical Society is hosting its Breakfast with Santa benefit on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Sideboard Lafayette.

Perfect for anyone who wants more than just a wait in line for that quick photo-op with the big guy, guests of the breakfast will enjoy a private meet-and-greet with Father Christmas as well as special off-the-menu pancakes served alongside gourmet hot cocoa, and a choice of freshly squeezed orange juice or pour over coffee courtesy of Sideboard, which is the home to Lafayette's original Pioneer Store, opened in the early 1860s by Benjamin Shreve, Lafayette's first school teacher.

"This is such a perfect way for multiple generations to come together during the holidays, enjoy the spirit of the season and learn more about the city's past while celebrating the sugarplum dreams of our community's future," said Mary McCosker, president of the Lafayette Historical Society - the keeper of the city's artifacts, ranging from indigenous people's arrowheads, town founder Elam Brown's lantern, and more than 2,000 photographs, news clippings, maps and oral histories.

All guests gain a year's membership to the Lafayette Historical Society and access to a silent auction of items donated by local Lafayette businesses. Last year's breakfast raised nearly \$1,200 for the organization, which takes in 100% of the proceeds.

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