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Winter Lights Celebration Brightens Holiday Season

Grove City moves its traditional holiday festivities to Saturday for 2012. The community is invited to come out for a full day of yuletide fun along Broadway in the Town Center on Saturday, Dec. 1 for the Winter Lights Christmas Celebration with activities sponsored by the City of Grove City, the Grove City Town Center Merchants, the Grove City Welcome Center and Museum, the Grove City Arts Council and others.

City-sponsored Activities

The flurry of activities along Broadway sponsored by the City of Grove City starts at 6 p.m. Gather at Grant Avenue to see a holiday icon emerge as an ice sculptor applies his tools and imagination to a block of ice; listen to seasonal music as choirs perform carols on the stage in front of City Hall; view reindeer at Civic Place; and take an old-fashioned ride on a horse-drawn wagon east of Broadway on Park Street for a monetary, food or toy donation. Children can cozy up with Santa by the mural at Jackson Street to share Christmas wishes while posing for photos. Parents can take their own or receive one for a \$5 contribution to T.W.I.G. 184 benefitting Nationwide Children's Hospital. Donations of money, food or personal hygiene products for the Grove City Food Pantry and of toys and gift cards for the Jackson Township Firefighters for Kids holiday toy program are accepted on the southeast corner of Park Street.

The Winter Lights Parade steps off at 7:30 p.m. from Park Street Intermediate School and features marching bands, lighted floats and more. From the school, the parade proceeds north on Wilbur Avenue, west down Columbus Street, south on Broadway, then east on Park Street back to the school.

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Once Santa is done marshalling the parade, he returns to the stage to light the Community Tree located in the Town Center Plaza. To participate in the Christmas parade, contact the Grove City Town Center via e-mail at info@grovecitytowncenter.org or call 614-539-8762.

A Full Day to Savor the Season

Enjoy the Christmas spirit all day and arrive in the Town Center starting at 10 a.m. to enjoy holiday shopping and delicious treats. The Mistletoe Market, on Park Street west of Broadway, builds on the old world charm of the traditional German Kristkindl Market. In addition to the wonderful selections in Town Center businesses, the tents and food trucks offer opportunities to purchase unique, creative gift items, decorations and delicious treats to enjoy and share. For details, visit the Grove City Town Center website at www.grovecitytowncenter.org or call 614-539-8762.

The Grove City Arts Council hosts its Christmas Art Market and Exhibit in the City Hall lobby from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. View local artists' work and vote for the People's Choice Award while enjoying music and browsing art.

The Grove City Welcome Center and Museum, 3378 Park Street, offers a historic view of the holidays including decorations, musical instruments and contests through December. Stop in 5-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1.

Street Closings

To accommodate the Winter Lights Christmas Celebration and the Mistletoe Market, several streets are affected by parking and traffic restrictions. Drivers are asked to show extra caution when driving near the road blocks and on Kingston Avenue behind Park Street Intermediate School due to increased pedestrian traffic.

- Noon Friday through 6 p.m. Sunday: Park Street west of Broadway to Front Street
- 4 p.m. through approximately 9 p.m. Saturday:
 - Broadway, south of Grant Avenue to north of Grove City Road
 - Park Street, Broadway east to Arbutus Avenue
- Rolling road closures from 7:15 p.m. through duration of parade:
 - Park Street west of Haughn Road
 - Wilbur Avenue
 - Columbus Street from Wilbur Avenue west to Broadway
 - Broadway from Columbus Street south to Grant Avenue
- Parking is not permitted on affected streets after 3 p.m. or after 8 a.m. Friday on Park Street west of Broadway.

For a detailed schedules and to stay up to date on this and other events, visit the Grove City website or sign up to receive an e-newsletter at www.GroveCityOhio.gov, or follow Grove City on Facebook and Twitter.

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