

LEWISTON Christmas Walk and LIGHTS PARADE

Everything you need to know about the annual Christmas Walk

√ *Lewiston Christmas Walk & Christmas Lights Parade return Dec. 1-3*

Submitted by the Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce

The annual Lewiston Christmas Walk weekend will take place Dec. 1-3 in the historic Village of Lewiston, hosted by the Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce. Events include Santa, special store promotions and free children's events, and will conclude with an evening lights parade.

Many of the storefronts will offer special activities, treats, promotions and great shopping sales. The weekend activities start on Friday evening with the lighting of the village Christmas tree; followed by Skydive the Falls elves, as well as Santa's arrival by helicopter (courtesy of Rainbow Air) on Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning at 11:15 a.m.; and

will conclude with the Lewiston Christmas Lights Parade on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m. on Center Street.

Key events are as follows with a full schedule of events below.

Weekend Highlights

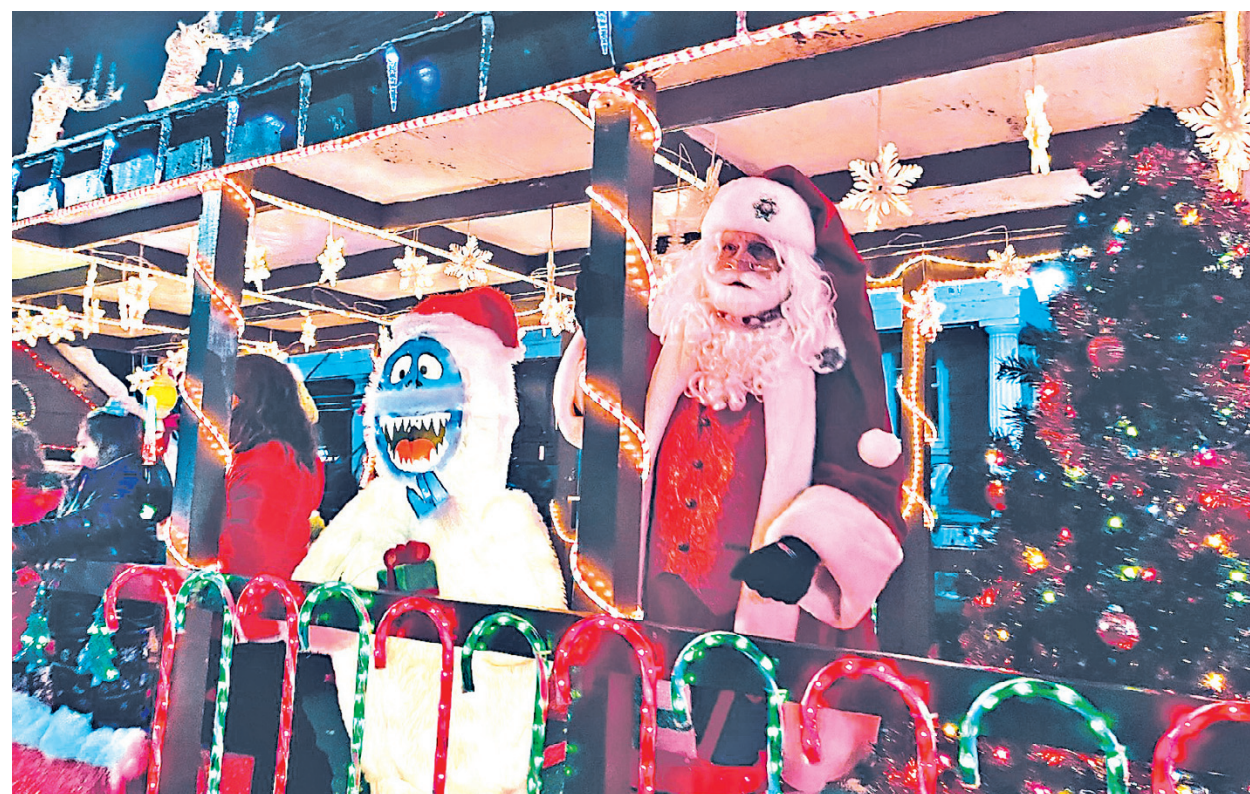
Friday, Dec. 1 - Tree lighting at Academy Park 7 p.m. Holiday performances from Harmonia Chamber Singers, Greater Niagara Ballet Company, Lewiston Dance Center, Janet Dunstan Dance Academy, St. Peter R.C. School choir, community sing-along, and a visit from very special guests! Store hours vary by location.

Saturday, Dec. 2 - Santa and Elves arrive! Santa and Elves arrive with Skydive the Falls at Academy Park at 11:15 a.m. (weather-permitting), alongside Santa's arrival by helicopter, provided by Rainbow Air at 11:30 a.m. (weather-

permitting). Follow Santa for his promenade down Center Street after his arrival at Academy Park. He will greet children at the International Peace Garden from noon to 4 p.m. Activities in the village continue through 4 p.m.: Free carriage rides (until 3 p.m.); a petting zoo at Hennepin Park; and free mini-golf at Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen (also noon to 3 p.m. Sunday). Shops are open - hours vary by location.

Sunday, Dec. 3 - Holiday events and Christmas Lights Parade! Shops are open! Free carriage rides from noon to 3 p.m. and a petting zoo at Hennepin Park from noon to 4 p.m. Center Street will close at 3:30 p.m. to accommodate the Lewiston Christmas Lights Parade, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

Send your letter to Santa - Get your letters written and delivered to Santa, right here in Lewiston! The red, regulation-sized mailbox



on Center Street will deliver your letter directly to the North Pole! The mailbox can be found outside of the Lewiston Peace Garden (476 Center St.) Any letters addressed to Santa that are placed in the box by Dec. 17 will receive a response before Christmas!

Note: This is not a U.S. Postal Service mailbox. Letters will go to the North Pole only!

Lewiston Wreath - Take your family photo at the Lewiston Wreath in Hennepin Park. The 7-foot wreath is decorated with fresh greens!

Shop Small

• Find a list of participating merchants online at www.upwardniagara.com

and www.wnypapers.com.

Additional Holiday/December Events

• **Nov. 25 - Celebrate Wilson Tree Lighting** - Martin Park, behind Wilson Town Hall, 375 Lake St., 7-8:30 p.m. Celebrate Wilson will light up Martin Park. Along with the tree lighting, we'll be serving hot chocolate as we wait for the "Big Guy in the Red Suit" to arrive.

• **Nov. 26 - Ransomville Festival of Wreaths** - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout Ransomville. Enjoy a pancake breakfast at the American Legion; pictures with Santa at the firehall; a craft/vendor fair and cookie decorating at Jill's Play Yard;

basket, quilt and woodcarving raffles; a parade, which begins at 3 p.m.; and the lighting of the wreath at 5 p.m.

• **Nov. 30 - Holiday Market** - The annual event returns to the Brickyard Brewing Company, 436 Center St., Lewiston, with vendors from 4-9 p.m.

• **Dec. 1-31 - Festival of Trees at the New York Power Authority Power Vista** - NYPA will feature a dazzling display of artificial evergreen trees, adorned with energy-efficient lights as part of the annual Festival of Trees event. Additional exhibits are also open to the public. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 5777 Lewiston Road, Lewiston.

• **Dec. 3 - Christmas concert by the Sanborn Band** - Wilson Historical Society, 641 Lake St. The concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

• **Lewiston Choraleers holiday concert** - 2 p.m. at St. John de LaSalle Church, 8477 Buffalo Ave., Ni-



agara Falls. Open to the public, with a \$5 general admission fee. Children 12 and under admitted free.

• **Dec. 9 - Christmas in the Village of Youngstown** - Stop by the Village of Youngstown Red Brick Hall, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for vendors, music and more. The event will be held at 240 Lockport St.

• **Lewiston Choraleers holiday concert** - 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 4671 Townline Road, Ransomville. Open to the public, with a \$5 general admission fee. Children 12 and under admitted free.

• **"Muppet Christmas Carol" movie** - 6 p.m. at the Lewiston Opera Hall, 732 Center St. Bring your own sleeping bag and pillow and spread out on the floor. Admission: Donations gladly accepted.

• **Town of Lewiston Recreation Department gingerbread house contest** - Starting at 1 p.m. at 4361 River Road. There is limited space, so registration is required. Visit www.lewportsports.com.

• **Dec. 9-10 - Christmas at the Farm** - Sanborn Farm Museum, 2660 Saunders Settlement Road. Presented by the Sanborn Area Historical Association, Sanborn Business & Professional Association and the Town of Lewiston. Activities for kids ages 5-8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., including frost a cookie,

Santa & Santa Store, and a basket auction. Lunch will be available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m.

• **Dec. 9 & 16 - Old Fort Niagara "Christmas by Candlelight"** - At 6:30 p.m., tour the Great Lakes' oldest building, lit entirely by candles and decorated for the holidays by the Youngstown Garden Club. Meet characters from the fort's past and watch the firing of the grand feu de joie. Tickets are required as capacity is limited to 250 people per night.

• **Dec. 9-17 - Ontario House holiday tours** - Winter décor and Christmas galore! Seven holiday-themed rooms will immerse you in history, fantasy, and the magic of the season. Free and open to the public. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 10-17; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, through Saturday, Dec. 16. Presented by the Youngstown Garden Club.

• **Dec. 10 - Lewiston Choraleers holiday concert** - 2 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 915 Oneida St., Lewiston. Open to the public, with a \$5 general admission fee. Children 12 and under admitted free.

• **Wilson Country Christmas** - The First Baptist Church in the Village of Wilson will present a country Christmas with lots of treats, crafts and fun! The event is free and open to the public.

• **Dec. 16 - Breakfast with Santa** - Stop by from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Lewiston No. 2 Firehall, 1705 Saunders Settlement Road, Niagara Falls. A full breakfast buffet will be offered for \$20 per person (children ages 12 and under are \$15). Registration is required due to limited seating. Register at www.lewportsports.com.

• **Dec. 17 - Light Up Sanborn and Caroling at the Farm** - Sanborn Farm Museum, 2660 Saunders Settlement Road. Starting at 6:30 p.m., let's be merry! Lights, music, cookies, snacks, coffee and tea.

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