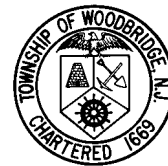


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NEWS FLASH ~ SPECIAL NORTH POLE BULLETIN ~ NEWS FLASH
SANTA ARRIVES IN WOODBRIDGE

Annual Woodbridge Township Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration
Tonight ~ Fri., Dec. 2, 2016 at 5:00 PM ~ Tonight
Barron Arts Center

Fords Business Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Treasure Hunt
Sat., Dec. 3, 2016 ~ 3:00 to 6:00 PM
New Brunswick Avenue (across from Fords Jewelers)

Woodbridge Twsp. - Mayor John E. McCormac announced that he just received a special news bulletin from the North Pole that Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in Woodbridge today - **Fri., Dec. 2, 2016 at 5:00 PM** - to assist in lighting the official Woodbridge Township Christmas Tree at the Barron Arts Center (582 Rahway Avenue.)

The annual Christmas Tree lighting and holiday celebration includes seasonal music selections and carols performed by the award-winning Woodbridge High School Choir and the Woodbridge High School Marching Band. Following the tree lighting, the Barron Arts Center will open their doors to the region's largest Holiday Train Show & Exhibit. The holiday train display has become the singular "stop" for the **'Season of Giving'** food drive. This year, the Barron Arts Center holiday train display is "on track" until December 30 (closed Dec. 25 & 26)... if you're stopping by to see the incredible train exhibit, plan to drop-off a food donation at the holiday express.

The first **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Treasure Hunt** – sponsored by the **Fords Business Community** – is set for **Sat., Dec. 3, 2016 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM** along **New Brunswick Avenue in Fords**. Follow the Holiday Treasure Hunt from Siperstein's to Dunkin Donuts on New Brunswick Avenue – the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony takes place at 6:00 PM in front of Tri-County Construction Company (across from Fords Jewelers) at 440 New Brunswick Avenue.

The **56th Annual Woodbridge Township Holiday Parade** steps-off on **Sun., Dec. 4 at 1:30 PM** from Woodbridge High School, marches down Amboy Ave., to Main Street, concluding at the reviewing stand at Town Hall. Join in this year's parade as more than 75 contingencies, including unique holiday-themed floats, high school marching bands, holiday choirs, community organizations, student and veterans groups, and surprise guests, join Santa and Mrs. Claus in welcoming the holiday season to Woodbridge. The "Season of Giving" food drive continues with "We Feed Woodbridge" collecting food donations along the parade route. For up-to-the minute parade information contact the Recreation Department "Holiday Hot Line" at 732-602-6045 or visit the Township web page at: www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us.

The Woodbridge Township **'Season of Giving'** food drive continues at the following Woodbridge Township holiday events:

Dec. 9: Barron Arts Center Presents: Sounds of the Season Holiday Concert. The Princeton Garden Statesmen LIVE on stage at The Theater at Woodbridge Middle School. 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Dec. 10: The Recreation Department's annual Holiday Gingerbread Cookie Decorating runs from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Parker Press Park in downtown Woodbridge.

Dec. 14: Woodbridge High School Winter Concert. WHS Auditorium. 7:00 PM. Tickets: \$5.00.

Dec. 17: Woodbridge Recreation Department Presents: Pictures with Santa. 10:00 AM – Noon at Parker Press Park.

Dec. 21: Woodbridge High School Choir Holiday Concert. 7:30 PM. St. Andrews Church, Avenel.

Dec. 25: Annual Christmas Friendship Dinner. Served from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. on Christmas Day at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading. The dinner is FREE. Please call St. Anthony of Padua Church at 732-634-1419 to confirm a seat at the table.

Non-perishable food items for the '**Season of Giving**' holiday food drive can be dropped off any weekday at the Woodbridge Township Health Center, 2 George Frederick Plaza; Woodbridge Town Hall, 1 Main Street; the Woodbridge Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza; or at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Your help and assistance is always appreciated.

If you're looking to maximize the holiday shopping experience, don't forget to "**Buy Local**" Woodbridge - where you always get the best bargains!!! So, as join in the caroling and enjoy the seasonal classics... or fondly remember holidays past with the smell roasting chestnuts... or help to serve a Christmas dinner to neighbors... it's always "Happy Holidays" in Woodbridge. For more information on Woodbridge holiday events, log-on to the Woodbridge Township Web Page at: www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us or call the Mayor's Office at 732-634-4500.

Happy Holiday's and have a Safe & Prosperous New Year from Woodbridge Township.

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