

First Friday in December brings holiday gala to Multnomah Village

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On the first weekend of each December, Multnomah Village transforms into a winter wonderland bringing carolers, horse drawn carriages, hot chocolate, and lots of great gift ideas for anyone who made the "good" list and even for the naughty!

With shops open late on Friday, Dec. 6, the first stop is the holiday tree lighting located outside Village Beads (Southwest 35th and Capitol Highway). A visit by Saint Nick himself, whose sleigh is due to arrive at 6:42 p.m. sharp,

will help with the lighting.

This a year a holiday train, sponsored by Riversgate Church, will take little ones around the parking lot of Key Bank. Carriages will be available at the Multnomah Arts Center as always.

On Saturday, be sure to head over to the Lucky Lab for the annual Kiwanis breakfast with Santa from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, and juice will be on hand for a small donation to help a determined charity.

But the big question is on everyone's mind: not that will it snow, but, will the promised trees arrive in time for the festivities?

According to Jennifer Devlin, with



Petie Farkas, owner of Peachtree Gifts. (Photo courtesy of Katie Parks)

the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, they are due to be planted right before Thanksgiving. (At press time, white paint had been sprayed indicating their placement.)

With "Shop Small" door mats, on participating businesses front porches, visitors are encouraged to shop local.

According to Randy Bonella, Venture Portland representative, 68 cents of every dollar spent locally stays in the community.

Newly elected Multnomah Village Business Association co-chair, Jennifer Robinson (Switch Shoes), said that traffic control efforts will not be in place that night like it was for Halloween trick-or-treaters.

"Drive and walk safe this season," Robinson said at the recent monthly meeting.

"Let's make this the best holiday shopping season yet!"

Please visit multnomahvillage.org and Facebook for the latest updates and schedule.

Dental staff celebrate anniversary



Dr. Lisa Jensen, and her staff of Ninja Turtles, celebrated one year at Multnomah Village Dental Care on Halloween. In full Ninja attire are Kelsey (Michelangelo), Lisa (Leonardo), Marissa (Raphael) and Aubrey (Donatello). (Photo courtesy of Multnomah Village Dental Care.)



Advent Afternoons
A Series of Special Events
For Families and Friends

Sunday December 1, 2013, 3:00 PM

Hanging of the Greens

A Special Advent Worship Experience and Decorating the Church for the Season.

Sunday December 8, 2013, 3:00 PM

Carols, Cookies & Cocoa

A sing-a-long of favorite Christmas songs - secular and sacred with special music by various artists and the sharing of Christmas treats.

Sunday December 15, 2013, 3:00 PM

Victorian Christmas with John Doan

A musical family program that explores how Victorians invented many Christmas traditions we remember and some we have forgotten.

(suggested donations of \$15 for adults, \$10 for student, child or senior)

Sunday December 22, 2013, 3:00 PM

A Blue Christmas Service

A service of singing quiet carols and lighting candles for loved ones lost, for friends and family battling illness or hardship, and for our own private troubles. "Blue Christmas" services offer what can be a welcome respite from pressure to exude Yuletide cheer for those who are grieving, struggling, or just feeling low.

You Are Also Invited To Join Us For Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Tuesday, December 24, 2013, 7:00 PM

Vermont Hills United Methodist Church
6053 SW 55th Drive, Portland, OR
503-246-1213

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