

# Hillsdale and Multnomah to hold joint holiday weekend festivities

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The Hillsdale and Multnomah Village business communities will hold holiday festivals the weekend of Dec. 1-3. On Friday, Multnomah Village will hold its annual traditional Holiday Gala which also happens to be First Friday. The tree lighting ceremony, featuring Santa Claus, is scheduled at 6:42 p.m. on Friday.

Two horse drawn carriages will travel between the Multnomah Arts Center and Key Bank as carolers sing and people shop and visit.

"The Golden Ticket program will be going on again," said Jill Crecraft, owner of Sip D'Vine in Multnomah Village. "The tickets are distributed by participating shop owners and can be used for discounts and special purchases at other participating

businesses throughout Hillsdale and Multnomah."

Crecraft will be having a blues band, the Mighty Michael Project, playing at her wine shop. David Klick, a local licensed massage therapist, will be on hand for chair massages.

The following morning, Santa will make his way to the Lucky Labrador Public House where the community can have breakfast, including pancakes and sausages, prepared by the Southwest Hills Kiwanis.

Hillsdale is resurrecting the once-popular "Chili Feed" at Food Front who will furnish the chili. A local bakery will bake cornbread and hot chocolate will be served.

"We're calling it the Hillsdale Holiday Fling," said Crecraft who attends most Hillsdale business meetings each month. The fling is from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"We plan to coordinate with the Multnomah Holiday Gala to help publicize our event as well as our participation in the Golden Ticket holiday

promotion," said Mike Roach, owner of Paloma Clothing and co-chair of the Hillsdale Business and Professional Association.

"We're going to have roving choirs from southwest Portland schools singing that day," Roach said.

All proceeds from the event will go to the participating school choirs. On Sunday, the Hillsdale Farmers' Market will also hold its holiday festivities.

### Hillsdale looks to bring more people to the town center

The Hillsdale Business and Professional Association meets on the third Wednesday most months. In October, a dozen members met to brainstorm ways to breathe life back into the commercial area of the town center.

Don Baack, a long-time resident who represents Southwest Trails,

wants to look at ways to keep people in Hillsdale after they finish their coffee or fitness class.

Hillsdale does hold an annual book sale in conjunction with the blueberry pancake breakfast each July. A well-

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Wilson High School carolers stop by the Christmas Tree in Multnomah Village during the annual Holiday Gala. (Post file photo by Erik Vidstrand)

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