**2019 Christmas Festival Activities**

Our annual Christmas Festival in St. Paul will be held Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7th, 2019. We encourage you to take part in the various activities that we have planned as there are activities for people of all ages. We hope you have a wonderful Holiday experience.

**Festival of Trees:**

If you are a local designer, individual, local business, community group, or just a group of friends, show your holiday spirit by decorating a Christmas tree that will on display for all to see. Trees may be decorated with any style or theme; from something elegant to adorable, traditional to comedy. . . . its up to you and your imagination. Trees must be decorated by November 12th and will be on display at the Civic Center through December 10th. **Trees must be registered in advance – space is limited.** Call Barb at 308-750-4072 for more details.

**Christmas Craft/Gift Boutique**

No need to shop out of town when you can find some unique items at the Civic Center. Vendors will be available on Friday 10 am to 8 pm. And on Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. There is something for everyone so come down and get you shopping done early. There will also be a booth of home-baked goodies for those that want to enjoy baked goods without having to dirty-up you kitchen.

**Soup Supper**

No need to cook on Friday night, December 6th. The Howard County Food Pantry will be hosting a soup supper at the Civic Center from 5 to 8 pm. Bring your appetite and a free will donation. Warm yourself up with a bowl of soup and a sweet dessert.

**Children’s Christmas Activities:**

From 4:30 to 7:30 pm on Friday, December 6th, children of all ages are invited to the Civic Center gym for Christmas activities: inflatables will be available and if you have not already done so, you even be able to write that last minute letter to Santa. Santa will be available on Saturday, December 7th, from 9 to 11 am.

**Live Nativity**

Either before or after you get some soup to warm you up, stop by the Howard County Historical Village to see the village beautifully decorated for Christmas. See the live nativity near the Blacksmith Shop, complete with live animals. Live Nativity will be on display on Friday, Dec. 6th from 6-7 pm. There will also be nativities on display at the new building in the Village and they will be on display through Christmas. If you have a Nativity set, you would like to have displayed call Julie at 308-863-2275.

**Hayrack Ride**

People wishing to be transported between the Civic Center and the Historical Village on Friday evening can sit and enjoy the crisp December weather as you ride on the holiday hayrack ride. The hayrack wagon will be available from 5 – 8 pm, on Friday, December 6th.

**Breakfast with Santa**

Santa is busy this time of year, but he told us that he would be eating breakfast at the Civic Center on Saturday, December 7th. All the good boys and girls are welcome to join him for a free breakfast from 9 to 11 am. Children aged 4 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**Christmas Movie**

No one can pass up a good Christmas movie! Children of all ages (adults included) are invited to the community room at the St. Paul Library on Saturday, December 7th at 1 pm. to watch a Christmas movie.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas activities we have planned this year. If you have suggestions for future activities, please let us know. The Christmas committee would love to hear from you. Contact Carolyn at 308-754-5558.

Don’t forget to sign up at area businesses for our weekly Chamber $$ give away.

Merry Christmas to you and your family!