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Lights On Set for Dec 5th

Join us on Friday December 5th in downtown Taunton from 5:30pm-9pm for the 94th lighting of Taunton Green and Lights On 2008.

If you haven't already noticed, Taunton's Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Department is busy at work on Taunton Green setting the preparations for this year's traditional lighting ceremony. This year's display theme - 'through the eyes of a child' will accompany the Lights On Festival that's been around for 20 years.

The Lights On festival itself, though much younger than the annual lighting, has become a Taunton tradition of its own. What began as a humble ceremony to kick off the annual tree lighting has grown into a carnival of cultural activity encompassing all of downtown proper. It's enjoyed by young and old year after year.

Lights On will take place at numerous indoor and outdoor venues throughout the downtown. The twenty-two performance sites slated for this year's event will present a variety of local and regional talent including choral, theatre, dance, musicians, puppeteers, magicians, jugglers and much more.

The evening begins at 5:30pm followed by the lighting of the Green at 6:30 with Santa arriving immediately following the illumination. This year will mark the second year for one special Taunton school child to flip the switch and light up the Green. Mayor Charles Crowley will announce the lucky winner during the illumination ceremony. For more information on the contest, contact the Mayor's office at 508-821-1000.



2007 Lights On photo courtesy Rick Ferreira

Heart of Taunton Mission Statement

The Vision: We see the heart of downtown becoming a thriving center of commerce and culture for the greater Taunton community and Southeastern Massachusetts.

Our Mission: To this end, it is our mission to facilitate key local, regional and national resources and relationships to transform downtown Taunton into a regional destination for commerce and culture.

Santa's on Taunton Green through December!

Santa Claus will be on Taunton Green beginning Friday December 5th (he arrives by fire truck) and continuing through December 21st. His hours are Thursday-Sunday 6pm-9pm. Pictures are also available. Santa's Village is sponsored in part by the Taunton Area Jaycees.

HOT welcomes 5 new members for 2008

Barbour Realty Group
The Barber Zone
BVC Realty
Isabella's Bridal
Bristol Plymouth Teachers
Association

Please support our members!

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Before, during and after the ceremonies, guests may visit the many performance sites. Admission button price remains the same this year at \$6 in advance (available at all downtown banks and businesses -as well as Mechanics Cooperative Bank, and Shaws Supermarkets) and \$7 that evening. One button allows access into every site.

Lights ON kicks off Taunton's now infamous 'Christmas City Weekend' -with events happening all weekend long. The following evening will be the annual Holiday Bash at the Sandbar Grill /Tiki Bar Room on Dec 6th from 7pm -12midnite. DJ Kevin Hamblett and the band The Freeze pops will be performing. Tickets are on sale now and available at the Heart of Taunton office at \$40 per person. A full meal is included in the ticket price. There will be 5 fabulous raffle

baskets that evening and chances are also available in advance.

Closing the weekend off will be the traditional Taunton Christmas Parade at 12noon on Sunday December 7th. This year's Lights On event wouldn't be possible without the help of many local businesses and individuals. Special thanks to our corporate sponsors : Target Stores, Bristol County Savings Bank, Mass Cultural Council, Webster Bank, Rotary Club of Taunton (ornament) , Taunton Area Jaycees (Santas Village) and all of our many site sponsors.

For more information about Lights On 2008 or the Holiday Bash, call the Heart of Taunton office at 508-880-4960. For parade information call 508-821-1415.

Parking Rates Change in Downtown

On October 7, 2008, the Taunton Parking Commission appeared before the Taunton City Council Ordinance Committee with a comprehensive proposal to amend the 'on' and 'off' street parking in downtown Taunton. On October 29, 2008, the ordinance was passed. The new rates: \$.25 cents for 20 minutes or \$.75 cents an hour with a 2 hour maximum in the downtown. The Martin Parkway will be a 4 hour maximum. Effective January 1, 2009, the Leonard Street Parking Garage hours of operation will be 6am-9pm. Customers will pay when they exit the deck. The first hour will be free with the second hour and each additional hour \$1.00 with a \$10.00 maximum. All residents and non-residents

will pay \$30 for a monthly pass for either the Parking Garage or the Court Street lot.. The Court Street lot will be a flat fee of \$5 per day. Validation stamps will be eliminated. The Parking Commission and the Chief of Police will ensure that permits are available for purchase by the general public during normal business hours at the Police station, the Leonard Street Parking Garage and the Court Street Parking Lot.

Correspondence to the Parking Commission can be addressed to Taunton Parking Commission : Ed Valadao, Chairman c/o Taunton City Hall 15 Summer Street , Taunton, MA 02780.

Mayor Charlie Crowley, the City of Taunton and the Heart of Taunton
Invite You to Celebrate Christmas City Weekend!

Holiday Bash

Saturday, December 6, 2008
7:00pm - 12:00midnight
Sandbar Grille - Tiki Bar Room
64 Weir Street Taunton

Tickets \$40pp
Includes Meal and
Dancing with DJ Kevin Hamblett and The Freeze Pops!

508-880-4960
Seating is limited, advanced purchase recommended

Sponsored in part by Farrell Backlund Insurance Agency,
The Sandbar Grille and the MOEED.

Tickets on Sale Now!!

Get Yours Today!!

Silver City Salutes Roast A Big Hit

The evening was set, the speakers had their speeches rehearsed and ready to go. Emcee Ed Valadao warmed the audience up and the fun began. The recipients of this year's roast were Tom Porter of Morton Hospital and Patrick Murray of Bristol County Savings Bank.

Mr Murray has been involved in the local community for many years. His work with the United Way, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Community Care Services, Bristol Community College Foundation and the Heart of Taunton gave much credence to receiving this year's Salutes award. Co-worker Len Sullivan and close friend Rick Pomroy had the audience completely engaged in laughter during their stories of Pat. Not only did they commend his accomplishments, they also poked fun and found new ways to share in life's stories with humor and tribute.

Mr Porter has been involved in the community for 30 years and for the past 21, has

been the President and CEO of Morton Hospital. He's been involved with the Rotary Club of Taunton, Mass Hospital Assoc, Cranberry Chamber of Commerce, The United Way and the Red Cross. He's also supported the Heart of Taunton both personally and professionally throughout the years. Tom had the good fortune of being roasted by friend and Morton Hospital Auxillary member Midge Goren and President of the Board Ed Roster. Midge hit the mark with her antics and stories and proved that she alone could continue a career in a one woman comedy show.

E. Dennis Kelly, President of Bristol County Savings Bank closed the evening with a fine tribute to both gentlemen.

Pictures of the event can be seen on the Heart of Taunton website at <http://www.heartoftaunton.com/> photos.



Roast recipients Tom Porter and Pat Murray pose during the event.



Audette Costa, Melissa DaCosta and Julie Sprague pose at the Salutes Roast



Len Sullivan and guests at the Salutes Roast

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Myer Dana 617-928-1700

85 Main Street
2500 or 5000 sq. feet
office/retail
Dolores Milho 508-824-6900

14-18 Broadway
800 sq. feet office/retail space
1200 sq. feet office/retail
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Pam Sheehan 508-880-6776

66 Main Street
1st floor, 5300 sq. feet
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Joe Norte 508-824-7720

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