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Plymouth's 2016 Hometown Holiday Celebration is Dec 2-5

Plymouth's 2015 Hometown Holiday Celebration and Parade is less than a month away! Invite your friends and relatives to come for a visit on the weekend of Dec 3rd to enjoy a great Plymouth tradition.

It's going to be a fun-filled weekend. Friday, PSU's Operating Staff begins its 9th Annual Festival of Trees starting at 10:30 AM, with beautifully decorated trees on display for viewing at the Senior Center. For Festival of Trees information, call Christine Hoch at 535-2593 or e-mail ckhoch@plymouth.edu

The centerpiece of the Celebration is <u>The Parade</u> at 5 PM Saturday (Dec 3). Starting at 4 PM, everyone makes their way to Main Street for the Celebration. There'll be cookie decorating with the Elves on the Common, plenty of Christmas atmosphere, and free hot chocolate at Main Street Banks' "warming stations". Starting at 4:30, Trish Lindberg and AJ Coppola will lead us in song and fun on the Common. Prior year's parades have bustled with brightly lit floats, bands, a "wrecker train", decorated walking groups, a Chinese dragon, decked out animals, dance troupes, and, of course, Santa. What will this year bring? We can't wait to see.

After the parade, Santa will visit with the kids at the Senior Center. For the eighth year, Alex Ray and the Rotarians will be hosting a "Chill-buster" Barbeque and Bonfire on Green Street across from the Senior Center. And then... Fireworks!! What a great way to end the evening!

On Sunday, skate for free with Santa at the PSU ice arena from 1-3 PM. Santa will be on the ice for visiting and for free photographs. Free skates are available thanks to PSU.

There's still time to register for the parade. Get the registration form and guidelines from the Plymouth Rotary Website at www.plymouthnhrotary.org. Or, contact Marcie Gowen at 236-9121 (mgowen@the guarantybank.com) or Steve Rand at 236-6587 for paper forms. Registration period ends Friday Dec 2.

The parade committee is now actively involved in raising funds for the event. Contributions are gratefully accepted. This year, Rotary has pledged proceeds of this event to support Plymouth Area Democrat's "Keep the Heat On" program and the Young Ladies Library Association's "Old Webster Courthouse Restoration and Preservation project" (information at http://www.oldwebstercourthouse.org/).

Write Checks to "Plymouth Rotary Foundation- Parade" and mail contributions to: Marcie Gowen, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, 7 Town West Road, Plymouth NH 03264. Thank you for your support.

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