

2018 Holiday Events & Activities for December



Tis the Season for some holiday fun!

The tradition continues with some of our popular events & programs all month long. Come out and celebrate the holiday season with your friends at the Recreation Department!

Annual Village Green Holiday Tree Lighting & Carol Sing

Sunday, December 2

5:00 – 6:30pm

The South Kingstown Parks & Recreation Department invites you to join us as we celebrate the start of the holiday season at the Neighborhood Guild. Santa will be arriving on the Village Green at 6:15pm to help us light all the trees!

Come early and enjoy some of the great activities inside the Guild before heading outside.

Please note: in the event of rain or inclement weather some activities be altered.

*Holiday Crafts & Movie for children ages 3-11

*Knapp School Woodwind Instructor *Tyler Tashjian* will be back again to play for all to enjoy

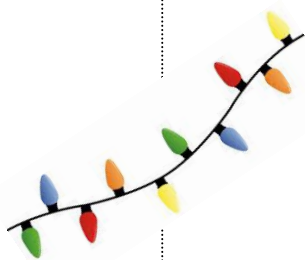
**Peace Dale Congregation* will be here singing Christmas Carols

**The Peace Dale Elementary Children's Choir* performs outside on the Village Green

**Wakefield Concert Band* performs outside on the Green.

*Complimentary hot chocolate, and candy canes will available (while supplies last).

**Santa* arrives and will join us to help light the tree and sing a few holiday songs



Pottery Studio Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 2

4:30 – 7:00pm

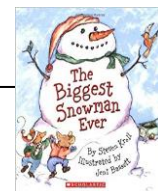
- *Music
- *Refreshments
- *Pottery Activities
- *Pottery Demonstrations
- *Clay Ornament / Pottery Sale

The Studio is located in the Peace Dale Office Building right next to the Village Green. Be sure to stop in during the Tree Lighting! This is a great way to do a little shopping and see all the great work that goes on at the Studio.

Janet Gould Memorial StoryWalk®

A special holiday StoryWalk® begins on Sunday, December 2 as a part of our Annual Tree Lighting on the Village Green! Walk along the Green, through the holiday trees and enjoy "*The Biggest Snowman Ever*" by Steven Knoll. The story will be displayed until January 2nd. Join us as we celebrate the season.

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Annual Holiday Mini Tree Sponsorship

A great way to participate in our Annual Tree Lighting as well as celebrate the season with family, friends, co-workers, community groups or in memory of someone special.

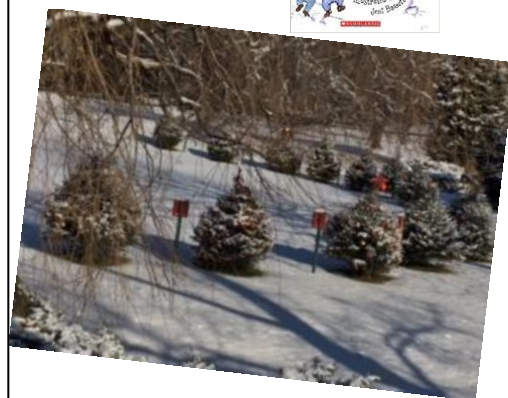
For the last several years this program has been a great addition to the beautiful Village Green. We hope that you'll consider joining us by sponsoring a tree.

It's simple to participate:

- purchase a tree for \$35 (includes 2 sets of lights and a personal message)
- staff will put up the tree with the lights and type your message
- decorate the tree if you wish (please use non-breakable decorations)
- join us for the main event on December 2

You may reserve a tree in person at the Guild or online starting November 9.

The deadline to purchase a tree is Wednesday, November 2.





Special Visits with Santa @ the Neighborhood Guild

December 5, 6 & 7

(Wed 5:30 – 7:30pm, Thur & Fri 5:30 – 7:00pm)

Santa has cleared his busy schedule and is very excited to return to Wakefield to visit with those families looking for a special visit with him. While he's busy year round getting ready for Christmas, Santa always manages to find a few days to stop at the Guild and chat with his special friends!

Pre-registration is required (in advance). To sign up you may call the Guild at 789-9301 or stop by the front desk and the staff will make the appointment for you.

A few important things to know...

*Registration starts Friday, November 9

*Visits are schedule in 5 minute increments

*There is a \$7 fee per family due at the time of your visit.

*Only 1 family per time slot with a maximum of 3 children

Note: families with more than 3 children, need to reserve 2 time slots (at \$7 each)

ANNUAL MITTEN TREE COLLECTION

Over the years, this program has been so well received and we are happy to continue with the tradition of helping others around the holiday season.

Starting November 26, when you drop off a new pair of gloves/mittens, a hat, scarf or socks at the Guild front desk, you can take a paper mitten off the tree in the lobby and enter your name into a raffle. Items will be accepted until 12/21.

Items can be for children or adults. Recreation Staff will deliver all items to the *Jonnycake Center* for distribution.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY @ the Guild

Monday, December 31 from 1:00 to 4:00pm

Be the first to celebrate the New Year! Help us bring in 2019 with games, crafts, prizes and more! It wouldn't be a party without noise makers, hats, streamers and plenty of drinks and snacks. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. The cost to participate is \$8 per child and is open to ages 6 to 12.



LETTERS TO SANTA

No one is busier than Santa (except maybe Mrs. Claus) but every year he and the elves find time to read all of the letters sent by children all over the world.

The Recreation Staff reached out to Santa at the North Pole and once again offered to help make sure those letter get delivered. A special mail box will be set up at the Guild front desk starting November 9.

Children can either mail or stop by in person to drop off their letters but the elves want to make sure that each one has a full name, age and return address on it.

In order for all letters to be answered on time, they must be received **NO LATER than Friday, December 7.** Due to his busy schedule, Santa and the elves cannot guarantee a return letter if received after the 7th.

Letters should be addressed to:

North Pole Delivery
325 Columbia Street
Wakefield, RI 02879



For questions on these events please feel free to call the Neighborhood Guild at 789-9301 or visit our website at www.southkingstownri.com.
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