

VERNON WINTERFEST

2012

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 *Free Event Day*-DON'T MISS THE FIREWORKS!

6:30pm Torchlight Parade: Vernon Fire Dept will host the parade including area town depts. Parade starts at Northeast Sch, continue on Grove Str, to Union Str, ending in Rockville at Central Park. Mayor Apel and Mr&Mrs Claus will be aboard the trucks and joining the Carol Sing!

Tree Lighting, Carol Sing&Fireworks: Come sing along with the RHS band & chorus. Free snacks and refreshments offered at the Town Hall with help from the Jr Women's Club. Children 10&under may enter the "What does Winterfest mean to me?" contest by emailing Mayor Apel at mayor@vernon-ct.gov. Deadline for entries Dec. 4. Winner will turn on the tree lights with Mayor Apel!

Festival of Trees: run by Church of the Risen Savior. Features decorated themed trees, sponsored by area businesses, organizations and individuals. Proceeds benefit Maple Str School Community School program. Trees displayed in Mayor's Office. Visitors can purchase tickets for trees of their choice. Winners drawn Dec 14. For more info call Leslie Campolongo at 860-872-4300 or email churchoftherisensavior@gmail.com

8:00pm Bev's Corner Jacob's Well Coffeehouse: Featuring singer/guitarist Alex Cook and free refreshments. For details call 860-872-3190.

1:00pm Ornament Making Workshop: Rockville Public Library annex. 860-871-4960

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

9am-12pm Children's Holiday Festival: Vernon Parks&Rec for children 10yrs&younger held at the Vernon Teen Center. Enjoy crafts,cookie decorating,holiday movies,moon bounce and more! In lieu of the fee, bring an unwrapped toy for donation. Pre-registration 870-3520.

12:00pm Winterfest Walk/Run: Run this portion of the Mayor's Cup Challenge by Maple Street School at Valley Falls. For students in grades K-5. After the run, enjoy hot cocoa and watch or participate in the Arctic Splash. Ask your gym teacher for more info.

12:30-3:30 Crafts & Story Telling: at Bev's Corner, Girl Scouts will be doing craft projects and Elle Fagan, a local artist, will read Christmas stories on the hour, 1pm/2pm/3pm. Event is free. Goodwill donations are being accepted.

1-3pm Mr and Mrs Claus: Come visit Santa & Mrs Claus at the Town Hall.

1:00pm Arctic Splash: Parks & Rec challenges you to get sponsors and help raise money for a good cause. Take a splash into the cold waters of Valley Falls! Pre-registration 870-3520.

6:00pm Community-wide Worship Service: at Union Church led by composer, singer, keyboarder Rita Springer. Admission is free. Details call 860-872-3190. WWII US Army searchlight will beam up to the sky from 5-8pm symbolizing God beaming down on Rockville.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7pm Annual Christmas Caroling & Nativity Dedication: Central Park & Bev's Corner.

DECEMBER 14

Holiday House Decorating Contest: Run by Parks & Rec, RCA & Patch.com. Pre-registration required and due to Parks & Rec by 1pm Dec 14. Forms available at Parks & Rec and <http://rockvillect.org/2012-holiday-decorating-contest.htm>

5:00pm Jubilee Dinner: at Union Church. Free. For info email, larry.meehan@sbcglobal.net

7:00pm Winterfest Dance: at Vernon Teen Center for students in grades 7&8; 860-870-3520

DECEMBER 15

2/4pm Thyme for Tea: RCA welcomes you to enjoy tea & finger foods in a Victorian home. 2 Seatings, 2-3pm and 4-5pm. \$10/pp—all welcome,even children over 5 with good table manners. Pre-registration required-call Pam DiDio 860-646-5320

Non-Perishable Food Items & Unwrapped Toys will be collected in December at: Vernon Parks&Rec, Teen Center, Town Hall, Police Station and all Vernon Fire Stations