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SANTALAND IS BACK!

Morris County Freeholder and Roxbury Township resident Kathy DeFillippo and granddaughter, Colette enjoy "Santa Land" in the Roxbury Public Library during "Home For The Holidays" last year. "Santa Land" is back this year as part of the township's "Home For The Holidays" celebration, planned all along Main Street, Succasunna, on Saturday, Dec. 2. The Roxbury Area Chamber of Commerce and the Roxbury Public Library will host/sponsor Santa Land from 1 to 3 p.m. at the library. Santa will arrive by fire truck to greet the awaiting children. Children and their families can meet Santa and pose for holiday photos with Santa inside the library. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for pictures with Santa; all proceeds go to Roxbury Social Services, support of the township's food pantry and other social services. Craft projects are also available for the children to enjoy in the library during "Santa Land."



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Welcome to the third annual "Home For The Holidays!

As it always does, Roxbury Township has found a way to make even the holiday season better! It takes a lot to organize a huge event like this and pull it off flawlessly. Yet, we see it each and every year with "Olde Suckasunny Day." Think of "Home For The Holidays" a bit like that. For details on vendors, crafters and entertainment coming to Home for the Holidays, check out the Facebook page called Home For The Holidays Roxbury NJ at https://www.facebook.com/HomefortheHolidaysRoxbury/. It's an old-fashioned street fair, of sorts, complete with a wonderful Christmas theme. We expect to see holiday cheer and a fun time on Saturday, Dec. 2. We'll be there. Look for the Roxbury Register booth. Stop by and say hello. Happy Holidays.

• Mike Condon, (908) 766-3900 ext. 223

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Here's a list of our advertisers this year, and where you can find their ad. Please be sure to patronize these fine businesses, which keep our township vibrant and help make our holidays all the more merrier!

And remember, the third annual "Home For The Holidays" will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 all along Main Street, Succasunna. It will feature food, games, music, entertainment and good holiday cheer! We can't wait to see you there!

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Horse-drawn carriage rides are back for 'Home For The Holidays' Saturday, Dec. 2

By MIKE CONDON

EDITOR

ROXBURY TWP. – Get ready to go over the river and through the woods during this year's "Home For The Holidays" event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 in Succasunna.

Well, at least around Main Street and through the historic cemeteries at the Succasunna United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna.

Back again this year, the Stockton-based "Stockton Carriage Tours" will provide patrons of Roxbury's third annual Christmas and holiday celebration with an authentic horse drawn carriage ride on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The unique business, owned and operated by Tom and Mary Tolmie, was formed by the couple's love of horses.

"We have nearly 75 combined years of horse experience and both of us have come from "horsy" families. Charles has been a farrier for over 30 years and has driven his farm teams, first as a hobby, then as a profession for many of those years. His children grew up riding for pleasure and competition and two of the three are accomplished full-time professionals in the horse industry today," said the businesses' official website.

Mary, meanwhile, " is a third generation horse enthusiast who has ridden for pleasure since the age of 5 and shown competitively in riding and driving, primarily in the Quarter Horse circuit."

She has operated Stockton Carriage Tours since 2001.

"We have enough knowledge, experience, and good sense to provide you with a safe experience, whether you are a passenger in one of our vehicles or a student learning to drive," the website states.

"We pride ourselves on being perpetual students. We believe there is something to learn from every kind of horse, horse person, and horse discipline. We take pleasure in sharing our horses with you and hope you experience as much joy as we do when working with these wonderful creatures."

They provide carriages and horses for riverside drives, weddings, fall foliage drives,



Stockton Carriage Tours is participating again this year at the third annual "Home For The Holidays" street festival in Roxbury Township on Saturday, Dec. 2. The carriage ride is sponsored by Roxbury Area Chamber of Commerce and Roxbury Rotary along with Roxbury's Main Street Streetscaping Committee. Residents are invited to get in the holiday spirit and take an old-fashioned carriage ride with jingle-belled horses driven by Victorian dressed tour guides.



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A new Roxbury Twp. tradition is born with 'Home For The Holidays'

By MIKE CONDON EDITOR

ROXBURY TWP. – Years from now. someone will look back and sav "I wonder how and when "Home For The Holidavs" got started.

Where were you when the tradition started?

Residents who are about to attend the third such event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, will have the answer.

It's kind of like having been there at the dawn of "Olde Suckasunny Day" decades ago.

And speaking of "Olde Suckasunny Day", held at the end of each summer, "Home For The Holidays" is similar, only with a Christmas and holiday theme. And, the weather is likely to be slightly cooler!

Organizers are busy putting the finishing touches on plans for the third annual "Home For The Holidays" event, which casunna.

The event is sponsored by both the Roxbury Area Chamber of Commerce and the township, which put together a "Home For The Holidays Committee." The committee met several times during the year. planning the event.

Members of the committee include Township Councilwoman Jaki Albrecht. Sue Anderson, Kim Armstrong, Alvssa Greenburg, Tami Haupt, Roger Hendrickson, Debbie Lauda, Nancy Knight, Michele O'Halloran, Aldo Palma, Gen Schmidt, Pam Smith and Carol Toby.

According to Anderson, the event will feature a Santa Claus theme, with some 50 street vendors, selling all types of holiday gifts. Also back this year will be the horse drawn carriage, which will take riders on a tour around the cemetery.

will take place all along Main Street, Suc- didn't get here in time," Anderson said. She described the event as "kind of like

an old Victorian Christmas." "It's a little smaller than Olde

Suckasunny Day, but you get a lot more kids because Santa is the theme. There are a lot of vendors up and down Main Street," she said.

The first year, she said, temperatures were in the 50's. Last year, however, it was cold and windy, typical December weather.

The Chamber of Commerce will pay \$500 toward the carriage, while the Roxbury Rotary Club will chip in another \$200 to provide the free rides.

There will be elves on hand, and the Roxbury Police Department is expected to bring "Sarge," the remote control police dog. The Boy Scout Brass Ensemble will perform inside the Presbyterian Church and Irish dancers will perform "We didn't have the carriage last year. in the street, in front of the newly placed The delivery truck broke down and it and refurbished gazebo at the township

library.

There will be holiday music and a bell choir performance at the Presbyterian Church. A blacksmith will perform demonstrations of his skills in front of the antique store on Main Street, and the Roxbury High School quarter and choir will perform.

At the Methodist Church, hot chocolate and sweets will be offered, puppeteers will perform. Santa will be present and the thrift shop will be open.

In the library, "Santa Land" will be open for children from 1 to 3 p.m. It is expected that Santa will arrive at the library via firetruck. There will be crafts for kids in the library, and Roxbury Fire Co. 1 will bring a firetruck so kids can "Touch a Truck."

Several food trucks are also expected to join the day's events. A tree lighting is also expected to take place in or near the library gazebo.





LIBRARY BOARD AND SANTA

Members of the Board of Trustees at the Roxbury Township Public Library meet with Santa Claus during last year's "Home For The Holidays" event. From left are: Roxana Caivano, Aldo Pama, Janice Steigler, Bob DeFillippo, Jeanette Carey, Bill Wilkins, Jen Wasek, Tracy Baltz, and Patti Defilippis. More than 100 children have their pictures taken with Santa at the library each year.



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Churches plan events for 'Home For The Holidays'

ROXBURY TWP. – "Home for the Hol- the United Methodist Church. Patrons idavs" on Saturday. Dec. 2. will offer a great mix of both indoor and outdoor activities along Main St. in Succasunna.

After shopping outside at the 50+ vendors and crafters, patrons can venture inside the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Succasunna, where lots will be happening.

There, attendees will find plenty of hot tea, coffee and hot chocolate to warm up. Homemade baked goods will be on sale to enjoy or save for holiday gifts.

Browse through the church's "Alternative Gift Market" of items sourced worldwide, the sale of which benefits international and local mission work.

Take a seat in the church's sanctuary. gaze at the exquisite stained glass windows and enjoy holiday music by the Boy Scout Band.

The church's Bell Choir will also perform.

Meanwhile, the merriment continues during Home For The Holidays at church website at sumcnj.org.

can grab a bite at the food trucks in the church's parking lot.

Kids will want to check out the "Touch A Truck" program, presented by Roxburv Fire Co. # 1.

Walk on inside the church where hot beverages and sweet treats await.

A couple of vendors will also be in the church including a water color artist.

Many fun activities are planned for children, including crafts, pictures with Santa, a scavenger hunt and puppeteers.

Attendees can enjoy both indoor and outdoor fun for the whole family at "Home for the Holidays" on Dec. 2 this year.

For more information about events at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, call the church at (973 584-5238 or visit the church website at: fpcsuccasunna.org.

For more information about events at the United Methodist Church, call the church at (973) 584-7439 or visit the



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BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna performs during last year's "Home For The Holidays" event. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2.

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Event Schedule is listed

The third annual "Home For The Holidavs" event will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, all along Main Street in Succasunna.

Here's the schedule of events:

• At 11 a.m., Mayor Mark Crowley will offer opening remarks at the library gazebo.

• From 11 a.m. to noon, Christmas Cheer with Christmas crafts, activities and pictures with Santa will be offered in the Methodist Church fellowship hall.

• From noon to 12:45 p.m., the Boy Scout Brass Ensemble will perform at the Presbyterian Church, inside the sanctuary.

• From 12:30 to 1 p.m. Master Puppets from Valley View Chapel will perform at the Methodist Church.

• From 1 to 1:30 p.m., a holiday reading for children will take place inside the library.

• From 1 to 1:45 p.m., the bell choir will perform holiday music in the Presbyterian Church

• From 1 to 2 p.m., a meet and greet with new Library Director Radwa Ali will take place at the library.

• From 2 to 2:30 p.m., Irish dancers will jig in the street in front of the library gazebo.

• From 2 to 2:30 p.m., another holiday reading for children will take place inside the library.

• From 2:30 to 3 p.m., Morris County EduCare will present a holiday concert with children at the library gazebo.

• From 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., the Roxbury High

School Brass Quartet will perform at the library gazebo.

Ongoing Events

• From 11 a.m to 4 p.m., shopping with vendors and crafters will take place in booths along Main Street and inside the Methodist Church.

• From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Stockton Carriage rides will be offered in the Presbyterian Church parking lot.

• From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a blacksmith demonstration by Dennis Cassidy will take place in the parking lot of Village Antiques.

• From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a bake sale with hot and cold drinks and an international holiday gift sale will take place at the Presbyterian Church.

• From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., strolling carolers from the Roxbury High School Choir will walk up and down Main Street.

• From 11 a.m to 2 p.m., a Reindeer Scavenger Hunt will take place at the Methodist Church inside Fellowship Hall.

• From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m, the thrift shop will be open at the Methodist Church.

• From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m, the "Touch a Truck" program will be offered by the Roxbury Fire Department in the Methodist Church parking lot.

• From 1 to 3 p.m., Santa Land will be open in the library quiet room, and a photographer will be on hand to take photos.

• From 1 to 3 p.m., cooking decorating will take place in the library's large conference room.

Wreaths will decorate Roxbury veterans' graves

ROXBURY TWP. – For the fourth time, mony will take place at noon. the graves of hundreds of veterans in Roxbury Township will be decorated with handmade hearty wreaths for the coming holidav season.

The Ferro Monte Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will again host "Wreaths Across America" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. A remembrance cere-

The graves of veterans in Roxburysome dating back to the time of the Revolutionary War- will be adorned with wreaths in the cemeteries at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Succasunna, the United Methodist Church on Main Street, Succasunna and, for the first time, at the Flanders-Hillside Cemetery in Flanders.



'Home For The Holidays' will offer lunch, snacks, baked goods, beverages

ROXBURY TWP. – You won't go hungry at "Home for the Holidays" on Saturday, Dec. 2.

If holiday shopping makes you hungry and thirsty, patrons can get their fill this year.

This Roxbury holiday festival on Main Street in Succasunna has plenty of good food and drink ready to keep you going while shopping at the 50 or more vendors and crafters that will line the street.

Several food trucks will be parked at the Succasunna United Methodist Church including Jersey Johnny's (hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese steaks, fries), the Empanada Lady and Jersey Rollz (gourmet egg rolls and tater tots with toppings).

Inside the Methodist Church, hot and cold beverages and other homemade goodies will be available.

Tea, Coffee

And next door at the Presbyterian Church patrons will find hot chocolate, hot tea & coffee and lots of homemade cookies, cakes, brownies, breads and candies to munch on right away or save for holiday giving.

Merriment

Bring the whole family down to Main Street, Succasunna, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 where all can munch, shop and be merry!

For more information about this year's addition of "Home For The Holidays", visit the Roxbury Township website at: roxburynj.us/holidays.

More information about the event can also be found at the official Facebook page at: https://www.facebook. com/HomefortheHolidaysRoxbury/



SANTA IS COMING

Santa Claus, shown with some Roxbury youngsters last year, will again arrive via fire truck, courtesy of Roxbury Fire Co. 1 for "Home For The Holidays" on Main Street, Succasunna, on Saturday, Dec. 2.





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