



# Holiday Happenings

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## South Kingstown Parks & Recreation Department

### 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 8

You may purchase a tree starting November 8 either in person at the Guild or Rec Center or online until Wednesday, November 27.

*Special thanks to our  
Holiday Events Major Sponsor*



### LETTERS TO SANTA

The Elves have somehow snuck into the Guild and left one of Santa's special mail boxes.

Starting November 8, children can either mail or stop by in person with their letters. It's important that everyone's letter has their full name, age and return address on it.

Santa requests that all letters be received **NO LATER than Friday, December 6**. The elves cannot guarantee a return letter if received after the 6<sup>h</sup>.

Letters should be addressed to  
North Pole Annex  
325 Columbia Street  
Wakefield, RI 02879



### "MITTEN TREE" DRIVE November 15 – December 20

This year we are collaborating with VFW Post 916 to help make the holidays a little brighter for local Senior Veterans. Paper mittens will be displayed in the Guild & Rec Center lobbies requesting items such as: card games, large print activity books, candy, scarves, socks, throw blankets as well as items to wrap the gifts (tissue paper, gift boxes/bags, tags and tape). Drop off bins will be located at both locations. Items will be accepted until Friday, December 20.



### Visit with Santa @ the Neighborhood Guild December 4, 5 & 6

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

Santa will once again be returning to Wakefield to spend a few minutes with families looking for a special visit with him. **Advance registration is required!** To sign up call the Guild at 789-9301 or stop by the front desk to make your appointment.

#### A few important things to know...

- \*Registration opens November 8
- \*Visits are schedule in 5 minute increments
- \*A \$7 fee (per family) is 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)



### Create Your Own Holiday Ornaments December 6 @ the Pottery Studio from 6:00-7:30pm

This fun clay workshop will quickly become a holiday tradition for individuals and families. These ornaments make great gifts, stocking stuffers and keepsakes.

You'll receive 1 pound of clay to roll out flat and design your own ornaments. Samples as well as textures, cutters and more will be available to help create your one-of-a-kind design. Feel free to bring your own textures or stamps. Based on size, you can make **5 to 10 ornaments** with 1 pound of clay. Once you finish making the ornaments, we'll dry, fire and glaze them. You will be able to pick up your ornaments on Thursday, December 19, 6:30-8:30pm.

The cost including all materials is \$25 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## Village Green Holiday Tree Lighting & Carol Sing

**Sunday, December 8**

**5:00 – 6:30pm**

The South Kingstown Parks & Recreation Department invites you to join us as we continue the tradition of the holiday season at the Neighborhood Guild.

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 designed for children ages 3-12

\*Peace Dale Congregational Christmas Carols

\*The Peace Dale Elementary Children's Choir

\*Wakefield Concert Band performs outside on the Green.

\*Complimentary popcorn, 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 8 4:30 – 6:30pm



- \*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 8 as a part of our Annual Tree Lighting on the Village Green! Walk along the Green, through the holiday trees and enjoy "Ten on the Sled" by Kim Norman. The story will be displayed until the New Year. Thank you to **Wakefield Books** for supporting this wonderful program each year.



### The Polar Express is coming to the Neighborhood Guild

Join us Friday, December 13 at 6:30pm for this special showing. Bring a blanket and get comfy as we snack on popcorn and enjoy this holiday favorite! Grab your friends and make it even more fun! This free event is open to children ages 5-10 accompanied by an adult. Don't forget to wear your favorite holiday PJ's!!!

### KID'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY @ the Guild

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

Be the first to celebrate the New Year! Help us bring in 2020 with games, crafts, prizes and more! Since it is a party there will be noise makers, hats, streamers and plenty of drinks and snacks. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Open to ages 6 to 12.



For questions on these events please call the Neighborhood Guild at 789-9301 or visit our website [www.southkingstownri.com](http://www.southkingstownri.com)

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