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Lighting Up the Holidays



You and your family are invited to the Seventh Annual "Lighting Up the Holidays" celebration, to be held on Friday evening, November 29, 2002. Sponsored by the Holland Board of Public Works, the event will kick off this year's Winterfest Celebration.

Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment in Centennial Park. Preceded by a lantern parade down Eighth Street into the Park, as well as caroling with Holland's children's choral group, Kids Healing Kids. Join in the BIG MOMENT when Santa Claus and Holland Mayor Al McGeehan officially turn on the more than 30,000 lights.

Enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies in the Park. Visit the Kerst Markt, an annual European Christmas Market offering a step back to the turn of the century when the Park served as the central marketplace. Following the Lighting Ceremony, warm up with a visit to the Holland Museum, Cappon House and the Settlers House Museum where there will be additional refreshments and carols.

Schedule:

6:30 pm -- Entertainment in Centennial Park.

6:45 pm -- Lantern procession begins at 8th Street and College Avenue into Park.

7:00 pm -- Santa turns lights on in Centennial Park.

Lantern Parade

The annual Lantern Parade, a procession of glowing luminaries is also sponsored by the HBPW. Children and adults are welcome to walk in the Lantern Parade. Lineup for the Lantern parade begins at 6:15 p.m. in the parking lot next to the Auto Value Parts store located at 107 E. Eighth Street.

Check the local newspapers on Sunday, November 24th or visit the HBPW web site (www.hollandbpw.com) for more specific details. All participants must carry a lantern.

Lantern Workshops

If you don't already have a lantern, a limited number of lanterns and sticks will be available at the Parade location, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Or you can enjoy the fun of designing and making your own lantern at home or attend one of the workshops being offered at Booksellers On Mainstreet, 37 E. Eight Street on November 25-27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information about the Lighting Up the Holidays, call 355.1576. To get lantern supplies and instructions for making your own lantern, or to reserve a spot at a workshop (reservations are required), call Booksellers On Mainstreet at 396.0043.

Join the many Holland area residents who make this special celebration a family tradition!

Lighting Up the Dark Days of Winter

Shorter days mean longer hours of lighting up your homes and businesses. However, by increasing your lighting efficiency, you can decrease your energy bill. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, by replacing 25% of your lights in high-use areas with fluorescents, you can save about 50% of your lighting energy bill.

Using these energy-efficient compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) in fixtures will result in high-quality and high-efficiency lighting. Fluorescent lamps are much more efficient than incandescent bulbs, and they last 6 to 10 times longer.

Here are a few more tips on how you can save on your lighting energy bill:

- * Turn off lights in rooms that are not being used.
- * Install timers or occupancy sensors to reduce the amount of time your lights are on.
- * Use task lighting instead of lighting up an entire room. Focus the light on the area where you need it.
- * Consider three-way lamps. This is an easy method to keeping lower light levels when it is not necessary.
- * Use the correct wattage. Six 25 watt bulbs = same light as one 100 watt bulb and six bulbs use more energy than one.