

## S.H.A.R.E. The Holiday, Saturday, December 5

### Other South Manchester Activity Sites

In addition to events taking place Downtown, enjoy these special activities at the following S.H.A.R.E. (South Manchester Historic, Arts, Recreation and Education collaborative) sites.

**Little Theatre of Manchester** presents **"Christmas Has Been Canceled"** (Yes, that's the name of the show!) A fun and fantasy play for children of all ages! Saturday, December 5. **Shows at 1 pm and 3 pm.** All tickets \$10 - available only through the box office. Cheney Hall / Little Theatre of Manchester, 177 Hartford Road, Manchester, CT 860-647-9824 • [www.cheneyhall.org](http://www.cheneyhall.org)

**Lutz Children's Museum** presents *Gingerbread Cookie Decorating* • **1 pm - 3 pm** Drop-in and decorate a gingerbread man. Explore hands-on exhibits and see live animals during the regular museum hours of 12 noon to 5 PM. Lutz Children's Museum, 247 South Main Street, Manchester, CT 860-643-0949 • [www.lutzmuseum.org](http://www.lutzmuseum.org)

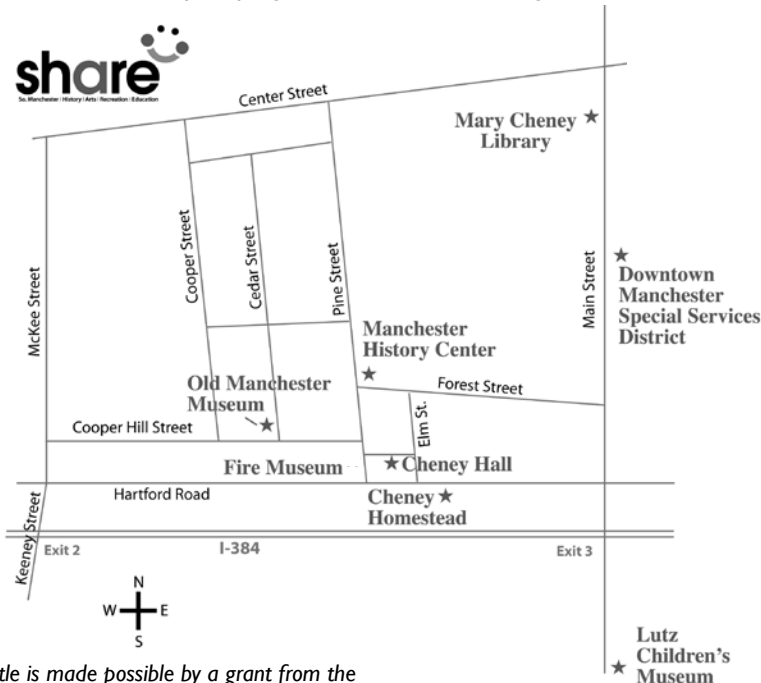
**Manchester Historical Society Winter Open House** • **10 am - 4 pm** S.H.A.R.E. the holidays with local history buffs. Share memories and make memories with family, friends and community acquaintances as you partake in special activities at these festively decorated Historical Society sites: Old Manchester Museum, 126 Cedar St., the Cheney Homestead, 106 Hartford Rd., the Manchester History Center, 75 Pine St. For more info contact the Manchester Historical Society at 860-647-9983. [www.manchesterhistory.org](http://www.manchesterhistory.org)

**You can hop on the free S.H.A.R.E. Trolley Shuttle from 11 am - 3 pm** to visit these sites. Look for the Trolley Stop signs with the S.H.A.R.E. logo at each site.



#### S.H.A.R.E. Trolley Stops:

- ★ Mary Cheney Library
- ★ St. James Church
- ★ Lutz Children's Museum
- ★ Cheney Hall
- ★ Old Manchester Museum
- ★ Manchester History Center
- ★ Cheney Homestead



S.H.A.R.E. Trolley Shuttle is made possible by a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council

# Downtown Manchester Holiday on Main 2009 Program

## Christmas Tree Lighting

Thursday Dec. 3, 6:45-7:45 PM

(Ice/Snow Date ~ Friday, Dec. 4)

At SAINT JAMES CHURCH, 896 Main St.

**Master of Ceremonies** – Scott Gray, WTIC AM Morning Sportscaster

**2009 Christmas Tree Lighters** ~ Students from Nathan Hale School

### PERFORMANCES BY:

**The Ensemble from the Manchester Citadel Band of the Salvation Army  
Summit Singers  
Silk City Barber Shop Chorus.**

- **Community Carol Sing Led By Summit Singers**
- **Guest Appearance By Santa's Reindeer, Prancer & Dancer**
- **Arrival Of Santa Claus In Manchester Fire/Rescue/Ems Vehicle**
- **Lighting Of The Community Christmas Tree**
- **Hot Chocolate Compliments Of The Salvation Army**



## Help Santa Fill His Sleigh

Bring a new, unwrapped children's toy to the Tree Lighting on Dec. 3 for distribution at the annual Holiday Christmas Party sponsored by the Blue Angels Foundation.



## Light-Up The Night With A Light Stick

The Blue Angels Foundation will sell light sticks at the Tree Lighting. Proceeds benefit the Blue Angels Foundation.

In the event of severe weather, call 860-645-2101, tune in to WTIC Storm Center at WTIC NewsTalk 1080, or visit [www.downtownmanchester.org](http://www.downtownmanchester.org)

Special thanks to: all of our performing artists noted above, the Town of Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS Department, St. James Church, the Salvation Army, George Ducharme of Communitas, Cliff Scorso, Bruce Lavery, Summit Studios – A Performing Arts Center, students from the Manchester High School Honor Society and Vernon Parks and Recreation for use of their showmobile.



Mike Esposito, Agent  
Kristian Ager, Agent



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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

# *Downtown Celebration*

**11 AM - 2 PM**

*Catch the holiday spirit in Downtown Manchester! Enjoy free family oriented activities, music, festive window displays, shopping and dining throughout the downtown.*

## **Visits With Santa at The Mary Cheney Library**

586 Main St.



**11-2** Visit with Santa in the Stephen Howroyd Room, Library lower level. Children visit with Santa and his reindeer, Prancer & Dancer, and enjoy holiday crafts, and cookies. Bring your camera to capture your child's special moment with Santa.

**11-12:30** Performance by Manchester Musical Players in the Stephen Howroyd Room, Library lower level. Enjoy a selection of traditional holiday songs.

## **Outdoor Fun At The Forest Street Parking Lot** Corner of Forest and Main Streets across from Webster Bank

**11-11:30 Performance by** The Ensemble from the Manchester Citadel Band of the Salvation Army.

**11-1 Ice Sculpting Demonstration** by students from Manchester Community College Culinary Program. Ice donated by Manchester Ice & Fuel.

**Free Horse Drawn Wagonette Rides** along Main Street beginning at the Forest Street Parking Lot.

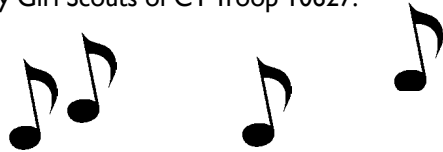
**Free Petting Zoo & Pony Rides**

**Hot Chocolate & Holiday Crafts**

Enjoy a steaming cup of hot chocolate while you shop for handcrafted holiday decorations created by Girl Scouts of CT Troop 10627.



## **Holiday Music**



### **Throughout The Downtown**

**11 - 2** Strolling Dickens Carolers from Full Gospel Interdenominational Church will serenade Downtown shoppers and businesses throughout the day.

## **Visit With Strolling Holiday Costume Characters**

**11 - 12** Meet famous holiday characters at these Downtown locations. Cameras welcome.

- **The Grinch** in front of Great Harvest Bread, 809 Main St.
- **Frosty the Snowman**, in front of the Country Furniture Loft, 43 Purnell Place, & Salon 292 at 39 Purnell Place
- **Polar Penguin**, in front of Silk City Antiques & Décor, 845 Main St.
- **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**, in front of Anne Miller Real Estate, 975 Main St.

**12 - 1 Meet ALL the costume characters** in the Forest Street lot!  
**Don't forget your camera!**



## **Help Santa Fill His Sleigh**

At The Downtown Community Policing Office, 707 Main St.

**11 - 2** Bring a new, unwrapped children's toy to the Community Policing Office on Dec. 5 for distribution at the annual Holiday Christmas Party sponsored by the Blue Angels Foundation.

## **Hop On The S.H.A.R.E. Trolley**

The free S.H.A.R.E. Trolley will shuttle visitors between the Downtown, Lutz Children's Museum, Cheney Hall, Old Manchester Museum, Cheney Homestead, and the Manchester History Center where a variety of activities will take place. **Please see reverse for a description of activities and a map showing trolley stop locations.**

S.H.A.R.E is a collaboration of History, Arts, Recreation and Education institutions that have joined together to promote the South Manchester area. Members include: the Downtown Special Services District, Mary Cheney Library, Little Theatre of Manchester/Cheney Hall, the Fire Museum, The Lutz Children's Museum, the Manchester Historical Society, the Manchester Art Assoc., and the Greater Hartford Arts Council.



## **Enjoy Festive Holiday Displays**

Downtown is decked-out for the holidays. Snowmen created by the Manchester Art Association greet visitors to Downtown at the Gateway Garden at the intersection of Center and Main Streets. Street planters are filled with holiday greens and Downtown windows are enlivened with scenes of snowmen, snowflakes and handmade Gingerbread Villages.

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