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Creekside Park transforms into holiday wonderland

You don't have to wait until Christmas morning to see their eyes light up.

Cherish the expressions on the faces of your little ones as you step into the winter wonderland of Creekside Park, which will offer breathtaking light displays and holiday decorations set against a backdrop inspired by Mother Nature.

Beginning November 25 and continuing through January 1, more than 80,000 lights and 12 displays will be visible in the park.

"We received such an overwhelming response from our light displays last year that we decided to increase the offering, making Creekside Park a destination for the entire holiday season," said Tony Collins, director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Gahanna.

Creekside Winter Wonderland entrances are at Granville and Mill Streets, near the following businesses:

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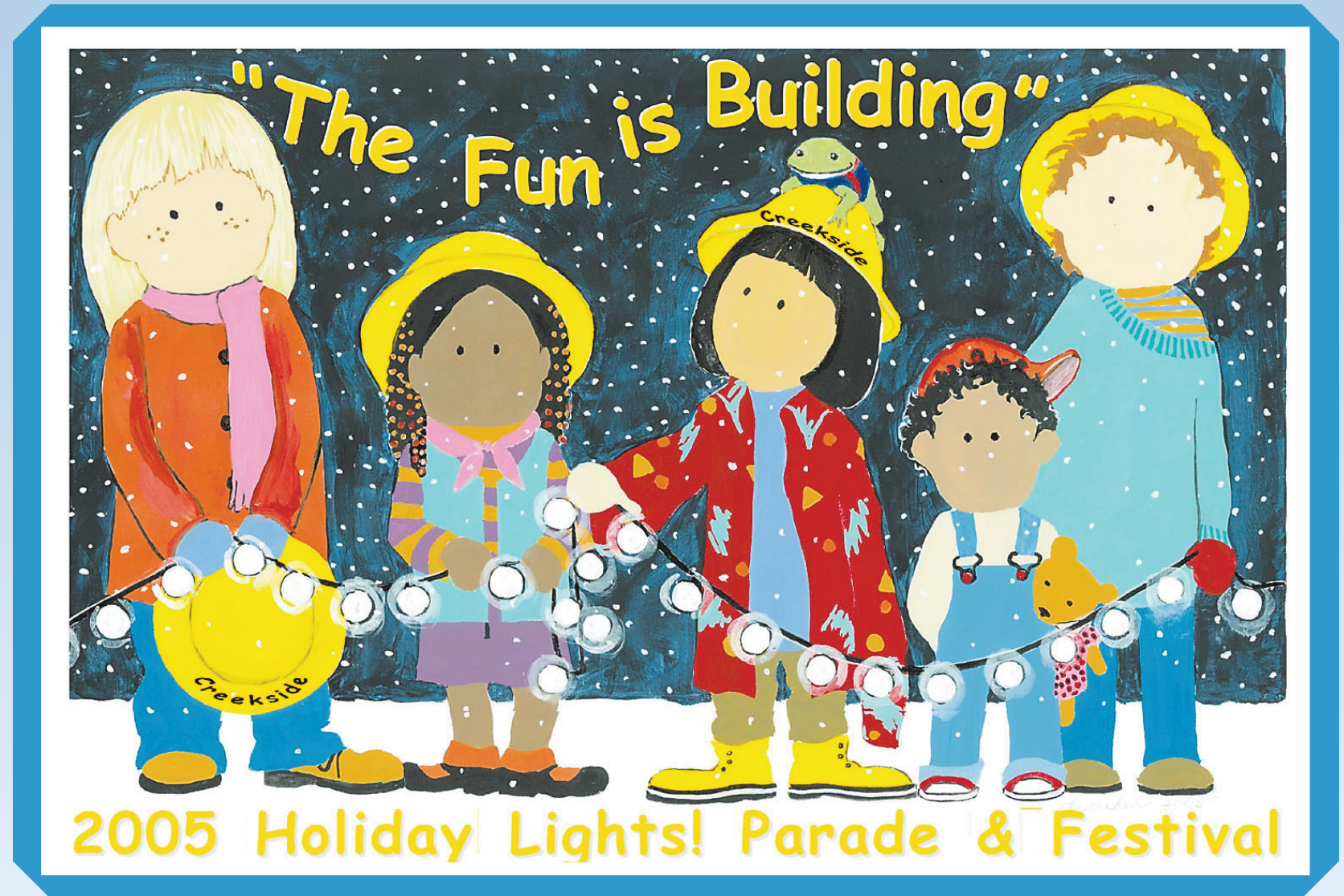
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Parade promises to dazzle and delight



Photos courtesy of the city of Gahanna

The 2005 Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival is sure to dazzle and delight.

There will be plenty to "ooh" and "ah" over at the seventh annual Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival. Upwards of 100 entrants are preparing to dazzle and delight attendees at central Ohio's oldest all-lighted parade.

This year's event, which is themed "The Fun is Building" will feature 15 professionally-designed floats, scores of animated and enchanting entries, the Gahanna Lincoln High School Marching Band, Belgian, Percheron, Haflinger and miniature horses, antique fire engines, trucks and sleighs and, of course, Santa himself!

The parade will commence at 6 p.m. at the intersection of Granville Street and Hamilton Road and will continue through Olde Gahanna.

Grand Marshal Dale Foor, coordinator of community services for Gahanna-

Jefferson Public Schools, will greet guests atop a captivating holiday display.

There are plenty of surprises in store, including visits from your favorite larger-than-life friends: Max & Erma from Max & Erma's Restaurants, Wattson the Robot from American Electric Power and famed Gahanna mascot T. Wally Croaker!

Many float entrants spend months preparing for the big event. Most participate simply for the joy their efforts bring to the child in all of us; others do it for the glory.

The parade is judged by a panel of parade enthusiasts who will award a trophy to the best nonprofessional (community) entries, in the categories of People's Choice, Holiday Spirit, Best Theme and Most Lights.

"We think this is definitely going to be a knock-your-socks-off event this year,"

said Beverly Metcalf, of Metcalf Design & Printing, who is the co-chair of the Holiday Lights Planning Committee. "So many of our community businesses and partners have contributed for just that reason -- to ensure that Gahanna continues to be the best place to live, work and play!"

Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival helps to brighten lives



It is the season of giving and the season of joy.

Thanks to the efforts of Gahanna Residents In Need (G.R.I.N.), it shall also be the season of hope for many families in Gahanna. The Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival continues its partnership with G.R.I.N. to share the spirit of the season with those less fortunate.

Attendees to this year's event will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others by donating non-perishable food items or by making a contribution to those in need.

Donation boxes will be available at Holiday Village at The Sanctuary, located at 82 North High St.

Gahanna Residents In Need, a community-based, nonprofit organization in

operation for more than seven years, provides emergency, short-term assistance to Gahanna residents. G.R.I.N. anticipates providing over 1,500 meals to Gahanna residents this year.

The community of Gahanna supports G.R.I.N. with contributions coming from churches, civic groups, individuals, organizations, schools and service clubs.

If you would like to donate nonperishable food or monetary gifts or volunteer for G.R.I.N., please contact Mifflin Presbyterian Church, c/o G.R.I.N., 123 Granville St., Gahanna, OH, 43230, 614-471-4491.

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Stars shine brightly

Grand marshal and honorees make Gahanna proud

The radiance of the Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival comes not only from the light displays and floats but also from this year's grand marshal and parade honorees. All of these generous citizens were selected for their achievements and contributions to our community.

It is with great pleasure that the Holiday Lights! Parade and Festival Planning Committee presents the 2005 grand marshal and honorees:

Parade Grand Marshal Dale Foor

Dale Foor, coordinator of community services for Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, served with great dedication for decades. He played a critical role in both the development of academic programs and community partnerships and in providing service and recognition to students and alumni. Dale began his career in education as a government teacher and assistant principal at Gahanna Lincoln High School. He was then promoted to principal of Middle School East and later, principal of Lincoln High School. Dale was instrumental in the creation of the Gahanna Lincoln High School Alumni Hall of Fame, the revival of the School Business Advisory Council (SBAC) and the development of the Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation (GJEF). Most recently, he's worked with the Gahanna-Jefferson Educators Association (GJEA) to showcase staff talents as part of the Hall of Fame program entertainment.

When asked about being

selected as the 2005 Holiday Lights! Parade Grand Marshal Foor commented, "I'm honored to be to be included in such a distinguished group [of past marshals]. The Gahanna Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival is reflective of the spirit residents and community leaders have for Gahanna." He added, "The event has the potential to be a long tradition of a great family event for years to come, and I'm proud to be a part of it!"

Senior Honoree Melba Bosse

Melba Bosse is household name at the Gahanna Senior Center, and that's partly because she's lived in Gahanna for 49 years but mostly because she's one of the charter members! She was a representative of the original Senior Citizen Club and helped with the planning and policies of the current Gahanna Senior Center. Melba served as the president of the first Advisory Board and has held many other board committee positions. Melba lives a full life and spends most of her time at the Senior Center, which is her "second home." Her activities at the center include bridge, euchre, blackjack, pinocle, golf, line dancing with "The Headliners," and volunteering with the Center's Lite lunch program. Most recently, Melba agreed to assist the Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department with their Master Plan Project - in her "spare time." Her positive attitude and willingness to lend a hand has made her a true asset - not only to the Gahanna Senior Center but to the community as well.

Business Honoree:

DeMonye's Greenhouse
Established in 1929, DeMonye's Greenhouse, Inc., at 2500 Airport Rd., continues to flourish thanks to the generations of Killilea family members who have lovingly nurtured both the plants in the greenhouse and the community of Gahanna. Jerry and Lou Killilea and their children, Brian and Kathleen, have generously assisted with the beautification of Gahanna for more than eight years. Thanks to their flowering baskets, potted planters and enthusiastic efforts, Gahanna continues to be a beautiful place to live, work, play and visit!

Youth Honoree Megan Morgan - Gahanna Christian Academy

The decision to nominate Megan for youth honoree on behalf of Gahanna Christian Academy was not a challenging one. "She's one special lady," said Gahanna Christian Academy Principal Scottie Crites. "She's loving and kind and has a heart for everybody." Aside from these endearing qualities, Megan is an outstanding school leader, plays varsity volleyball, is a member of the year-



Photo courtesy of the city of Gahanna

2005 Holiday Lights! Parade Grand Marshal Dale Foor.

book staff and was the sophomore homecoming attendant. And with all that involvement, she still manages to carry a 3.86 grade point average!

Youth Honoree Sarah Farley - Gahanna Lincoln High School

Senior Sarah Farley's reaction to the news that she was selected as Gahanna Lincoln High School's youth honoree was one of surprise and gratitude. "It's an honor," said Sarah. "I feel that I represent the school

well, but there are so many other people who could have been chosen." Many who know Sarah feel that the honor is well deserved. She's the president of Student Council and participates in the school's TV program, theatrical productions and holiday marathons. Sarah was also elected to the Homecoming Court in both her sophomore and senior years.

Thanks to all of you for sharing so generously of your time and talents!

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The fun is building at the 2005 Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival

Join in the festivities at one of the Midwest's most unique holiday parades and festivals! The Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival, held Saturday, November 26, will again present the quintessential hometown holiday extravaganza.

The festivities, which begin at 3 p.m. and run through 9 p.m., promise to captivate children of all ages with holiday activities set in historic Olde Gahanna and charming Creekside Park.

Treasured memories will be made as visitors step into the Holiday Village at the Sanctuary, which will offer free children's crafts, activities and games, Santa's Secret Workshop, horse-drawn carriage and train rides, Santa's mailbox and

the opportunity to visit with Santa himself!

Attendees can partake in the merriment at the Sugarplum Station at Mifflin Presbyterian Church where they'll find inflatables, entertainment, some of central Ohio's favorite friends - Nutcracker from BalletMet, Wattson the Robot from AEP and Max & Erma from Max & Erma's Restaurants - delicious holiday food and beverages and the popular Olde Gahanna Community Partnership Festival of Trees silent auction.

There also will be a variety of offerings at local businesses, including holiday open houses at the Gahanna Historical Society Settlement and the Gahanna Conven-

tion & Visitors Bureau, as well as free craft activities at the Gahanna Metropolitan Library and Creative Hearts Art Studio. Don't miss the Winter Wonderland at Creekside Park, which will feature breathtaking light displays that will be set against the beautiful backdrop provided by Mother Nature. The flurry of activity will be only starting when the sun goes down, as Ohio's premiere evening parade begins at 6 p.m. and promises to warm hearts with the more than 100 lighted entrants, including 15 professionally-designed floats, horse-drawn carriages, the Gahanna Lincoln High School marching band and other dazzling surprises.



Photo courtesy of the city of Gahanna

Horse-drawn carriages are only part of the festival fun.

Grab a cup of hot cocoa — the contagious holiday spirit will continue long into the evening with post-parade festivities.

Don't miss this exciting kickoff to the season of magic at the Seventh Annual Gahanna Holiday Lights! Parade & Festival!

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READY FOR YOU TO MOVE-IN!
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PRISTINE CONDITION
Best describes this Gahanna 3 level split! Located on a quiet court w/a great fncd yd. 3 BRs & 1.5 BAs. 1 car gar. Many updates include newer kit, wndws, furnace & A/C. Neutral décor! Shows great! **Priced to sell! \$129,900.**



CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION!
Great Gahanna ranch w/3 BRs & 1.5 BAs. Formal liv rm, eat-in kit & full bsmt fin w/fam rm, gas log fpic & bar area. Additional rm ideal for den/office or even an extra BR. Hdwd floors & new wndws. **Hurry! \$126,500.**



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GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS! PARADE & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2:00-5:30 p.m.

Nostalgic Historic Gahanna

Visit the open house at the Gahanna Historical Society's living history museums. Decorations and docents in period costume transform the settlement into a nostalgic trip to yesteryear. (Gahanna Historical Society Settlement, 106 South High Street)

3-9 p.m.

Holiday Shopping

Get in the holiday spirit as you find the perfect gift in one of the many unique shops in Olde Gahanna, or give a gift that will truly make a difference by donating a nonperishable food donation to G.R.I.N. (Gahanna Residents In Need). Donation boxes are available in the *Holiday Village at The Sanctuary*.

3-8 p.m.

Holiday Shopping

It is so much better to give than to receive! Bring your little shoppers to *Santa's Secret Workshop*, where they'll be able to find the perfect gift for you! (Holiday Village at The Sanctuary, 82 North High Street)

3-6 and 7-9 p.m.

Festival of Trees Silent Auction

No hassle holiday decorating is now available! Purchase a decorated tree at the *Olde Gahanna Community Partnership Holiday Lights! Festival of Trees*. (Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Granville Street)

3-8 p.m.

Children's Activities

Create treasured memories with a variety of FREE activities for children of all ages. Try your hand at the holiday bean bag toss, make a festive decoration or ornament, plant a pine tree, dip candy canes in chocolate, and much more! (Holiday Village at The Sanctuary)

3-6 p.m.

Children's Activities

There's nothing like the energy of the holiday season, especially for the little ones. Help them "shake their sillies out" on giant holiday inflatables or with some of central Ohio's favorite friends: *Nutcracker* from BalletMet, *Watson the Robot* from AEP, and *Max & Erma* from Max & Erma's Restaurant's! (Sugarplum Station at Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Granville Street).

3-6 and 7-9 p.m.

Refreshments

Warm up in between activities while enjoying delicious treats inside Mifflin Presbyterian Church.

3-5:30 p.m.

Trackless Train and Horse-drawn Holiday Buggy Rides

Relax and take a FREE festive ride through Olde Gahanna. (Holiday Village at The Sanctuary)

3-6 p.m.

Santa

A holiday celebration wouldn't be complete without a visit with Santa. Picture-taking and wish-making opportunities are available with the "Jolly Old Elf"! (Holiday Village at The Sanctuary)

3-5 p.m.

Holiday Fun at the Gahanna Library

Create our own holiday light when you stop in the Gahanna Library, 310 Granville Street, where you can make your own free luminary!

3:30-6 p.m.

Heartland Bank Holiday Stage

Enjoy performances by:
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Celeste Friedman
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Gahanna Junior Drill Team
5:00 - 5:15 p.m. Gahanna Lionettes Dance Team
5:15 - 5:30 p.m. A Taste of Pinnell Dance Centre

4-6 p.m.

Art on a Stick at Creative Hearts Art Studio

Feeling creative? Visit Creative Hearts Art Studio at 136 Mill Street to make your own treasure with clay. No charge.

3-7 p.m.

Holiday Open House

Discover how the "Fun is Building" in Gahanna at the Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau, located at 116 Mill Street.

6 p.m.

Parade!

The flurry of activity is just beginning when the sun goes down, as Ohio's premiere evening parade promises to warm hearts with the more than 100 lighted floats, horse drawn carriages, marching bands, and a host of other dazzling surprises. (Granville and Mill Streets)

7-9 p.m.

The Fun Continues...

Grab a cup of hot cocoa, as the contagious holiday spirit continues into the evening with post-holiday festivities. (Mifflin Presbyterian Church)

After Dark

Creekside Winter Wonderland

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Shuttle Service is available at Giant Eagle (Hamilton Rd.—{north of Rt. 62, south of Morse}) and Royal Manor Plaza (Stygler Rd. near Agler).
Handicap accessible parking is available at the VFW parking lot.
 For more information: www.gahanna.gov/holidaylights (614) 342-4250 or (614) 418-9114

