

## Silverbells Hamden's Winter Holiday Festival

The Town of Hamden will host **Silverbells**, its winter holiday festival, on Saturday, December 5, 2-6 pm. (Rain date for outdoor activities: December 6.) Town Center Park will be filled with holiday lights and community merrymaking, with carousel rides, hayrides, crafts, caroling, tree lighting and Santa's arrival by fire truck. The Miller Cultural Center will have face painting in the library and a musical production, "Winter Wonderland," in Thornton Wilder Hall. The latter will cost \$2 for children; \$3 for adults. All other activities are free.

Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for The Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive. The festivities include:

### Holiday Festivities at Miller Cultural Center: 2901 Dixwell Avenue

**2 - 4 pm: Face Painting at Miller Library.**

**3 pm: "Winter Wonderland" by Flying Ship Productions:** A full musical theatre production: A modern day Alice searches for the true meaning of the holiday season. Admission: \$2 children; \$3 adults.

### Holiday Festivities at Town Center Park: 2761 Dixwell Avenue

**2 - 6 pm: Carousel Rides, Hayrides, Holiday Crafts, inc.** Letters to Santa, button-making, face painting.

**2 - 6 pm: The Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive:** A program of Hamden Community Services, with assistance from Hamden High School cheerleaders.

**2:15 pm: Caroling with the Hamden Girl Scouts**

**4:15 pm: Community Caroling & Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Caroling, led by the Church Street School chorus, with students from other Hamden public schools and the Hamden Girl Scouts, at Hamden Rotary Pavilion. Musical director: Bill Lastomirsky. Danny Lyons of WEBE 108 will serve as master of ceremonies.

**4:30 pm: Santa Arrives by Fire Truck/Visits with Santa**

Santa arrives, thanks to the Hamden Fire Department, then joins families in the Hamden Rotary Pavilion. Refreshments provided by the Hamden Rotary Club.

Presented by the Hamden Arts Commission, in cooperation with The Hamden Fire Department, Hamden Public Works Department, Hamden Parks & Recreation Department, Hamden Community Emergency Response Team, Hamden Library System, Hamden Public Schools, Hamden Rotary Club, P.L.A.C.E. Multicultural Children's Museum, and the Hamden High School cheerleaders.

In case of heavy rain or snow, outdoor activities will be postponed to December 6; indoor activities will be held on the 5th. For weather information, listen to WQUN 1220 AM or WEBE 108 FM or contact the Arts Commission at 287-2546 or [mcoleman@hamden.com](mailto:mcoleman@hamden.com); [www.hamdenartscommission.org](http://www.hamdenartscommission.org).