

IVORYTON Village Alliance

IVORYTON ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER-FALL & WINTER 2019

Hello Ivorytonians! Our first newsletter's question regarding name preference has "Ivorytonian" leading "Ivorytonite" by 83%. As promised (or threatened) here we are, back with a second newsletter to keep you in touch with Village happenings. The Ivoryton Alliance is comprised of individuals, merchants and non-profits. The group endeavors to enhance the quality of life and sense of community in Ivoryton with events such as the July 4th Parade, the Farmers' Market, the Dog Wash, and the Illuminations. As a 501(c)(3), we are a non-profit organization, reliant on volunteers and donations to fund events. Interested? Contact us at: WWW.IVORYTONALLIANCE.ORG.

SUMMER SATURDAYS: Twenty five vendors, and some terrific musicians, showed up on the Green for this summer's Ivoryton Farmers' Market. With the exception of a rainy-day washout, and an extremely hot Saturday, the market was well attended. A special shout-out goes to Dave & Rosemary Sousa, who volunteer mega-hours organizing and managing the Market.

The 19th Annual Ivoryton Pumpkin Festival, October 19, 2019 is a free, activity-filled event that has in past years attracted up to 1,500 visitors to the Green. Families, kids of all ages, witches and warlocks are all invited, and costumes are definitely encouraged! The highlight of the day happens at 5:00 pm when of hundreds of carved and lighted pumpkins set the Green aglow.

10:00 - noon: Pre-festival pumpkin carving party on the front lawn of Bushy Hill Nature Center. Pumpkins provided by the Nature Center and Ivoryton Alliance.

2:00 - 4:00: Drop off carved pumpkins at the Green.

4:30 - 5:00: **Bohemian Body Art will be at the Ivoryton Playhouse** side patio to add the finishing touches to your costume, and dance instructor, Jennifer Erkila will lead our smallest guests in the "Halloween Boogie".

4:30 - 7:30: Horse drawn hayrides take riders around the Village.

5:00 - 7:00: Cookie decorating at the Child and Family Services table.

5:00-7:30: Take a spooky walk through the "haunted" Ivoryton Library, enjoy live music by "Federation", and try the free refreshments (while they last) provided by the Lions Club, All Saints Episcopal Church and Essex Park and Rec.

6:00 - 7:30: "Casper the Friendly Ghost" cartoons, presented by the Ivoryton Library and Park and Rec, will be on the big screen next to Brickside Pizza.

7:30-8:00: **Please pick up your pumpkin.**



For more information call 860-767-4340 x138 or visit essexct.recdesk.com.

On Saturday, October 19 Falls River Estates residents will hear the pitter-patter of not-so-little feet when the Ivoryton Library holds its annual Pumpkin Chase fundraiser. At 9:00 am, participants will run, (or walk), down Main St., turn onto, Falls River Dr., into the nature preserve and back. Please be aware that during the event, for the runners' safety, **vehicle traffic will be halted at times**. You can lend your support by coming out to cheer and offer encouragement.

IVORYTON ILLUMINATIONS: This is our tenth anniversary! **On Saturday, December 7**, Ivoryton's famous flying Santa will make his appearance, delighting children of all ages. Local community groups (including Lions, Rotary, churches and schools, to name a few) as well as ICRV Radio, our iconic Elf Hunt and the furry petting zoo make for a wonderful time and wonderful memories. This community event is funded by the Ivoryton Alliance and is made possible by a group of dedicated volunteers. *Making this magic requires a great deal of planning, and takes 1,200 man-hours to turn it into a spectacular reality. Although we can't promise moderate temperatures, (After all, it is New England), anyone who can offer a bit of their time can contact us at the Alliance website, and will be warmly welcome.* The light show is on for the whole of December and is ranked 3rd in the State. Our beautiful tree - the largest decorated live Christmas tree in Connecticut - stands in the midst of the village that is adorned with over 500,000 lights. Tune your car radio to 101.5 FM and watch as the lights "dance" to the music. No wonder this has become such a treasured holiday tradition.



SEASON SPECIALS AT THE PLAYHOUSE At 3:00 on Sunday, December 8 and 7:00 Monday, December 9, the Ivoryton Playhouse will take us back to the early part of the 19th century with a radio-inspired production of Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol". Starring acclaimed actors, Kathleen Turner and James Naughton, Fred Newman, of Prairie Home Companion fame, will provide the sound effects. Members of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra will perform the original score. Tickets for this extra-special fundraising event are \$75.00 and \$100.00.

This year's holiday show "An Actor's Carol" will run from December 13-22. For tickets call the box office at 860-767-7318, or go to IVORYTONPLAYHOUSE.ORG.

NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Stop in for a cuppa' at CAIT SHEA'S SPROUTS. Once the home of Cliff's Ivoryton Store, Gather and the Elephant Crossing, Cait has bought her design studio, boutique, coffee bar, lounge from Chester to Ivoryton...her hometown. (Welcome back, Cait.) Serving organic, fair-trade coffee, Ayurvedic teas and beverages, Cait's natural-fiber clothing designs are made and displayed in the shop. To quote Cait, "We aim to transform traditional retail shopping into a community-oriented experience, a place where people can gather and connect: to feel a sense of ease and belonging." For more information: WWW.CAITSHEA.com.

