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## Santa Fly-in

Press Release

PRINCETON - Thirty-seven years ago someone suggested that Santa fly into the airport for the area children watch. Over the years this event has evolved into a wonderful annual event for families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue on Christmas Eve day when the Nierenberg family, owners of Princeton Airport, will open the hangar doors to area children while they await Santa's arrival. The event began at a neighboring airport and the Nierenbergs brought the tradition to the Princeton Airport in 1985. This year the event will be held on Monday, December 24th. Airport Manager Kenneth Nierenberg (a.k.a. Santa) has confirmed Santa's arrival time to be 11:00 A.M.

Participants come from far and wide for this happening. If you wish to have your children participate in the event, please bring a wrapped gift

for each child with the name in large print to the lobby of the airport. If you have several children, wrap the gifts in the same paper and tie them together to expedite the distribution. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa.

On the day of the event adults are advised to bring the children prior to 11:00 A.M. and wait in the Maintenance Hangar. While waiting, members of the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies. Ms. Pat McKinley, a local folk singer, will lead the audience in a variety of holiday songs. Chris Maslanka will provide the sound system. Santa will call in on the airplane's radio to confirm his ETA (estimated time of arrival).

Once contact has been made with Santa, everyone will proceed outside onto the ramp in front of the hangar where they can watch Santa fly low over the runway. After he lands, Santa and everyone else will go into the hangar and Santa will distribute each gift individually.

The event will be held regardless of the weather conditions. Parents will have the opportunity to take pictures of

their children on Santa's lap. Typically the distribution lasts about an hour and a half.

The most important feature of this event is the collection of gifts for needy children. If you plan to participate, you are required to bring new unwrapped gifts of clothing, books, or toys. These gifts are being collected and distributed through the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Although toys are a common donation, items such as scarves, mittens, and other articles of clothing are welcome. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County" will also be collected. The airport will have a container for the public to donate canned or boxed food to help the local food banks in this particularly difficult year. The public is asked to be extra generous this year in light of the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. The airport will gladly accept contributions from non-participants also.

The airport will begin the collection the day after Thanksgiving and it has set a deadline for the collection of both the gifts for area children and the needy of December 16th in order to enable county workers to arrange for the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby at the airport between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Usually the distribution of the gifts is completed by 1:00 P.M. when Santa will continue his journey.

There is no charge for the event. Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 mile north of Princeton on Route 206. For further information, call 609-921-3100 or [www.princetonairport.com](http://www.princetonairport.com).

## Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearn Cottage Historical Society is sponsoring a Christmas Tea at the Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., on Sunday, December 16 at 1 p.m.

Join the Society members for tea and pastries, with Dennis Nanton on the keyboard.

Donations are appreciated.

For more information call 732-293-1090.

## Holiday Parade of Lights

SAYREVILLE - There will be a Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m. Pictures with Santa at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center, Dolan St. & Refreshments to follow. For more information call 732-390-7096 ext. 390-7092.

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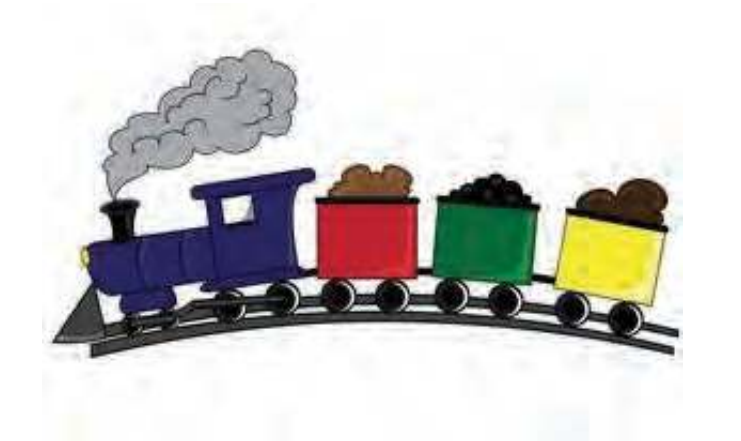
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## Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Salvation Army's Perth Amboy Corps. State Street, is looking for a few good men and women.

Through Monday, Dec. 24 the Salvation Army's 2012 Red Kettle Christmas Campaign will be conducted to raise the funds needed for its various charitable programs.

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Christmas Campaign one of the oldest charity fundraisers in the U.S. began in 1891 in San Francisco, CA. The Campaign raises over \$130 Million each year through the efforts of over 25,000 volunteers ringing bells to solicit loose-change donations from Holiday shoppers, which in turn provide clothing, food, toys, and more to almost 30 million needy Americans.

This year the Perth Amboy Corps has fewer volunteers to staff its Kettle locations throughout its service area of Perth Amboy, Edison, South Amboy and Woodbridge Township.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this important work should call 732-826-7040.

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## A Drive Through

### Christmas Story

OLD BRIDGE - A Drive Through The Christmas Story" will be presented again this year by Sayre Woods Bible Church. This is a display of ten life-sized Bible scenes including live characters, animals, holiday music, scripture, and a running storyline by way of a CD which enables you to go on a guided tour both hearing and seeing the Christmas story within the convenience of your own car. The Drive Through The Christmas Story is now also available in Spanish.

Held on the circular grounds of Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, Old Bridge, on November 30, and December 1, 2 as well as December 7, 8 and 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays, and from 5:00 PM to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For further information on this free holiday event, please contact our coordinator, Mrs. RoxAnne Tauriello, 1-888-679-4709.



## Pictures with Santa

WOODBIDGE - Bring your child to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. When: Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Parker Press (400 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge). The Recreation Department is collecting non-perishable food items at ALL Holiday Events. Please bring a can... or two... or three of non-perishable food items to any of our Holiday events. Let's help our neighbors in need this holiday season. Walgreens (of Woodbridge) will be giving guests a complimentary 4X6 picture. For more info call Woodbridge Township Recreation & Resident Services 732- 596-4048.

## Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church Hall, 404 Division St. is sponsoring a Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Walk through a maze of homemade Holiday Cookies, fill a bag, and pay \$10 per pound.

For more information, call 732-826-4442.



## Holiday Parade

WOODBIDGE - Kick off the Holiday Season by welcoming Santa to town at Downtown Woodbridge on Sunday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the 52nd Annual Holiday Parade. For more info call 732-596-4048.

## Holiday Lighting Ceremony

HOLMDEL - The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 from Bergen County and the Jewish War Veterans Department of New Jersey annually host a Holiday Lighting Ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel, N.J. The ceremony includes the lighting of a Christmas tree and Menorah, and a reading about Kwanzaa.

The ceremony will be at the N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Garden State Parkway, Exit 116 on Saturday, December 1 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Festivities are open to the public at no charge and hot chocolate and cookies will be offered. The 50/50 raffle winning ticket will also be drawn at the ceremony.

The N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center are located on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center. The Memorial is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Regular admission to the Museum & Educational Center is FREE for veterans and active-duty military personnel. Regular adult admission is \$5, student and senior citizen admission is \$3 and children under age 10 are admitted FREE.

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