

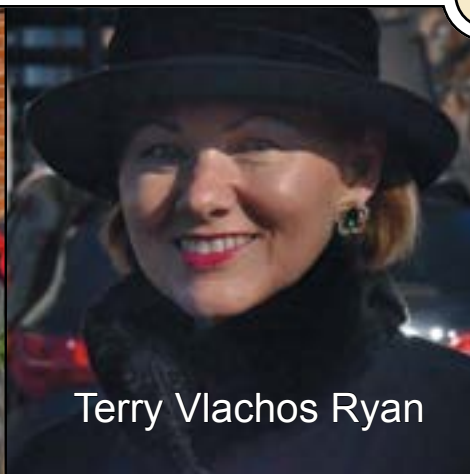


*An Invitation to the Twenty-Seventh Annual
Port Jefferson Village Charles Dickens Festival
Presented by Northwell-Mather*

Saturday & Sunday • December 2 & 3, 2023



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The Charles Dickens Festival
is a program of:



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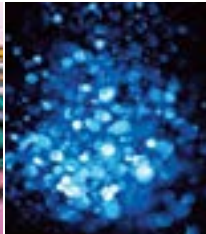
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Charles Dickens Festival

Welcome to the 27th Annual Charles Dickens Festival! Presented by Northwell-Mather

As fall sheds its leafy coat in preparation for winter, the first weekend in December once again plays host to the beloved Village of Port Jefferson Charles Dickens Festival. Join us as we celebrate our 27th Anniversary through our cherished traditions plus spectacular new additions that will add a sparkle and a smile to this enchanting weekend. We are very pleased to welcome Northwell-Mather as our overall naming sponsor this year, along with Stony Brook Medical, covering events in the Village Center, and Stony Brook University Covering events at the Presbyterian Church, the Harborview Christian Church, Christ Church Episcopal and the Masonic Lodge. State Farm Stephanie Sgroi Agency is supporting the new Santa's Workshop on the second floor of the Village Center, while Riverhead Toyota has signed on to bring one and all the Street Characters.

Hailed as Long Island's Best Annual Event/Festival for 2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023, the weekend festivities start on Friday, December 1 with the traditional Lantern Dedication, and the

annual Residents' Night at the Village Center featuring complimentary skating, hot chocolate and baked treats. Dickens festivities begin on Saturday, December 2, running through Sunday, December 3. Produced by the Greater Port Jefferson-Northern Brookhaven Arts Council in cooperation with the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson, friends and families from across the Northeast, from all 50 states and, indeed, from around the globe (over 60 guests from the EU in 2022), will gather to celebrate the beloved author as we once again turn our quaint seaport village into a living Dickens stage.

Born Charles John Huffam Dickens (1812-1870), Charles Dickens was arguably the literary superstar of his age, a status that lives on today. Ever the champion of the common man and the downtrodden, his inventive genius has inspired a raft of theatrical performances and a parade of films that portray the drama and redemption of life as a central theme. From *A Tale of Two Cities* to *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens managed to create some of literature's most iconic and memorable personalities. We are proud to carry on this time-honored tradition with our Dickens Festival.

The wondrous Festival of Trees, an artistic collection of magnificent Christmas creations, brought to us by the Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, can be enjoyed on the second floor of the Port Jefferson Village Center and will be available for viewing the entire month. New for this year,

Santa's Workshop will premiere alongside the Festival of Trees. As you stroll down this extraordinary parade of trees, you will see the Workshop, with busy elves showing off how the surrounding trees were crafted. Many of the decorations from Santa's Workshop past will be on display as well. Not to be missed magical moments! New this year as well, Santa himself will be appearing in his giant green-velvet chair to greet families at the Methodist Church on both days at Santa Claus Central. Both Santa's Workshop and Santa Claus Central will host donation containers for AGAPE Meals for Kids. Please bring non-perishable, kid friendly single serve food items to help this cause.

The Artisan Square, showing how hand-crafted works were made during Victorian England, resides in the parking lot by the blinking light where Main Street and East and West Broadway merge. The spectacular Tiny Tim's Train Station (also Toys for Tots location), presented by the Reed Family Train Project, will dazzle at the Harbor-master's building. This event is brought to you by Chick-fil-A in Port Jefferson Station and Bryant Funeral Home. The restaurants offer Dickensian inspired fare, while the wide range of shops in the village stay open for extended hours for holiday shopping. We also have a Shuttle Bus, sponsored by North Suffolk Cardiology, to bring Dickens Festival fans into town from the outlying parking lots, AND a special mandolin concert in the Sail Loft at the Port Jef-

ferson Village Center featuring Buddy Merriam, presented by the Mandolin Heritage Association, National Grid and Douglas Elliman Real Estate.

The Village, once again, will be rich with our troupe of Dickens' Street Characters featuring a series of street plays with Dickensian characters and carolers roaming the streets. Port Jefferson becomes alive with a host of musical, magical and theatrical presentations. The Grand East Main Street Opening Parade marches on Saturday morning at 11:00 AM, while Pickwick's Puppet Parade ends the celebration beginning at 5:00 PM on Sunday. Don't miss either one as each parade features awe-inspiring new attractions.

So, come one! Come all! A rapturous time for the young and young at heart, the Dickens Festival is sure to delight the Scroogiest of curmudgeons!

A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

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— Charles Dickens Festival —

Calendar of events

FRIDAY
December 1

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Lantern Dedications

7:00 PM
A Christmas Carol
Theatre Three \$\$*

SATURDAY
December 2

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
"The Whaleboat Project –
Long Island Seaport & Eco Center
Come in and view the construction
of a replica 1776 armed whaleboat,
commemorating Port Jefferson's history in
the American Revolution."
Bayles Boat Shop, Harborfront Park

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Christmas Markets in Belle Terre
New for this year! Stop in and take a look at
the gift opportunities then drive down to the
Dickens Festival at large in Port Jefferson.
The Vincent Bove Community Center
Cliff Road, Belle Terre

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Library Front Lawn
Take pictures with adorable winter scenery
in front of the Library.
Port Jefferson Library

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Festival of Trees
Port Jefferson Village Center - 2nd floor

11:00 AM - 11:40 AM
Grand East Main Street Opening Parade
East Main to Port Jefferson Village Center

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Apple Cider at the Drowned Meadow
Cottage Museum
Come and explore our family-friendly museum!
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a free tour highlighting our 18th century
cottage and informative exhibits, giving you a
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11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Chocolate Extravaganza
Christ Church Episcopal

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
St. Nicholas' Inn Soup & Lunch
Christ Church Episcopal

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Dickens Alley
Historic East Main Street

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Children's Department
Dickens' Family Film Marathon:
Christmas Carol
Join us for a Dickens' Film Marathon and enjoy a
variety of Christmas Carols that will be shown in
the Children's Room.
Port Jefferson Library

11:00 AM
'Barnaby Saves Christmas'
Theatre Three \$\$*

11:40 AM - 12:00 PM
Opening Ceremony
Port Jefferson Village Center

12:00 - 12:30 PM
Tapestry Chamber Choir
Comsewogue School District
Santa's Workshop – Second Floor Village Center

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Roasted Chestnuts for Sale \$
Christ Church Episcopal

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mather Hospital Winter Snow Globe
Village Center Lawn

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM
The Cotillion Strings
Christ Church Episcopal

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Santa Claus Central
AGAPE Meals for Kids
First Methodist Church

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Artisan Square
Kilwins Parking Lot

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
The Reed Family Train Project
at Tiny Tim's Train Station
Toys for Tots
Harbormaster's Building - West Broadway

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM
Phyllis Butler - Sweet Melody Music Studio
Harborview Christian Church

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Spectacular Gingerbread House Contest
Masonic Lodge

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Mrs. Claus Cookie Shop
Masonic Lodge

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM
The Bewitching Magic of Steve Rodman
Masonic Lodge

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Santa's Workshop
AGAPE Food Donation
(3:00 to 3:30 - Port Jefferson
Middle School Choir)
Port Jefferson Village Center - 2nd floor

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM
Erika the Harpist
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

12:00 PM - 12:40 PM
Christmas Carol Radio Show
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

12:00 PM
Street Performance TBA
Frigate

12:00 PM
Scrooge
Village Way

12:00 PM
Carolers
GAP

12:00 PM
Reeny Foster Group
Port Jeff Brewing Comany

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM
Elves and the Shoemaker
First Methodist Church \$\$*

12:30 PM
Joly Jammers Orchestra
Village Center

12:30 PM
Dickens Meet
Frigate

12:30 PM
Town Crier
GAP

12:40 PM - 1:00 PM
The Cotillion Strings
Christ Church Episcopal

12:40 PM - 1:00 PM
Phyllis Butler - Sweet Melody Music Studio
Harborview Christian Church

12:40 PM - 1:00 PM
Erika the Harpist
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Port Jefferson Middle School
String Orchestra
Dr. Vanessa Salzman, Director
First Presbyterian Church

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
How Dickens Used Science
to Transform Lives
Long Island Explorium \$\$

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Village Dickens Weekend
Port Jefferson Historical Society

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Historic Reading Room
Holiday Sing-Along with Adam King
Join Adam King for a Holiday sing along in
the festively decorated historic front reading
room of the library. Don't want to sing?
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enjoy the show.
Port Jefferson Library

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Historic Reading Room
Enjoy an elegantly decorated atmosphere
Port Jefferson Library

1:00 PM
Carolers
Frigate

1:00 PM
Oliver
Village Way

1:00 PM
Reeny Foster Group
Port Jeff Brewing Company

1:10 PM - 1:50 PM
Christmas Carol Radio Show
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

1:20 PM - 1:40 PM
The Cotillion Strings
Christ Church Episcopal

1:20 PM - 1:40 PM
Phyllis Butler - Sweet Melody Music Studio
Harborview Christian Church

1:20 PM - 2:10 PM
The Bewitching Magic of Steve Rodman
Masonic Lodge

1:20 PM - 1:40 PM
Erika the Harpist
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Elves and the Shoemaker
First Methodist Church \$\$

* Please note that performances marked with \$\$ require either
advance tickets or cash at the door.



Charles Dickens Festival

Calendar continued

- 1:30 PM
Curiosity Shop
GAP
- 1:30 PM
Fezziwig's Dance Party
Founder's Park
- 1:30 PM
Jolly Jammers
Village Center
- 2:00 PM - 2:20 PM
Songs of the Season - Robin Greenstein
Christ Church Episcopal
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Comsewogue JFK Middle School Band
Stephanie Amrine Jaklitsch, Director
First Presbyterian Church
- 2:00 PM - 2:20 PM
Judith Zweiman - My Father's Custom
Harborview Christian Church
- 2:00 PM - 2:20 PM
Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove
- 2:00 PM
Carolers
Frigate

- 2:20 PM - 3:00 PM
Christmas Carol Radio Show
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft
- 2:30 PM
Scrooge
Village Way
- 2:30 PM
Dickens Meet
Chase Bank
- 2:40 PM - 3:00 PM
Songs of the Season - Robin Greenstein
Christ Church Episcopal
- 2:40 PM - 3:00 PM
Judith Zweiman - My Father's Custom
Harborview Christian Church
- 2:40 PM - 3:30 PM
The Bewitching Magic of Steve Rodman
Masonic Lodge \$\$
- 2:40 PM - 3:00 PM
Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove
- 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM
Elves and the Shoemaker
First Methodist Church \$\$
- 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Mt. Sinai String Quartet
First Presbyterian Church



- 3:00 PM
'A Christmas Carol'
Theatre Three \$\$*
- 3:00 PM
Jolly Jammers
Village Center
- 3:00 - 3:30
Murphy Jr. High Chamber Choir
Three Village School District
Santa's Workshop - Second Floor Village Center
- 3:00 PM
Reeny Foster Group
Port Jeff Brewing Company
- 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Judith Zweiman - My Father's Custom
Harborview Christian Church
- 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Songs of the Season - Robin Greenstein
Christ Church Episcopal
- 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove
- 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Holiday Sing-a-long with Denise Romas
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft
- 3:30 PM
Oliver
Village Way
- 3:30 PM
Jewel Tones
Frigate
- 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Elves and the Shoemaker
First Methodist Church \$\$

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Charles Dickens Festival

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4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
'The Messiah'
North Shore Chamber Choir
David Voss, Director
First Presbyterian Church

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Coppers and Brass - Special Concert
Harborview Christian Church

4:00 PM - 4:20 PM
Holiday Sing-a-long with Denise Romas
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

4:00 PM
Street Performance TBA
GAP

4:30 PM
Curiosity Shop
Village Way

4:40 PM - 5:00 PM
Holiday Sing-a-long with Denise Romas
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

5:00 PM
Carolers
Village Way

5:00 PM
Jewel Tones
GAP

5:00 PM
Street Performance TBA
Salsa Salsa

5:00 PM
All Characters Singing
Frigate

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Buddy Merriam
Mandolin Heritage Association
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

7:00 PM
'A Christmas Carol'
Theatre Three \$\$*

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Fezziwig's Dance Party
Masonic Lodge \$\$*

SUNDAY
December 3

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Christmas Markets in Belle Terre
New for this year! Stop in and take a look at the gift opportunities then drive down to the Dickens Festival at large in Port Jefferson.
The Vincent Bove Community Center
Cliff Road, Belle Terre

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Festival of Trees
Port Jefferson Village Center - 2nd floor

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Whaleboat Project
Long Island Seaport & Eco Center
Come in and view the construction of a replica 1776 armed whaleboat, commemorating Port Jefferson's history in the American Revolution
Bayles Boat Shop, Harborfront Park

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Apple Cider at the Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum
Come and explore our family-friendly museum! Our knowledgeable guides will take you on a free tour highlighting our 18th century cottage and informative exhibits, giving you a rare glimpse into Port Jefferson's remarkable Revolutionary War history. We will be handing out some delicious apple cider made from a colonial variety grown locally (while supplies last).
Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Chocolate Extravaganza
Christ Church Episcopal

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
St. Nicholas' Inn Soup & Lunch
Christ Church Episcopal

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Dickens Alley
Historic East Main Street

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Roasted Chestnuts for Sale \$
Christ Church Episcopal

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Santa Claus Central
AGAPE Meals for Kids
First Methodist Church

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mather Hospital Winter Snow Globe
Village Center Lawn

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Artisan Square
Kilwins Parking Lot

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
The Reed Family Train Project
at Tiny Tim's Train Station
Toys for Tots
Harbormaster's Building - West Broadway

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
Mountain Maidens: Holiday Songs of All Nations
Harborview Christian Church

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Mrs. Claus Cookie Shop
Masonic Lodge

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Spectacular Gingerbread House Contest
Masonic Lodge

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM
The Bewitching Magic of Steve Rodman
Masonic Lodge

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Santa's Workshop
(2:30 to 3:00 -
Port Jefferson High School Choir)
AGAPE Food Donation
Port Jefferson Village Center - 2nd floor

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM
Quartet from the Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

12:00 PM - 2:40 PM
Christmas Carol Radio Show
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

12:00 PM
Scrooge
Village Way

12:00 PM
Choralions
GAP

12:00 PM
Carolers
Frigate

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM
Elves and the Shoemaker
First Methodist Church \$\$*

12:20 PM - 12:40 PM
Grace Sings Pauli Plays
Christ Church Episcopal

12:30 PM
Jolly Jammers Orchestra
Village Center

12:40 PM - 1:00 PM
Quartet from the Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

12:50 PM - 1:20 PM
Mountain Maidens: Holiday Songs of all Nations
Harborview Christian Church

1:00 PM - 1:20 PM
Grace Sings Pauli Plays
Christ Church Episcopal

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM
North Shore Suzuki School String Ensemble
Allison & Dave Johnson, Directors
First Presbyterian Church

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
How Dickens Used Science to Transform Lives
Long Island Explorium

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Annual Holiday Open House
Port Jefferson Historical Society

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Children's Department
Dickens' Family Film Marathon:
The Muppet Christmas Carol
Join us for a Dickens' Film Marathon of The Muppet Christmas Carol that will be showing in the Children's Room
Port Jefferson Library

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Library Front Lawn
Take pictures with adorable winter scenery in front of the Library.
Port Jefferson Library

1:00 PM
Oliver
Village Way

1:00 PM
Choralions
GAP

1:10 PM - 1:50 PM
Christmas Carol Radio Show
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

1:20 PM - 2:10 PM
The Bewitching Magic of Steve Rodman
Masonic Lodge

1:20 PM - 1:40 PM
Quartet from the Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Elves and the Shoemaker
First Methodist Church \$\$*

1:30 PM
Carolers
Frigate

1:40 PM - 2:00 PM
Grace Sings Pauli Plays
Christ Church Episcopal

1:40 PM - 2:10 PM
Mountain Maidens: Holiday Songs of all Nations
Harborview Christian Church

2:30 - 3:00
Port Jefferson High School Chamber Choir & Elementary School Select Choir
Port Jefferson School District
Santa's Workshop - Second Floor Village Center

1:40 PM - 2:10 PM
Port Jefferson Elementary School Select Choir
Laurel Zimlinghaus, Director
Port Jefferson High School Chamber Choir,
Christine Tamer, Director
First Presbyterian Church

2:00 PM - 2:20 PM
Juliette Passer - Christmas Sing Along with Happy Harp
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

Christmas Eve

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— Charles Dickens Festival —

Calendar continued

2:00 PM
Choralions
Village Center

2:00 PM
Curiosity Shop
Village Way

2:20 PM - 2:40 PM
Serenade Duo
Christ Church Episcopal

2:20 PM - 3:00 PM
Christmas Carol Radio Show
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

2:30 PM - 3:10 PM
Port Jefferson High School String Orchestra
Dr. Michael Caravello, Director
First Presbyterian Church

2:30 PM - 3:10 PM
Christmas Jazz
Harborview Christian Church

2:30 PM
Innishfree Dancers
GAP

2:30 PM
Chorus
Chase Bank

2:30 PM
Scrooge
Village Way

2:40 PM - 3:30 PM
The Bewitching Magic of Steve Rodman
Masonic Lodge

2:40 PM - 3:00 PM
Juliette Passer - Christmas Sing Along with Happy Harp
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM
Elves and the Shoemaker*
First Methodist Church \$\$

3:00 PM
A Christmas Carol
Theatre Three \$\$

3:10 PM - 3:30 PM
Serenade Duo
Christ Church Episcopal

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Juliette Passer - Christmas Sing Along with Happy Harp
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

3:30 PM - 4:10 PM
Christmas Jazz
Harborview Christian Church

3:30 PM
Oliver
Village Way

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM
Historic Reading Room
Holiday Music with the High School Chamber Orchestra
Join us for some wonderful music in the Historic Reading Room!
Director, Dr. Michael Caravello
Port Jefferson School District
Port Jefferson Library

3:50 PM - 4:10 PM
Serenade Duo
Christ Church Episcopal

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Elves and the Shoemaker
First Methodist Church \$\$*

4:30 PM
The Passing of the Lantern of Life
Maple Avenue to Village Hall

5:00 PM
Pickwick's Puppet Parade
Maple Avenue to Village Hall

5:45 PM
Closing Ceremony
Village Hall

7:00 PM
'A Christmas Carol'
Theatre Three \$\$*



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— Charles Dickens Festival —

Special Events at the Charles Dickens Festival 2023

The second floor of the Port Jefferson Village Center is playing host to the return of our time-honored **Santa's Workshop** replete with elves scurrying to decorate trees as they used to do in Santa's Workshop of yesteryear. Further, word has it that **Santa** will be available for photo opportunities at the spectacular, new Santa Claus Central on the first floor of the Methodist Church. This elaborately decorated space offers a special photo opportunity with Santa himself with special wish list notes to Santa that children can fill-in and drop off in the collection basket. **Mrs. Claus** will be making an appearance at the Masonic Lodge for a meet and greet. Check the schedule for times. There is a special one-hour concert happening at the Harborview Christian Church featuring a new performing group, **Coppers and Brass**, starting at 4:00. Also at the Meth-



Photo by Raymond Janis

odist Church, the return of the inventive theatrical production of **The Elves and the Shoemaker**. This Brothers Grimm fairy tale teaches us to be grateful for the help we receive and to pass the same kindness along to others who may need it. Please send note to: DrKVanH@optonline.net for exact ticket information. **Buddy Merriam** will perform a special concert in the Sail Loft on the third floor of the Village Center at 7:00, a wonderful musical experience brought to you by National Grid, Douglas Elliman Real Estate and the Mandolin Heritage Association. AND, to top it all off, Mather Hospital is producing the **Mather Hospital Winter Snow Globe**, a wonderful seasonal photo opportunity outside the Village Center (12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM on Saturday and 12:00 Noon to 4:30 on Sunday).

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Reading familiar stories and watching classic Christmas movies also are part and parcel of many celebrations. For example, *A Christmas Carol*, a novella by Charles Dickens that was published in 1843, is a must-read and must-see for many people each holiday season. The story is the tale of the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, who is visited by various ghosts, each of whom teaches Scrooge an important lesson about living life to its fullest. Theater companies, including our very own Theatre Three, put on productions of the classic Dickens tale around the holiday season.

Holiday celebrants and fans of “A Christmas Carol” can raise a toast to Charles Dickens by enjoying one of his favorite cocktails, the Sherry Cobbler, courtesy of Margaret Kaplan’s “How to Drink Like a Writer: Recipes for the Cocktails and

Libations that Inspired 100 Literary Greats.” While Dickens did not mention the Sherry Cobbler in *A Christmas Carol*, the beverage does make an appearance in another of his works, *The Life and Adventures of Martin Chuzzlewit*.

Charles Dickens’s Sherry Cobbler

YIELD: Serves 1

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 orange slices
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 4 ounces amontillado sherry
- Berries (in season) for garnishing
- Maraschino cherries for garnishing
- 1 lemon wheel for garnishing

DIRECTIONS:

Muddle orange slices and sugar at the bottom of a cocktail shaker. Add sherry and ice and shake. Strain ingredients into a Collins glass filled with crushed ice. Garnish with seasonal berries, maraschino cherries and a lemon wheel. Serve with a generosity of spirit.



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Charles Dickens Festival

27th Annual Dickens Festival Honorees

We are very pleased to announce our extra special honorees for the 27th Annual Charles Dickens Festival. These four individuals consistently step up to bring magic and merriment to the streets of Port Jefferson. Thank you for your service!

Daniel Overin

Daniel has been with the festival since 2005 and has always been the go-to person for making sure skits are set up accurately and order maintained in the command center and countless rehearsals. Always with a smile and a helping hand, he has always been willing to jump in to help in whatever parts are needed. Thank you, Daniel, for your years of service.

Terry Vlachos Ryan

Terry became involved in 2010. Her mother was well known as Fannie Dickens with Terry and her brother, Ryan, accompanying her. She joined our troupe in 2012 taking on many roles and joined the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council board a few years ago. She volunteers for many events. is an amazingly kind woman and an asset to our group. Thank you for your years of service and your wonderful spirit.

Conor Patrick Johanson

Conor has been a part of the Dickens Festival since 2008. He has been our Fagan in the Oliver script for five years and is an amazing young man. He has been acting and singing since

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Special Thanks for Special Help for Dickens

Behind the scenes help is essential for the successful production of the Charles Dickens Festival. First up is Backstage Studio of Dance. We had the need this year to have our cast of street characters rehearse on Thursday evenings since September. The new studio in Port Jefferson Station is magnificent and gigantic and the space was given as a gift to the Festival. The accounting firm of Covati & Janhsen has volunteered to help keep the finances in order going into the Festival. New for this year is the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council's need to move the existing furniture from the second floor of the Village Center to make way for the new Santa's Workshop. Our friends at Squeaky Cleaning Service and Moving have stepped up and we are getting the job done. Thanks as well to Suffolk Tent for their help with the large tent for the Artisan Square and to Salerno Brokerage Corp. for sponsoring the Street Character hospitality centers and KidSmiles for sponsoring the Christmas Carol Radio Show. Also, Bob Ognen, Metris Instruments, and Portable audio systems for Street Characters. YAY! Everyone!

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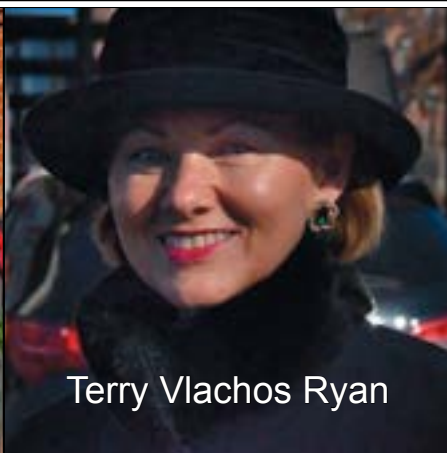
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the age of eight and is a former competitive Irish Step Dancer. He is a Senior in High School and a straight A student at Comsewogue High School and hopes to pursue Game Design and Acting in College. Thank you for your years of service and Good Luck in the future.

Fiona Reichers

Fiona is a also a Senior in High School and her goal is to go to FIT for costume design. She started in

2017 with our group and has played various character roles. Our favorite memory is during one of the festivals she was battling a cold, so she stayed away from everyone until right before her part where she stepped up - a true trooper. She has helped us maintained accuracy from historical aspects and volunteers for the Three Village Historical Society helping them with maintaining and categorizing their costumes. She gave us some wonderful ideas for our own costume base. Thank you, Fiona, for your years of service.



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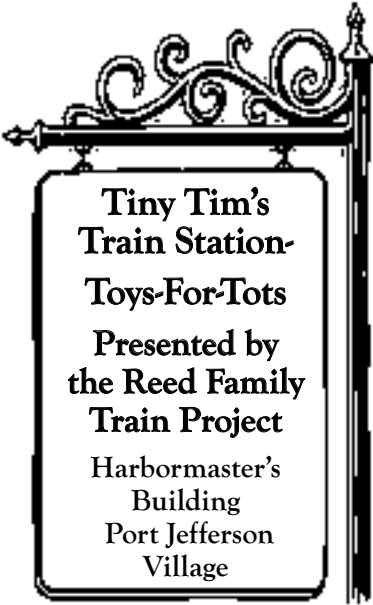
Amy Tyler Worrell has been an outstanding member of the community for over 3 decades. Her studio The Amy Tyler School of Dance has been a leader in dance for 36 years. In that time more than 1000 children have worked with her, some for as many as 14 years. She has worked with several community groups such as the Dickens Festival, Port Jefferson High School drama department, The harvest festival and many others. She Co-founded Harbor Ballet Theatre in 1991 Creating a ballet company open to any and all students from all over Suffolk County. Presenting ‘The Nutcracker’ each year at Port Jefferson High School and giving young dancers the opportunity to work alongside Professionals from Companies such as New York City Ballet and American



Amy Tyler Worrell and husband, John Worrell. Photo courtesy of Amy Tyler Worrell.

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Tiny Tim’s Train Station Toys-for-Tots



Tiny Tim visited the Dickens Festival in 2015 to spread some good cheer.

The wonderfully decked-out-for-Christmas model train exhibit, located at the **Harbormaster’s Building** in Port Jefferson, is a yearly favorite provided by The Reed Family Train Project. Taking literally weeks to assemble, this truly stunning exhibit is sure to captivate one and all. The location will also be host to the **Toys-for-Tots toy-raising event**. Festival visitors are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys and drop them in the collection box next to the exhibit while looking at different model train sets course around the setup.

Beginning in 1763, Scottish engineer James Watt tinkered with the original steam engine design that led to the first steam engine locomotive prototype built by British engineer Richard Trevithick in 1804. 1814 witnessed the first successful

steam engine train, built by British engineer George Stephenson, that could haul up to 30 tons of coal at a “breakneck” uphill speed of four miles per hour. Train tracks were soon found crisscrossing the globe as the steam locomotive helped to usher in the Industrial Era in Britain and America. **Charles Dickens** was so amazed by this new invention he named a powerful new breed of locomotive, built for speedy service on the American Baltimore & Ohio Railroad’s expanding system, the Pegasus, commenting, “If it had spread its wings and flew away, no one would be the least bit surprised!”

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The Dickens Festival shuttle will carry Festival visitors to and from all the Dickensian action. We are also encouraging visitors to park in the LIRR lot immediately South and East of the railroad tracks off Railroad Avenue.

The shuttle will be stopping there twice an hour.

The Dickens Parking Committee will be posting official Dickens Festival "Shuttle" parking signs for your convenience, and it will be running from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Saturday and from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Sunday,

December 2 & 3, 2023.

We are also supplying a special Dickens Parking map in addition to the larger Dickens Event map included with this special festival section. So, if you want to have more Festival and less roaming, please take advantage of our outlying lots. For those of you who want to find a space closer, Metered Parking is in force for the Dickens weekend. At \$1.50 per hour, a few dollars will buy you a wealth of Dickens' delights.

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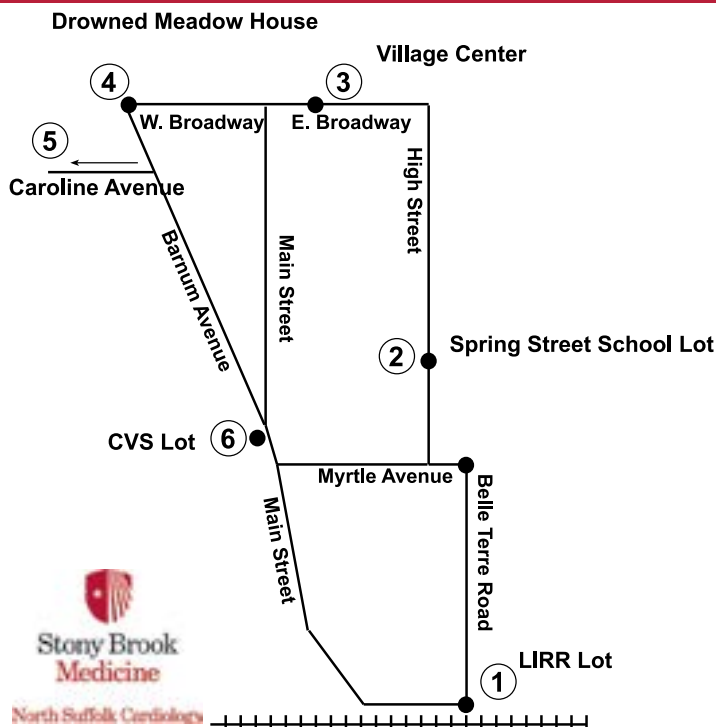
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The Artisan Square will feature four artisans who demonstrate how crafts were done during Dickens' time. The Arts & Crafts movement began in Victorian Britain in the 1860s as a response to the demise of the older craft guilds in favor of industrialized manufacturing. Led by artist and writer William Morris, the Arts & Crafts movement sought to bring back high quality, hand-made workmanship. Our Dickens Festival Artisans utilize 19th century tools to elucidate festival attendees in the creative process behind their respective crafts. In addition to demonstrating techniques, they engage festival attendees in conversations that encourage a comparison between old and modern tools, methods and products that are used in everyday life. The Artisan's Tent this year will present Arthington Acres Jam Purveyors, RavensWing Millinery, Doug & Sherre's Ephemera and the return of Peter the Blacksmith outside the tent. **You can also win this gorgeous custom-made bonnet**



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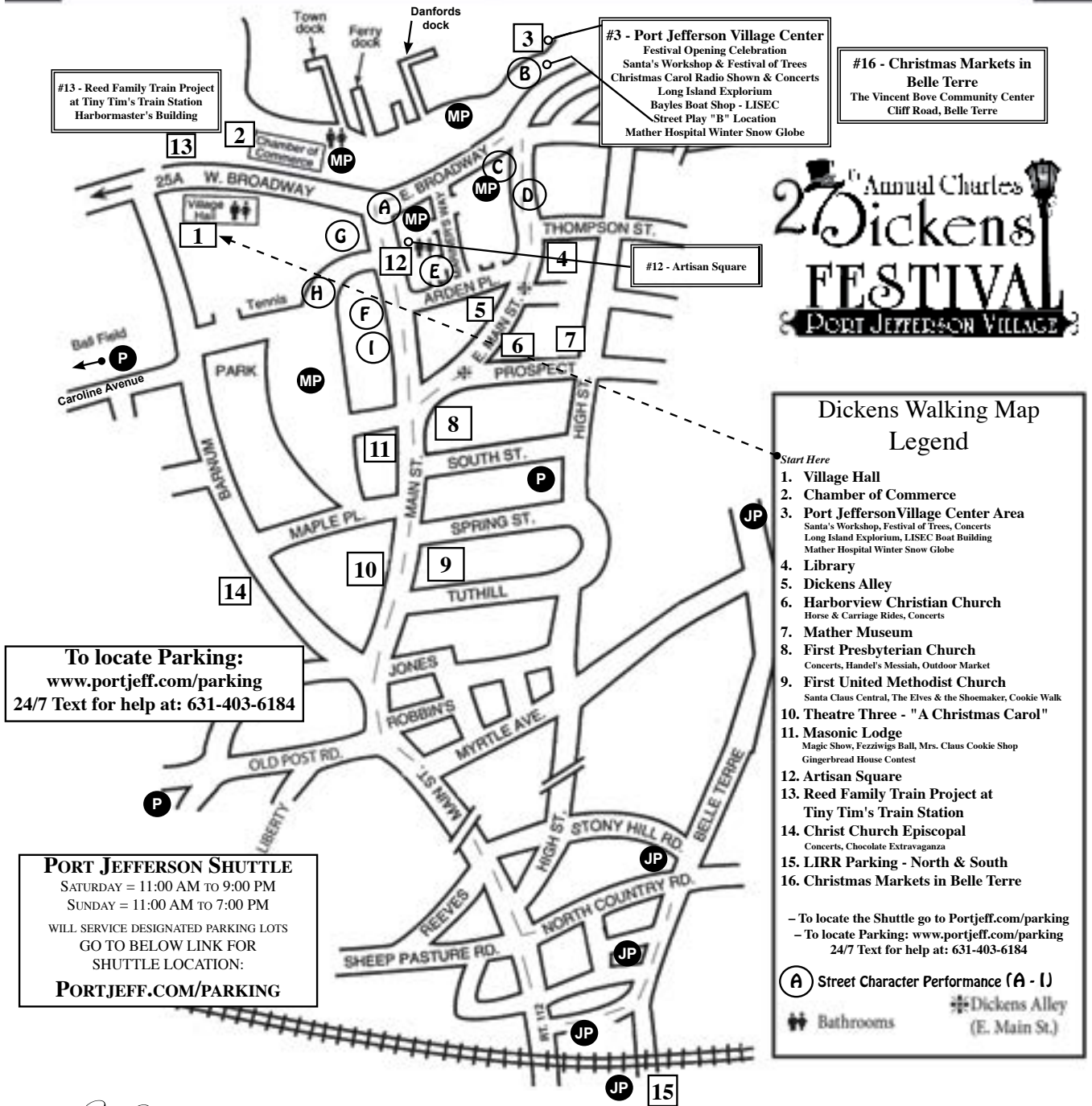
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