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SATURDAY & SUNDAY • DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2024



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CHARLES DICKENS FESTIVAL

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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 28th Anniversary through our cherished traditions plus spectacular new additions that will add a sparkle and a smile to this enchanting weekend.

Hailed as Long Island's Best Annual Event/Festival since 2019, the weekend festivities start on Friday, December 6 with the traditional Lantern Dedication and the annual Village Resident's Night at the Port Jefferson Village Center. Dickens Festival festivities officially begin on Saturday, December 7, running through Sunday, December 8. 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 & 2023), will gather to celebrate the beloved author as we once again turn our quaint Village Streets 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.

Port Jefferson becomes alive with a host of musical, magical and theatrical presentations throughout the village, while the streets will once again come alive with our troupe of Dickens' Street Characters featuring a series of street plays with Dickensian characters and carolers roaming our charming hamlet. 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. 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

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!

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Saturday, December 7

- 12:00 - Phyllis Butler - Sweet Melody Music Studio x 3
- 2:00 - Judith Zweiman - My Father's Custom x 3
- 4:00 - Fairchild and Becherer - Special Concert x 1
- 7:00 - Christmas Jazz x 1

Sunday December 8

- 12:30 - Mountain Maidens: Holiday Songs of All Nations x 3
- 3:00 - WOLBI College Performers

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MAIN STREET & 107 SOUTH STREET

Saturday, December 7

- 1:00 - Port Jefferson Middle School String Orchestra x 1
- 2:15 - Comsewogue JFK Middle School Band x 1
- 3:15 - Christmas Music Pre-show x 1
- 4:00 - "The Messiah" - North Shore Chamber Choir x 1

Sunday December 8

- 1:00 - North Shore Suzuki String Ensemble x 1
- 1:50 - PJ Elementary School Select Choir + PJ High School Chamber Choir x 1
- 2:30 - Port Jefferson High School String Orchestra x 1

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Saturday, December 7

- 12:00 - Cotillion Strings x 3
- 2:00 - Robin Greenstein Songs of the Season x 3

Sunday, December 8

- 12:20 - Grace Sings Pauli Plays x 3
- 2:20 - Serenade Duo x 3

MASONIC LODGE 312 MAIN STREET

Saturday, December 7

- 12:00 - The Magic of Amore - Tickets: \$10 x 3
- 7:30 - Fezziwig's Dance Party - Tickets \$20 x 1

Sunday, December 8

- 12:00 - The Magic of Amore - Tickets: \$10 x 3





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Calendar of events

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



FRIDAY December 6

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Lantern Dedications

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

SATURDAY December 7

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
Teen Center - Pick up a Take-Home Kit: Thaumatrope: Assemble at home an optical toy popular in the 19th century. Using two illustrated sides of a disc, thaumatropes create the illusion of motion and are one of the earliest forms of animation.
Port Jefferson Library

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Library Lawn - Take pictures with winter scenery in front of the Library.
Port Jefferson Library

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Mistletoe Lane Craft Fair and Musical Performances
First Presbyterian Church

10:00 AM - 8:00 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! 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 - 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: "A Christmas Carol"
Drop in to enjoy the variety of film versions of "A Christmas Carol".
Port Jefferson Library

11:00 AM
"Barnaby Saves Christmas" (\$) *
Theatre Three

11:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Cookie Shop - Lionel Train Display & Raffle
Gingerbread Spectacular Contest Display
Tickets \$5 - Free with Magic Show Ticket
Masonic Lodge - Lower Level

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

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Paige Patterson
Copperfield Hall
First United Methodist Church

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

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

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Cookie Walk (\$) *
First United Methodist Church

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Santa Claus Central
First United Methodist Church

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Mrs. Cratchit's Craftworks (\$) *
First United Methodist Church

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Dickens Central
Farmers Market Parking Lot - Kilwins

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

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

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mather Hospital Winter Snow Globe
Dickens Central
Farmers Market Parking Lot - Kilwins

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Mrs. Claus Meet & Greet,
Take a Holiday Photo
\$5 (children under 5 free) - All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Masonic Lodge

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM
The Magic of Amore - Tickets: \$10
Masonic Lodge

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Village Dickens Weekend: Tour of all buildings -
Donation \$5.00 per person
Port Jefferson Historical Society

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Historic Reading Room - Holiday Sing-Along with Adam King in the Library's festively decorated fireplace room.
Port Jefferson Library

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
ElfWorks
Port Jefferson Village Center - 2nd floor

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
Port Jefferson Tri-M Music Honor Society Mixed Ensemble, Edward Pisano, Director
Port Jefferson Village Center - First Floor

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM
Juliette Passer - Christmas Sing-Along with Happy Harp
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 Characters - TBA
Frigate

12:00 PM
Street Characters - Scrooge
Castaways

12:00 PM
Street Characters - Carolers
GAP

12:00 PM
Street Characters - Reeny Foster Group
Port Jeff Brewing Company

12:30 PM
Street Characters - Jolly Jammers Orchestra
Village Center

12:30 PM
Street Characters - Dickens Meet
Frigate

12:30 PM
Street Characters - Town Crier
GAP

12:40 PM - 1:00 PM
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
Juliette Passer - Christmas Sing-Along with Happy Harp
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
DIY Kaleidoscope make-and-take activity kit for purchase (\$).
Free popcorn and hot cocoa to patrons.
Long Island Explorium

1:00 PM
Street Characters - Carolers
Frigate

1:00 PM
Street Characters - Oliver
Castaways

1:00 PM
Street Characters - Reeny Foster Group
Port Jefferson Brewing Company

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

1:20 PM - 1:40 PM
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 Magic of Amore - Tickets: \$10
Masonic Lodge

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Calendar continued

1:20 PM - 1:40 PM

Juliette Passer - Christmas Sing-Along
with Happy Harp
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

The Jack Benny "A Christmas Carol" Show
Jack West as Jack Benny
**Copperfield Hall
First United Methodist Church**

1:30 PM

Street Characters - Curiosity Shop
GAP

1:30 PM

Street Characters - Fezziwig's Dance Party
Founder's Park

1:30 PM

Street Characters - Jolly Jammers
Village Center

2:00 PM - 2:20 PM

Robin Greenstein Songs of the Season
Christ Church Episcopal

2:00 PM - 2:20 PM

Judith Zweiman - My Father's Custom
Harborview Christian Church

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Historic Reading Room - Holiday Music with
the 7th and 8th Grade Chamber Orchestra in the
Historic Reading Room. Director,
Dr. Vanessa Salzman, Port Jefferson School District
Port Jefferson Library

2:00 PM - 2:20 PM

Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

2:00 PM

Street Characters - Carolers
Frigate

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM

Comsewogue JFK Middle School Band
Quincy Geismar, Director
First Presbyterian Church

2:20 PM - 3:00 PM

Christmas Carol Radio Show
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

2:30 PM

Street Characters - Scrooge
Castaways

2:30 PM

Street Characters - Dickens Meet
Chase Bank



2:40 PM - 3:00 PM

Robin Greenstein Songs of the Season
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 Magic of Amore - *Tickets: \$10*
Masonic Lodge

2:40 PM - 3:00 PM

Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

3:00 PM

"A Christmas Carol" (\$) *(S)*
Theatre Three

3:00 PM

Street Characters - Jolly Jammers
Village Center

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2024 Charles Dickens Festival Honorees



Louise Brett

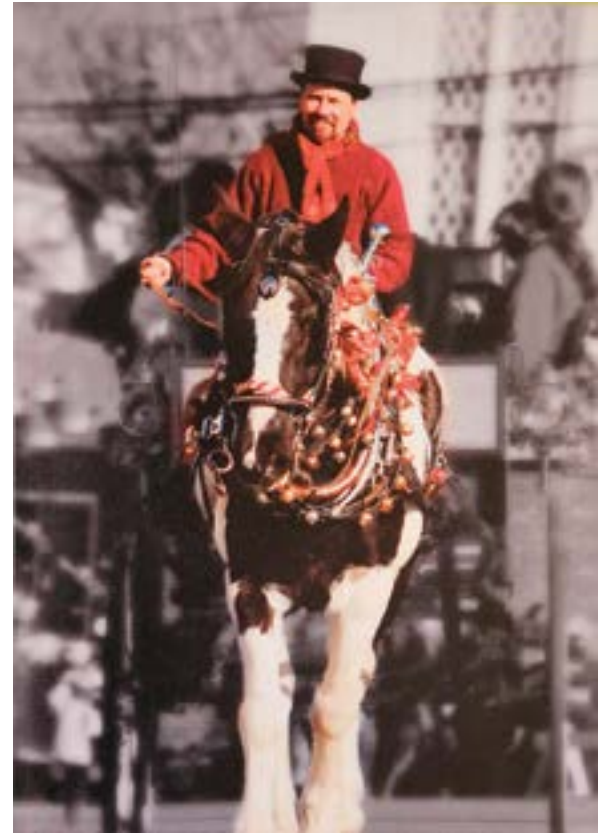
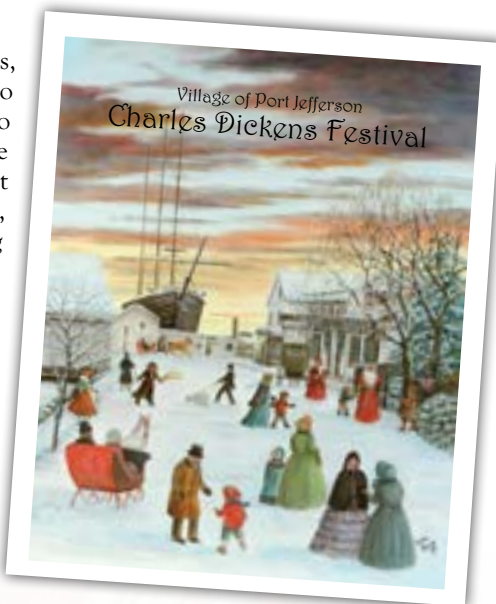
Louise Brett, a Port Jefferson Village based artist, is known for her historical oil paintings of the Three Village area that capture the past with a sense of awe, wonder, and longing. Born into a Polish American family in 1928 in Setauket, NY, she moved to Port Jefferson several years later where she discovered her love of making art. Signing her work with her artist's name, Lou Gnia, shortened from her maiden name she learned to paint what she saw around her.

Brett, a self-taught artist, painted prolifically in her long career, often selling her work during the 1970's and 80's at the sidewalk artist fair on East Main Street, Port Jefferson, which was curated by Naomi Solo.

In 1996, as the first Dickens

Festival was in the works, the Village put out a call to artists to enter a contest to represent the spirit of the Dickens Festival. Brett's art themes of crisp, realistic, detailed scenes depicting landmarks of historical significance in the area inspired her to create and submit a painting for the contest which won. For several years Louise Brett's work was chosen to depict imagined historical scenes of Port Jefferson for the beloved Dickens Festival.

Written by Cynthia Brett Mannino



Jimmy Miller: End of a Longtime Tradition

Jim Miller and his horses Oreo and Jackson have been giving horse & wagon rides to the public during the annual Dickens Festival, in Port Jefferson for about 20 years. Jimmy's dedication to the cause of putting smiles on the faces of countless families and individuals as they ascended onto his wagon for a trip around the block is testament the spirit of our Charles Dickens Festival. We are saying farewell because of the animal rights groups who have protested over the years. While the animal rights activist's hearts are in the right place, Miller explained to us, they do not know the exceptional care and love given to both Oreo and Jackson as professional draft horses. Jimmy Miller is also the owner of Miller Marine Services Inc. in Port Jefferson. His company caters to the offshore wind farm industry, the commercial shipping industry and the marine oil spill response sector. We bid the horse and carriage rides a fond farewell and are pleased to honor Jimmy this year.



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Calendar continued

3:00 PM
Street Characters - Reeny Foster Group
Port Jefferson Brewing Company

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Dave Christian
Copperfield Hall
First United Methodist Church

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM
Christmas Music Pre-Show for "The Messiah"
First Presbyterian Church

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Robin Greenstein Songs of the Season
Christ Church Episcopal

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Judith Zweiman - My Father's Custom
Harborview Christian Church

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Harbormen Chorus
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM
Holiday Sing-Along with Denise Romas
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

3:30 PM
Street Characters - Oliver
Castaways

3:30 PM
Street Characters - TBA
Frigate

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

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Fairchild and Becherer - Special Concert
Harborview Christian Church

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

4:00 PM
Street Characters - TBA
GAP

4:30 PM
Street Characters - Curiosity Shop
Castaways

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

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Alan Short in Concert
First United Methodist Church

5:00 PM
Street Characters - Carolers
Castaways

5:00 PM
Street Characters - TBA
GAP

5:00 PM
Street Characters - TBA
Salsa Salsa

5:00 PM
Street Characters - All Characters Singing
Frigate

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
The Living Nativity
(rain date: Sunday at 3:00 PM)
First United Methodist Church

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Buddy Merriam in Concert
Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Christmas Jazz
Harborview Christian Church

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

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Fezziwig's Dance Party - *Tickets \$20*
Masonic Lodge

SUNDAY December 8

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Mistletoe Lane Craft Fair
and Musical Performances
First Presbyterian Church

10:00 AM - 8:00 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

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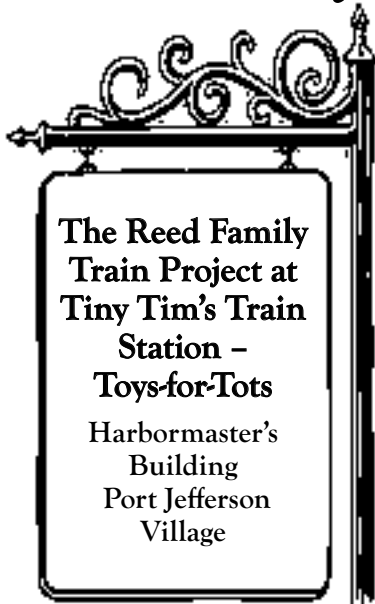
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Tiny Tim's Train Station Toys-for-Tots



BOB SAVAGE

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 engi-

neer 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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11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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 - 1:00 PM

The Dickens Victorian Carollers **Copperfield Hall**
First United Methodist Church

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Roasted Chestnuts for Sale (\$) **Christ Church Episcopal**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Cookie Walk (\$) **First United Methodist Church**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Santa Claus Central **First United Methodist Church**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Mrs Cratchit's Craftworks **First United Methodist Church**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Dickens Central **Farmers Market Parking Lot - Kilwins**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The Reed Family Train Project at Tiny Tim's Train Station/Toys for Tots **Harbormaster's Building - W. Broadway**

12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Mather Hospital Winter Snow Globe Dickens Central **Farmers Market Parking Lot - Kilwins**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Mrs. Claus Meet & Greet, Take a Holiday Photo \$5 (children under 5 free) - All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Masonic Lodge**

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

The Magic of Amore - Tickets: \$10 **Masonic Lodge**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Annual Holiday Open House - Tour of all buildings - *Donation \$5.00 per person, Members Free* **Port Jefferson Historical Society**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ElfWorks **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 - 12:40 PM

Christmas Carol Radio Show **Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft**

12:00 PM

Street Characters - Scrooge **Castaways**

12:00 PM

The Glee Club at the Bristol at Mt. Sinai

12:00 PM

Street Characters - Carolers **Frigate**

12:20 PM - 12:40 PM

Grace Sings Pauli Plays **Christ Church Episcopal**

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Mountain Maidens: Holiday Songs of All Nations **Harborview Christian Church**

12:30 PM

Street Characters - Jolly Jammers Orchestra **Village Center**

12:40 PM - 1:00 PM

Quartet from the Harbormen Chorus **Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove**

1:00 PM - 1:20 PM

Grace Sings Pauli Plays **Christ Church Episcopal**

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

North Shore Suzuki String Ensemble. Allison & David Johnson, Directors **First Presbyterian Church**

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

DIY Kaleidoscope make-and-take activity kit *for purchase*. Free popcorn and hot cocoa to patrons **Long Island Explorium**

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Children's Department - Dickens Family Film Marathon: "The Muppet Christmas Carol" Drop in to enjoy the "The Muppet Christmas Carol" showing throughout the day. **Port Jefferson Library**

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Teen Center - Pick up a Take-Home Kit: Thaumatrope: Assemble at home an optical toy popular in the 19th century. Using two illustrated sides of a disc, thaumatropes create the illusion of motion and are one of the earliest forms of animation.

Port Jefferson Library

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Library Lawn - Take pictures with winter scenery in front of the Library.

Port Jefferson Library

1:00 PM

Street Characters - Oliver **Castaways**

1:00 PM

Street Characters - Choralions **GAP**

1:00 PM

Street Characters - Jewel Tones **Frigate**

1:10 PM - 1:50 PM

Christmas Carol Radio Show **Port Jefferson Village Center - Sail Loft**

1:20 PM - 1:50 PM

Mountain Maidens: Holiday Songs of All Nations **Harborview Christian Church**

1:20 PM - 2:10 PM

The Magic of Amore - Tickets: \$10 **Masonic Lodge**

1:20 PM - 1:40 PM

Quartet from the Harbormen Chorus **Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove**

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Old Time Jam **Copperfield Hall**
First United Methodist Church

1:30 PM

Street Characters - Carolers **Frigate**

1:40 PM - 2:00 PM

Grace Sings Pauli Plays **Christ Church Episcopal**

1:50 PM - 2:20 PM

Port Jefferson Elementary School Select Choir, Laurel Zimlinghaus, Director
Port Jefferson High School Chamber Choir, Joseph Albano, Director **First Presbyterian Church**

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Historic Reading Room - Holiday Medley with Sean and Joe! Guitarist Sean McGrath and keyboardist/vocalist Joe Wasserman perform festive holiday favorites. **Port Jefferson Library**

2:00 PM - 2:20 PM

Erika the Harpist **Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove**

2:00 PM

Backstage Studio of Dance Performance **Port Jeff Brewing Company**

2:00 PM

Street Characters - TBA **Village Center**

2:00 PM

Street Characters - Curiosity Shop **Castaways**

2:10 PM - 2:40 PM

Mountain Maidens: Holiday Songs of All Nations **Harborview Christian Church**

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

Street Characters - Innishfree Dancers **GAP**

2:30 PM

Street Characters - Chorus **Chase Bank**

2:30 PM

Street Characters - Scrooge **Castaways**

2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

The Magic of Amore - Tickets: \$10 **Masonic Lodge**

2:40 PM - 3:00 PM

Erika the Harpist **Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

WOLBI College Performers **Harborview Christian Church**

3:00 PM

"A Christmas Carol" (\$) **Theatre Three**

3:00 PM

Street Characters - Jewel Tones **Frigate**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Holy Roamin' Carolers **Copperfield Hall**
First United Methodist Church

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Calendar continued

3:10 PM - 3:30 PM

Serenade Duo
Christ Church Episcopal

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM

Erika the Harpist
Port Jefferson Village Center - Harbor Cove

3:30 PM

Street Characters - Oliver
Castaways

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Historic Reading Room - Holiday Music with the High School Chamber Orchestra 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

4:30 PM

The Passing of the Lantern of Life
Maple Street Start 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

11:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Cookie Shop - Lionel Train Display & Raffle
Gingerbread Spectacular Contest Display
Tickets \$5 - Free with Magic Show Ticket
Masonic Lodge - Lower Level

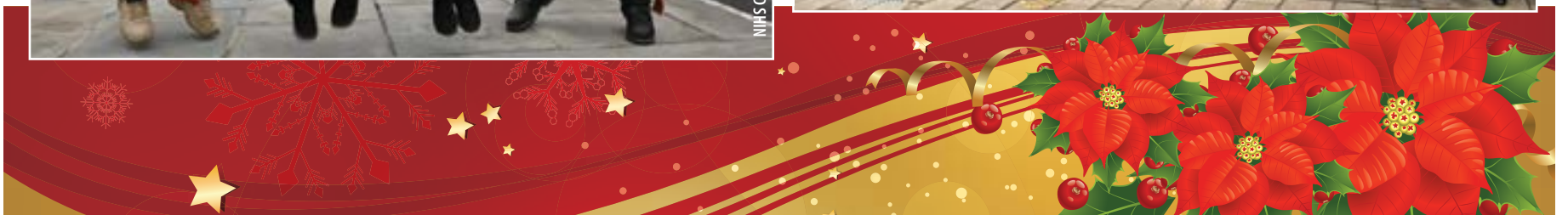


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Saturday, December 7
12:00 - Paige Patterson x 1
1:30 - Jack Benny Radio Show x 1
3:00 - Dave Christian x 1
5:00 - Alan Short - x 1

Sunday, December 8
12:00 - The Dickens Victorian Carollers 1
1:30 - Old Time Jam x 1
3:00 - Holy Roamin' Carollers x 1

Scenes from Dickens Past



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Sail Loft

- 12:00 - Christmas Carol Radio Show x 3
- 3:20 - Holiday Sing-a-long with Denise Romas x 3
- 6:00 - Buddy Merriam x 1
Harbor Cove
- 12:00 - Juliette Passer - Christmas Sing Along with Happy Harp x 3
- 2:00 - Harbormen Chorus x 3

Sunday, December 8
Sail Loft

- 12:00 - Christmas Carol Radio Show x 3
Harbor Cove
- 12:00 - Quartet from the Harbormen Chorus x 3
- 2:00 - Erika the Harpist x 3

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Street Character Honorees 2024

Our wonderful Street Characters gather each year to bring joy and smiles to all they encounter at the Dickens Festival. This year we are proud to honor Heather Quiggle and Giuliana Avella.

Heather Quiggle, a proud 2022 graduate of Earl L. Vandermeulen High School, is currently enrolled at Suffolk County Community College, where she is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. Since middle school, she has been an enthusiastic participant in the annual Dickens Festival. Initially joining with a large group of friends in 2017, she has embraced the festival's spirit even as her friends moved on to different interests. Today, Heather continues to delight in dressing up in costume and welcoming visitors to Port Jefferson Village. She finds joy in being a small yet meaningful contributor to this beloved event, playing a part in its ongoing success year after year. She also is great with the younger children encouraging them to overcome their shyness.

Giuliana Avella is an eleventh grade student at Comsewogue High School. This is her seventh year performing in the Dickens Festival. She loves how the festival brings people and our community together. She loves the smiles on everyone's faces. The festival allows the Dickens history to go on for decades. It allows for artistic expression to be seen throughout the village. Giuls wants to further her education in the field of earth science and chemistry. She would like to minor in theater. Her goal is to work in the field of education.



Street characters Heather Quiggle and Giuliana Avella.

Giuliana is a powerful source in the community. She is a member of Boy Scouts and recently earned her Life Rank. Shortly she will be proposing her Eagle Project which will support children at a local hospital. In addition, she is a member of Girl Scouts. She completed her Gold Award Project

which encouraged children to become interested in the field of science and learn about the impact of one's behavior on our environment.

Giuls is very active in school and is a member of multiple clubs including French, Multicultural, Color Guard, Math and Tri-M Honors. Giuls hopes

that her positive attitude and energy will encourage kids of all ages. She wants to be the spark of motivation to encourage kindness, while working hard to do great things.

Giuliana loves to camp, dance, sing, act and spending time with family and friends.



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Special Events

The First United Methodist in Port Jefferson is host this year to Copperfield Hall featuring one hour performances, the new Mrs. Cratchit's Craftworks and the new Dickens Festival traditional event, Santa Claus Central. Sponsored by King Quality, the ground floor entrance to the church takes you into Santa Claus Central, an amazingly designed area where children can get a photo op with Santa himself in his giant green chair surrounded by busy Elves. When waiting on the line, special note paper is available for children to fill out their gift suggestions for Santa. The church also has their Cookie Walk with gobs of delicious home made cookies for sale. When done with visiting Santa, families can go up the back stairs to the new Mrs. Cratchit's Craftworks. It is here that children of all ages can purchase a

seasonal ornament packed and put it together as a Dickens keepsake. Going up the brick stairs on the side of the church brings one to the new Copperfield Hall. Sponsored by Thomas & Michael McCarrick of Morgan Stanley, a select group of performers deliver stunning one hour performances, including the Jack Benny Radio Show and joyous choirs.

Methodist Church events are sponsored by King Quality and Thomas and Michael McCarrick of Morgan Stanley.

The Port Jefferson Village Center, sponsored by Stony Brook Medicine, features a veritable multitude of concerts on the third floor and Ice Skating by The Rinx on the ground floor. A special early evening concert by mandolin star, Buddy Merriam, sponsored by Douglas Elliman Real Estate, rounds out the performances.



The second floor is extra special each year featuring the Festival of Trees presented by the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce and the Recreation Department. Local businesses gather to decorate the Christmas trees to the nines! Hollywood would be jealous! When you walk down the aisle of trees, you come to the new ElfWorks, sponsored by State Farm Stephanie Sgroi Agency. This elaborately decorated area features busy Elves putting together the trees for the Festival of Trees and gifts for Santa's sleigh. The set design and lighting is sensational and children and families will love it!

Port Jefferson Village Center

events are sponsored by Stony Brook Medicine, State Farm Stephanie Sgroi Agency and Douglas Elliman Real Estate.

Our wonderful band of Street Characters make festive the opening and closing parades, while fanning out into the Village both days performing clever Dickensian based character plays at select outdoor locations. They also feature groups of wonderfully costumed actors who sing seasonal carols to all and saunter around the village, stopping in at restaurants and shops to share seasonal joy.

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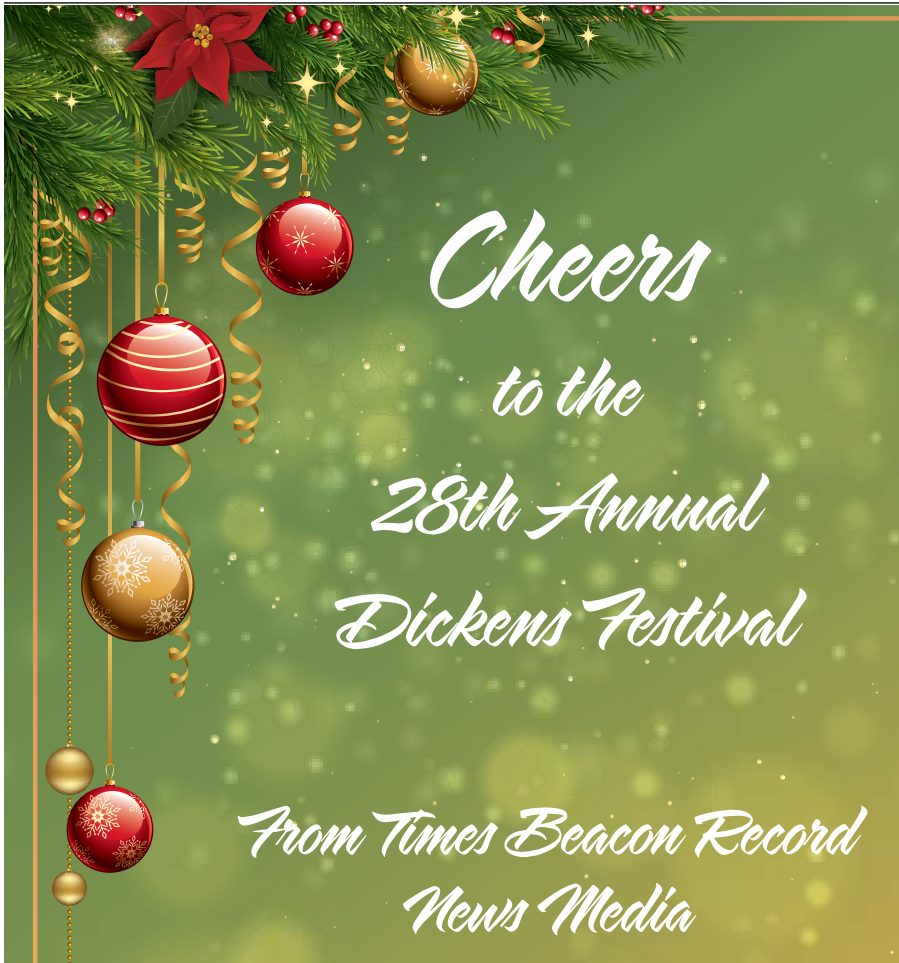
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The Dickens – a Christmas Cocktail

Equipment

Mixing glass
Jigger
Bar spoon
Julep strainer
Coupe glass

Ingredients

- * 1½ oz Scotch Whisky Use an ordinary blended Scotch. We favor an inexpensive blend like Famous Grouse.
- * ¾ oz Nocino or other walnut liqueur.
- * ½ oz Elderflower liqueur St. Germain is what your local liquor emporium will have.
- * 2 dashes Orange bitters
- * Garnish: orange twist ideally a flamed orange twist, but optional



Instructions

- * Add all ingredients to your trusty mixing glass.
- * Add ice and stir to chill.
- * Strain into pre-chilled cocktail glass.
- * Flame orange peel over drink, then discard. The peel has given its all.
- * Drink.
- * Rinse and repeat.



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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.

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,

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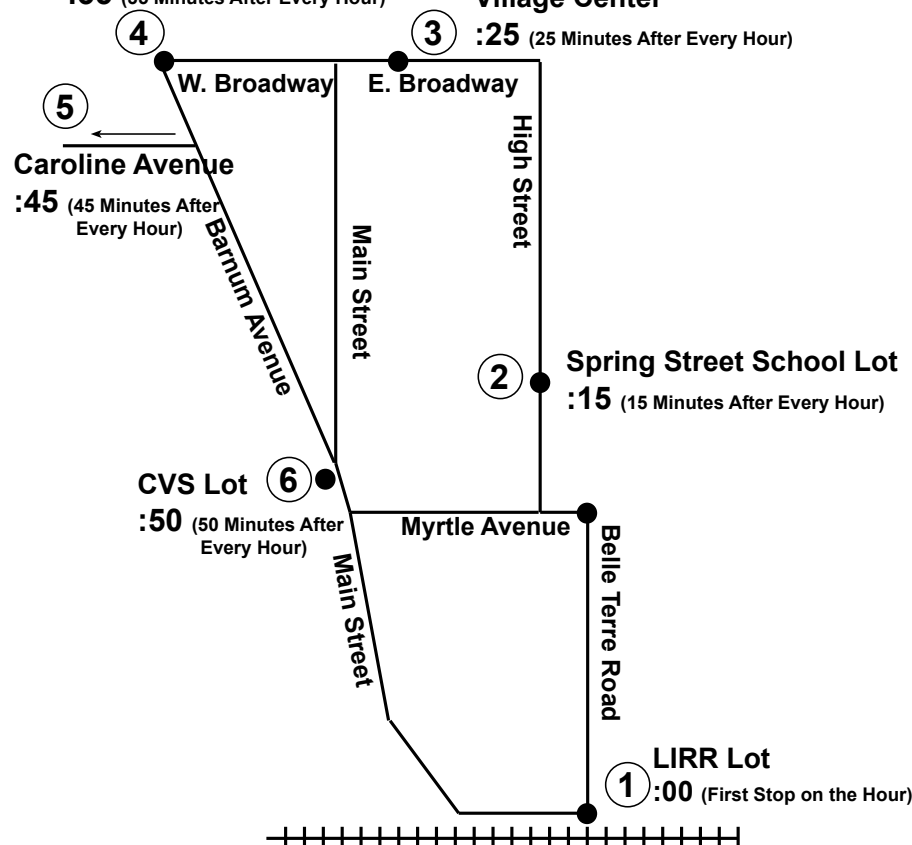
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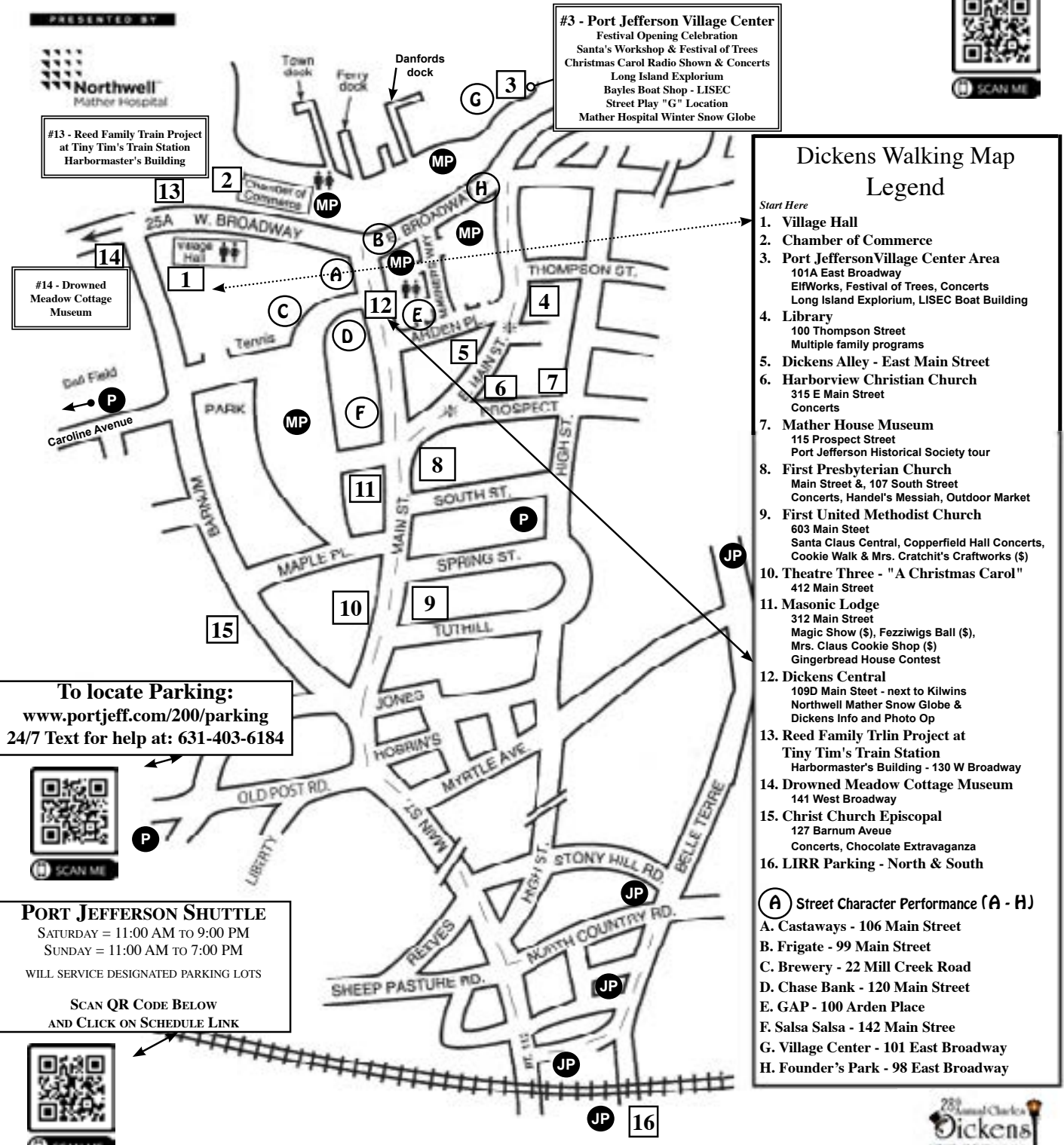


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#3 - Port Jefferson Village Center
 Festival Opening Celebration
 Santa's Workshop & Festival of Trees
 Christmas Carol Radio Show & Concerts
 Long Island Explorium
 Bayles Boat Shop - LISEC
 Street Play "G" Location
 Mather Hospital Winter Snow Globe

#13 - Reed Family Train Project
 at Tiny Tim's Train Station
 Harbormaster's Building

#14 - Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum

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Dickens Walking Map Legend

Start Here

1. Village Hall
2. Chamber of Commerce
3. Port Jefferson Village Center Area
101A East Broadway
ElfWorks, Festival of Trees, Concerts
Long Island Explorium, LISEC Boat Building
4. Library
100 Thompson Street
Multiple family programs
5. Dickens Alley - East Main Street
6. Harborview Christian Church
315 E Main Street
Concerts
7. Mather House Museum
115 Prospect Street
Port Jefferson Historical Society tour
8. First Presbyterian Church
Main Street &, 107 South Street
Concerts, Handel's Messiah, Outdoor Market
9. First United Methodist Church
603 Main Street
Santa Claus Central, Copperfield Hall Concerts,
Cookie Walk & Mrs. Cratchit's Craftworks (\$)
10. Theatre Three - "A Christmas Carol"
412 Main Street
11. Masonic Lodge
312 Main Street
Magic Show (\$), Fezziwigs Ball (\$),
Mrs. Claus Cookie Shop (\$)
Gingerbread House Contest
12. Dickens Central
109D Main Street - next to Kilwins
Northwell Mather Snow Globe &
Dickens Info and Photo Op
13. Reed Family Trlin Project at
Tiny Tim's Train Station
Harbormaster's Building - 130 W Broadway
14. Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum
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127 Barnum Avenue
Concerts, Chocolate Extravaganza
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 A. Castaways - 106 Main Street
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