



Town of Stratford

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Ring in the Holidays with Stratford's Annual Holiday Lighting Festival and Menorah Lighting

STRATFORD- The Town of Stratford is preparing for our traditional Holiday Tree Lighting and Menorah Lighting. The Town's Public Works Department is happy to announce that landmarks and buildings throughout Stratford will be also decorated for the Holidays, a tradition as of 2020. Additionally, the Stratford Beautification Commission will assist in decorating Town buildings.

Holiday Lighting Festival • Thursday, November 30th at 5:30pm • Town Hall Green

Mayor Laura R. Hoydick invites Stratford families to participate in the annual Holiday Tree Lighting. Highlights of the Festival will include complimentary photos with Santa and performances by Wilcoxson Elementary School students and the Stratford High School Select Choir. Santa will arrive via fire truck, sirens and all. In addition, attendees can look forward to complimentary cookies and hot cocoa, provided by M&T Bank. The event will take place outdoors with the exception of photos with Santa, which will be staged at Town Hall's center stair case. Please arrive at Town Hall by 6:30pm for photos with Santa. New this year, the Christ Church "Ding-a-Ling" bell choir will be performing in Town Hall Council Chambers

Menorah Lighting • Tuesday, December 12th at 6pm • Town Hall Green

In celebration of Hanukkah, **Rabbi Joseph Stock** of the Mishkan Israel Day Camp will be on-hand to light an oversized menorah, which, in his own words, will "shine a light on all humanity." **Mayor Laura R. Hoydick** will be joining Rabbi Stock in the celebration. The event will take place entirely outdoors.

Rabbi Stock invites friends and family members to partake in the festivities, sharing stories from past celebrations and highlighting Jewish heritage and traditions. Light refreshments and hot cocoa will be available after the ceremonial menorah lighting, while Hebrew music fills the Town Hall green.

For additional information, please visit www.CelebrateStratford.com.

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