



**TORRINGTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
CARL BOZENSKI'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**

150 Church Street, Torrington, Ct. 06790

**CHRISTMAS VILLAGE OPENS FOR THE SIXTY FOURTH YEAR!!!**

On **Sunday, December 11, 2011**, Carl Bozenski's Christmas Village opens for the 64th consecutive year. A parade will start at the Armory at 12:30 PM, continuing on Main Street, then up Mason Street to Christmas Village on Church Street. The Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard will lead the parade, which will consist of a variety of local organizations and entertainment such as: Saint Peter's Drum Corps, the Torrington High School Band, Torrington Veterans and Firing Squad, Torrington Cheerleaders, Vogel School, Miss Stacey's Early Childhood Education Center, LLC, Miss Litchfield County, local Cub Scout and Brownie troops, Howliday Pooches, Santa's Elves, the City Council, State Representatives, and Mayor Ryan Bingham. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at Christmas Village in a horse drawn carriage provided by Wood Acres Farm of Terryville, Connecticut. The Torrington Parks and Recreation Department is always looking for more parade participants and requests that any interested organizations please call 860-489-2274 to register.

The opening ceremony will begin at Christmas Village at approximately 1 PM. Mike Conway will host the event and be accompanied by the Leo Liddle Band. The National Anthem will then be sung by Marilyn Plaskiewicz and the Invocation will be given by Reverend Steven Darr of the First Congregational Church. The doors to Christmas Village will officially open at the conclusion of the opening ceremony.

Christmas Village will be open every day thereafter from 1:00 - 8:30 PM. On Christmas Eve, the Village will be open 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. On Tuesday, December 20, from 5:00 - 8:30 PM, Silent Santa will be "signing" for all deaf or hearing-impaired visitors; however, anyone is welcome to attend on that day. Mrs. Claus will again be visiting Christmas Village this year and will be greeting visitors in her special room.

The Parks and Recreation Department asks that all visitors be mindful of the flu season. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to follow the recommendations set forth by the CDC and Area Health Departments by: 1. Getting you and/or child vaccinated should you meet the current criteria; 2. Staying home if you or your child is sick; 3. Practicing good hand hygiene (hand sanitizers will be available at Christmas Village); 4. Covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Thank you for keeping these very important health guidelines in mind as we embark on another successful and joyful season at Christmas Village. **For questions regarding Christmas Village, please contact the Torrington Parks and Recreation Department at 860 489-2274.**