

You are invited to Downtown Dartmouth's festive kick off. The TD Dartmouth Christmas Tree Lighting is back, but with a twist for this year. On Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., downtown Dartmouth will be transformed into holiday wonderland for the TD Lights of Christmas. We are certain that this event will be special for children, but we hope people of all ages come out to experience the magic of Christmas. The program is designed to allow families to comfortably stroll throughout downtown Dartmouth to enjoy several holiday-themed stations from the waterfront to Sullivan's Pond.

Throughout the event, the TD Dartmouth Christmas Tree and the BOYNECLARKE LLP Winter Wonderland at Sullivans Pond Park will glow brightly with more than 75,000 LED twinkle lights. Crowd-pleasing oompah band, The Roving Steins, will create a festive atmosphere around the Christmas tree. Plus, living statues from Atlantic Cirque will perform a special winter-themed show in the park. Nearby, the Findlay Centre will host a holiday craft stations outside for the evening.

By popular demand, Santa Claus makes his long-awaited return to Dartmouth for the event. His elves are installing a pop-up workshop presented by A Buyer's Choice Home Inspections at the Sawmill River flume house at 58 Prince Albert Road. Visitors can peer into the windows to see Santa and his helpers preparing for the big day.

In downtown Dartmouth, there is something festive to see on virtually every street corner. A new twostory holiday projection show presented by TD debuts on the Old Post Office at 53 Queen Street. There will be a giant goose in front of the Neon Mural at 163 Portland Street. Visitors will see a new holiday light program at The Wave Mural at 126 Portland Street, and there will be a jingle bell dance party under the light canopy at 29 Portland Street. In addition, artist Chris Little debuts his new animatronic window display at 122 Portland Street featuring a family of swimming whales.

On the Dartmouth waterfront, the Grinch makes an appearance, trapped in a giant snow globe in Ferry Terminal Park. Folks can also enjoy the Christkindl Market at Alderney Landing during the TD Lights of Dartmouth, and from December 3 to 5. Throughout the weekend, visitors can enjoy a German-style

holiday market, live music, a singing Christmas tree and free carousel rides. Visit alderneylanding.com for more details.

The TD Lights of Dartmouth Christmas event is the kick-off to our most ambitious holiday season in downtown Dartmouth yet, I hope that you will come throughout the season, enjoy the holiday lights, the projection show and stop along the way to shop or enjoy a meal or beverage at a downtown Dartmouth business.

After the TD Lights of Dartmouth Christmas event, the holiday post-office projection show runs on a continuous loop, from 5-8 p.m. every evening until December 26 (except December 6 to respect the anniversary of the Halifax Explosion.) The animatronic window display also runs to December 26. The lights at Sullivan's Pond Park and the LED murals and light canopy will continue to spread cheer in downtown Dartmouth all winter long.

I look forward to seeing you downtown on December 4th.

Happy Holidays!

Tim Rissesco, Chair TD Dartmouth Christmas Tree Lighting

