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A Parade of Lights



The Greater Patchogue Foundation and the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce have sponsored a boat

parade on the Sunday before Thanksgiving each year since 1993. It's meant to kick off the holiday season which begins with Thanksgiving and ends with New Year's Day.

When the parade first began fifteen years ago, it was called "Santa on the River". Eight years ago the name was changed to the Holiday Boat Parade so there would be more theme variety for the boaters. This year the **Patchogue Boat Parade—Parade of Lights** will be held on Nov. 23, at 6:00 p.m.

The twenty or so boaters spend dozens of hours decorating their vessels using many themes. We have had turkeys for Thanksgiving, a tribute to 9/11, the New York Skyline, pirates, Winter Wonderland, and Frosty the Snowman. Santa is always on the last boat and gives candy canes to the children.

This year's parade theme is "The World—United". In these troubled times of war, terrorism and uncertainty we wanted to create a theme of togetherness, joy and hope.



Patchogue is a diverse community that has always celebrated together with tolerance and understanding for all faiths and beliefs. Come visit our shops, dine on our Patchogue River and in the Greater Patchogue area and see for yourself that we are a welcoming community. The details can be found at www.patchogueboatparade.com.

Also

The Village of Patchogue's Parks & Recreation Department has sponsored a Christmas Parade on Main Street for almost a half century. This year it's on Nov. 29. Come join us on that evening as well. Details are at www.patchoguevillage.org, under Special Events. The Chamber will host our annual Christmas tree lighting at the Capital One Plaza on Main Street

It's Open

One of Patchogue's longest awaited projects—The Sports Hall of Fame on South Ocean Ave.—is finally a reality with opening ceremonies on Oct. 25. For now, it's open only Fridays and Saturdays but longer hours are expected to begin in January.

at the conclusion of the parade.

On Dec. 21, the Village Parks Department will sponsor a Menorah Lighting in the Capital One Plaza.

The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa Dec. 6 at South Ocean Middle School from 9-11 a.m.

The Chamber also collects unwrapped toys at the chamber and at several other locations in Patchogue for Brookhaven Town's Interface Toys for Kids Drive.

All toys we collect are given to children in Brookhaven Town. If you would like to donate any toys for children from infant through teens, please bring them to the Chamber or to our Networking Event on Dec. 10 at Commerce Bank from 6-8 p.m.

—Charlie Baker

Save These Dates

Thursday, November 6—The 26th Annual Dinner Dance and Monte Carlo Night presented by St. Joseph's College at The Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, Cocktail and Casino 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Dancing 7:30 p.m., 631-447-3396.

Thursday, November 6—Live In The Lobby: Return To The Dream, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$10, 631-207-1313.

November 7–November 23—London Suite, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College at 8 p.m. except November 16, 19, 23 at 3:00 p.m., 631-654-0199.

Friday, November 7—Child Abuse Prevention Workshop, St. Joseph's College, 4:00–6:00 p.m., 631-447-3259.

Friday, November 7—"The Remembered" a dramatic presentation set at the Viet Nam Memorial performed by original cast from Hofstra University at the Café Bald Hill, 7:30 p.m. Seating limited.

Friday, November 7—Patchogue Youth & Community Services Annual Man & Woman of the Year Dinner honoring Stephanie Caravolis and Kevin Gershowitz, Sunset Harbour, 7:00 p.m., \$65, 631-758-4100.

Saturday, November 8—Pizza Eating Contest, sponsored by Papa John's Pizza Patchogue Fire Department Banquet Room, Jennings Avenue, 2–4 p.m. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Cash prizes, 50/50, face painting for kids. 631-207-7272.

Saturday, November 8—The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., \$50/\$45/\$40, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, November 8—Soul-Food Coffee House, music by The Spiritlifters, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

Saturday, November 8—Jack's Waterfall band hosts "World Peace Party," Congregational Church of Patchogue, 95 East Main Street, 7:30 p.m., \$10.00, 631-475-1235.

Sunday, November 9—Kristalhnacht Commemoration & Musical Performance: "Forbidden Music: Music From The Holocaust" The L.I. Philharmonic String Quartet, 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's College, D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, O'Connor Hall, free, light refreshments, 631-447-3258.

Tuesday, November 11—Veterans Day Service, Four Corners, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 12—Small Business to Business Networking Event 6:00–9:00 p.m., Brookhaven Hampton Inn. Open to the public, refreshments. Hosted by Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce Coalition, 631 474-5019 or bransome@optonline.net.

Wednesday, November 12—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m., Conference Room 2A, free, 631-654-7240.

Thursday, November 13—WH Design Studio, 11 North Ocean Ave., Patchogue hosts Art Show by local artists

Sharon Henson and Dawn Wakiya, 5:00–9:00 p.m., 631-289-0033.

Friday, November 14—102.3 WBAB presents Roger & JP's Comedy Riot, 7:00 & 9:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m. SOLD OUT, \$30/\$20, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, November 15—Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts Gala, starring Dominic Chinese, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Saturday, November 15—United Methodist Church of Patchogue Holiday Crafts Fair, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., 631-475-038

Saturday, November 15—Canine Companions for Independence 2008 Fall Graduation, Islandia Marriott, 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m., 1-800-572-Bark.

Saturday, November 15—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center's Hospital Ball, Pier 60, Manhattan, 631-687-4483.

Sunday, November 16—Chamber Music Series: Sarah Wolfson, Soprano, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., \$15/\$12, 631-207-1313.

Wednesday, November 19—International Studies Colloquium: "Thousands Are Sailing: Transoceanic Migrations—Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Patterns and Problems", 12:40 p.m., St. Joseph's College, Shea Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, free, light lunch, 631-447-3200.

Friday, November 21—Patchogue Recreation White Christmas on Broadway trip. \$125.00, 631-475-4302.

Saturday, November 22—50th Anniversary of Brookhaven BPW, Pine Grove Inn, 12:00 p.m. \$40.00 per person, payable in advance. RSVP: Victoria Mohan, 631-846-1388.

Saturday, November 22—YMCA Diamonds & Burlap Dinner Dance Auction 2008, Hyatt Regency Wind Watch, 516-674-8091.

Saturday, November 22—Richie Havens & Friends, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., \$65/\$47/\$35, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, November 23—The Magic of Lynn, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., \$14, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, November 23—Patchogue Boat Parade, on the Patchogue River, 6:00 p.m. Boats decorated for the holidays. Viewing at Fire Island National Seashore Ferry Terminal on West Avenue and the Brookhaven Town Sandspit Marina on Brightwood Street and restaurants and marinas along the

river, 631-475-0121.

November 25–December 16—SJC Student Art Exhibit at St. Joseph's College, Board Room, O'Connor Hall, free, 631-447-3258.

Saturday, November 29—Main Street Christmas Parade, Patchogue, 6:00 p.m., with Community Christmas tree lighting at Capital One Plaza, 116 East Main Street, 631-475-4302

Saturday, November 29—Capitol Steps, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17—Organ Recitals, Congregational Church of Patchogue, noon, 95 East main Street, 631-475-1235.

Thursday, December 4—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center Hospice Tree Lighting, 631-687-4483.

Friday, December 5—Patchogue Recreation trip, Miracle of Christmas at the Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, Pa. \$105.00 per person. Bus leaves Patchogue Fire Dept. 9:00 a.m., 631-475-4302.

December 6 & 7—A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas musical at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. All tickets \$6.00 at the Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College., 631-654-0199.

Saturday, December 6—Breakfast with Santa, 9:00–11:00 a.m., South Ocean Middle School, \$5.00 per person. Picture with Santa, 475-0121, sponsored by the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Sunday, December 7—Patchogue Garden Club Christmas House tour, 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m., \$20, 631-289-8122.

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Patchogue Nursery School Dedicates New Playground

On Oct. 15 students, families and friends of the Patchogue Nursery School gathered to cut the ribbon on their new playground extension. The strip of land for the extension was donated two years ago to the school by Patchogue Village. Labor, materials and equipment for the new playground were donated by friends and volunteers of the school.

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Halloween Happenings Hit

Main Street businesses Trick Or Treating, sponsored by the Chamber's Business Promotion Committee saw throngs of parents and children this year for the most successful event yet.

Address Correction Requested

Gail Hoag, Executive Director

Save Dates (from page 2)

Wednesday, December 10—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m., Conference Room 2A, free, 631-654-7240.

Thursday, December 11—Live In The Lobby: The Katie Pearlman Band, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$10, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, December 13—Soul-Food Coffee House, music by Frank Rendo, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

December 17–27—Holiday Spectacular presented by Gateway Playhouse, Patchogue Theatre, 631-286-1133.

Friday, December 19—Choral Society of the Moriches presentation of Handel's Messiah, Congregational Church of Patchogue, 95 East Main Street, 7:30 p.m., 631-475-1236.

Sunday, December 21—Community Menorah lighting, Capital One Plaza, 116 East Main Street, Patchogue, 6 p.m. 631-475-0121.

December 29–January 1—Cirque Le Masque presented by Gateway Playhouse, Patchogue Theatre, 631-286-1133.

Meetings

Nov. 4—Foundation, 8:00 a.m., office.

Nov. 6—Grants Committee, 10:00 a.m., office.

Nov. 11—Executive Committee, 8:00 a.m., office.

Nov. 12—Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce Coalition Small Business Networking and Trade Show, Hampton Inn, 5:00–9:00 p.m.

Nov. 18—Board of Directors, Temple Beth El, 8:00 a.m.

Nov. 19—Open Networking, Hazy Moon, 6:00–8:00 p.m., cash bar, free snacks.