

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

Old St. Nick Comes To Astoria Dec. 5

Little smiles will grow brighter, little hearts will beat faster and children will be on their best behavior as they welcome Santa at a tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 5, sponsored by the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition (CALDC) at the intersection of Steinway Street and Broadway at 4:30 p.m.

Moms and dads are invited to bring their cameras to capture the Christmas smiles on their kids' faces as they meet Santa. Children will be able to visit with Santa, who will present each youngster with a book, purchased by CALDC from the Queens Library. For the shopper's convenience, most stores in Astoria will be open late and on Sundays from now through Christmas.

Santa's arrival in Astoria is sponsored by CALDC in conjunction with the Steinway Street Business Improvement District (BID), the Broadway-Astoria Merchants and Professionals Association, the 30th Avenue Business Association and the 36th Avenue Merchants with the cooperation of the Queens Library. This event is funded in part by City Councilmember Peter Vallone Jr. through a grant from the New York City Department of Small Business Services.

For more information call CALDC at 718-728-7820 or visit www.centralastoria.org.

Broadway Christmas Tree Lighting Set For Dec. 3

You are invited to join in an Astoria tradition on December 3 when, with the flick of a switch, four Christmas trees will shine their lights on Broadway, part of a celebration of lights this season.

The trees overlook and shelter a Nativity scene inside the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church parking lot on Broadway and 36th Street in Astoria.

Each year, hundreds of people make a yearly pilgrimage to the Most Precious Blood Nativity during the holidays.

The tree lighting ceremony is also a tradition in the Astoria neighborhood, seen by many people as the start of the Christmas season. The lights will go on at Broadway and 36th Street at 4 p.m. on December 3.

Come join in the celebration as students from Most Precious Blood School kickoff the festivities with an assortment of Christmas carols that are sure to add to your Christmas spirit.

The tree lighting ceremony is sponsored by the Broadway Merchants and Professionals Association and the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church. The event is funded in part by the New York City Department of Small Business Services through the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition (CALDC).

For more information or directions, call CALDC at 718-728-7820 or go to www.centralastoria.org.

Santa's Back At Jackson Hewitt

Santa will park his sleigh on Steinway Street on December 7, 14 and 21 where he will head to a holiday wonderland for visits with local youngsters.

Children will share their holiday lists with the jolly old elf at the Jackson Hewitt office at 28-17 Steinway St. in Astoria. Santa's elves will be on hand at Jackson Hewitt to capture the magic in a photo surprise that kids and parents will cherish for years to come.

Children can visit Santa at Jackson Hewitt from noon to 4 p.m. December 7, 14 and 21 thanks again this year to sponsorship by the Steinway-Astoria Partnership and in collaboration with the Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.

Santa's "Winter Wonderland", a gift to the children of Astoria and Long Island City, was created several years ago by students at the Queens School of Career Development.

For more information or directions to Santa's Winter Wonderland, call the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition at 718-728-7820 or visit www.centralastoria.org. —Liz Goff

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