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Carl Bozenski's Christmas Village

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CHRISTMAS VILLAGE OPENS FOR THE 69TH YEAR!!!

On **Sunday, December 11, 2016**, Carl Bozenski's Christmas Village opens for the 69th consecutive year. Santa will arrive in Torrington in a red helicopter while his reindeer rest for this year's big trip. Santa will fly over the Parade Route along Main Street, traveling toward Christmas Village, then will circle back and set down at Fuessenich Park just after 12:00 PM. Santa will be greeted by Mayor Elinor Carbone, the elves, and Mrs. Claus. Santa and Mrs. Claus will then be escorted to their horse drawn carriage. The 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 Veteran's Honor Guard, Civil Air Patrol, along with the Torrington High School JROTC will lead the parade, which will consist of a variety of local organizations and entertainment including: Saint Peter's Drum Corps, the Torrington High School Band, Torrington High School Cheerleaders, Torrington Fire Department, Torrington School, Southwest School, Forbes Flyers, Torrington Trails Network, Miss Stacey's Early Childhood Education Center, LLC, Frosty the Snowman, Parks & Recreation Dog Float, Santa's Elves, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, local elected officials, the Mayor's Committee on Youth, and Mayor Carbone.

The opening ceremony will begin at Christmas Village at approximately 1:00 PM. Former Mayor, Mike Conway will host the event and will be accompanied by the Torrington Musicians Association Brass Ensemble. The National Anthem will then be sung by the 2016 Northwest Idol Finalist, Bobbi Jo Klug, followed by an invocation given by Pastor Steve Darr of First

Congregational Church. The doors to Christmas Village will officially open at the conclusion of the opening ceremony.

Christmas Village will be open December 11-23 from 1:00 - 8:30 PM, before officially closing on Christmas Eve. The hours on Christmas Eve will be 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. On Tuesday, December 20th, 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.

For questions regarding Christmas Village, please contact the Torrington Parks and Recreation Department at (860) 489-2274.

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