# TAVI Town Specials

**December 15, 2023** 

Your Guide to the Holidays in Allentown

## **Great Christmas Light Driving Tour**

Are you ready to "Do the Drive?" Then go to www.allentownvinj.org for the Fourth Annual "Great Christmas Light Driving Tour Map." The map will show the locations of decorated homes throughout Allentown and Upper Freehold. It's online now through New Year's and will be updated regularly, so let us know about additional homes which should be included by registering them at

#### www.allentownvinj.org Best of all, it's free!

Simply download the map, load the family in the car,

and go! Start your tour at the McCormicks' Drive-Thru Spectacular, featuring 200 decorated trees, a Christmas Village and over 50,000 lights at 153 Route 526, Allentown NJ 08501. Non-perishable food & donations benefit the Allentown Food Pantry



### **House Tour Special**

While the McCormicks' Drive-Thru Spectacular is open daily, you are welcome to come inside the family home on

Saturday, December 23, 2023 from 6 – 9 p.m. This "One Night Only" house tour features over 100 decorated trees inside, in addition to those outside. The McCormicks hope you can stop by to celebrate the season. Admission is free; Donations benefit the Friends of Allentown Public Library, who are responsible for all costs associated with maintaining our historic public

library. No small undertaking on a large building over 100 years old!



Welcome to 153 Route 526, Allentown NJ

From Our Town to Theirs --

# OPERATION "HOLIDAY GIVING"

Help Us Make This a Brighter Season for Those Served by the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)

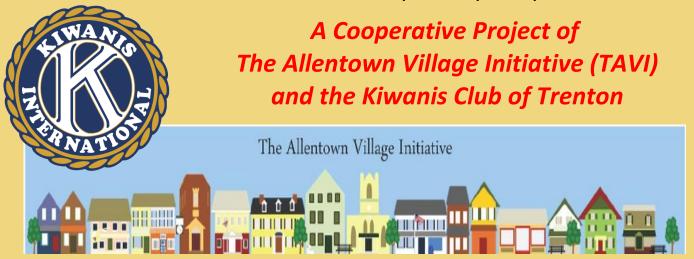


#### **Donations Needed:**

ADULT CLOTHING — hats, gloves, scarves, socks, backpacks/drawstring bags, hoodies (men's sizes M-XXXL in neutral colors)

HYGIENE BAGS - soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste and razor FUN CHILDREN'S GIFTS for ages infant – 17 AND children's size winter clothing

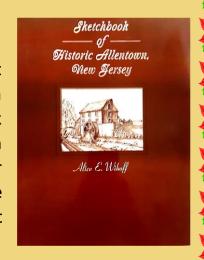
Call (609) 208-9991 or email McCormickNJ@aol.com) to schedule donation drop-off or pick-up.



# The Perfect Holiday Gift:

#### **Sketchbook of Historic Allentown**

The "Sketchbook of Historic Allentown" by Allentown resident historian Alice E. Wikoff is a "must have" landmark publication telling the story of our community in vintage photos, artwork and the most significant "news of the day." Now it's also been updated through 2020. Be sure to pick up your copies for holiday giving — and for your own home library. Copies can be ordered on TAVI's website at <a href="www.allentownvinj.org">www.allentownvinj.org</a> for just \$15, or call Martha Ploshay at (609) 529-4524.





# Be a part of "Loaves & Fishes"

Allentown Methodist Church and the Allentown Ecumenical Community are preparing for Christmas by serving those in need – and they need our help. Please mark your calendar now to meet at the Methodist Church at 23 Church

St., Allentown at 9
a.m. Friday,
December 29<sup>th</sup> to
assemble 300 bag
lunches. Donations
of "sips" drinks,
prepackaged
cookies and fruit
are needed and, of
course, monetary
donations are
always welcome.

the full time, or any time you can spare. Dessert donations for the meal (cookies, brownies, pies) are needed.



Feed The Hungry
This Christmas

Finally, Allentown Methodist Church is collecting socks, hats, gloves and scarves for all ages. Donations can be delivered to the Church by December 26<sup>th</sup>.

We know it is a busy season for all, but what a gift it is to give of your

On Saturday,
December 30<sup>th</sup> volunteers are needed to
help serve a hot meal to patrons of the
"Loaves and Fishes" program at St.
Mary's Cathedral in Trenton. Set-up
starts at 8:30 a.m., with a first serving at
11 a.m. and a second seating at 11:30

a.m., followed by clean-up. Come for

time for another.

To make a donation, volunteer or ask questions, please contact Linda Watson at (609) 256-3011.

# They're Back!

#### Victorian Figures Take Up Residence on Main Street

They're an Allentown holiday tradition — life-sized Victorian-themed figures that grace Main Street every year. The original figures were designed in 2014 by local historian and artist Alice Wikoff as part of a TAVI beautification project. You might notice new additions every so often, thanks to the efforts of some equally talented Allentown High School students. The figures are installed (and later removed) each holiday season by TAVI members. Send selfies with the figures to mccormicknj@aol.com and we will share them!





PRESENTING

Rudolph the Red of Nosed Reindeer

# Tuesday, December 19th

Drop Off - 5:45-6:00pm Pick Up @8:00pm

Perfect night for parents to get last-minute holiday shopping done!

Feel Free to dress up in your PJs and bring your coziest blanket

#### \$15 PER CHILD IN ADVANCE

(Must be fully paid to Main Office out to UFRSD by 12/15)

Auditorium Entrance at Allentown High School

Hot Chocolate, Snack, and Water will be provided Dinner will NOT be provided







Gift an original hand-painted finial ornament by Allentown artist

Yvonne Rondinone. Reminiscent of her coastal landscapes, abstract brush strokes envelop a modern

vintage bauble. Each is unique and topped with beachy bead accents. A Limited Edition signed by Yvonne. Available today for \$18

Sea Ginger, 23 S. Main Street (609) 401-2515; Thurs., Fri., Sat., 10 am – 4 pm, Sun., 10 am – 2 pm



# Woody's Holiday Menu

Pre-Orders Only
Please Order December 21
st be Picked Up by December 24

All Orders Must be Picked Up by December 24 by 3pm
Additional Person is \$25

MENU 1 (SERVES 2 PEOPLE) \$50

Choose 2:

Oven Roasted Turkey, Ham, or Prime Rib\*

(\*Extra \$15 Per Person)
Included:

House Salad
Traditional Stuffing, Corn
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Classic Cranberry Sauce
Green Beans & Dinner Rolls

\*\*Add \$15 Per Person for Prime Rib Orders, Cooked Medium Rare MENU 2 (SERVES 5 PEOPLE) \$125

Choice of :

House or Caesar Salad Choose 2:

Oven Roasted Turkey, Ham
or Prime Rib\*

\*(Extra \$15 Per Person)
Includes:

Green Beans, Corn Traditional Stuffing

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Classic Cranberry Sauce

Dinner Rolls
& Brownies

Woody's Towne Cafe 27 S. Main Street, Allentown (609) 259-5722

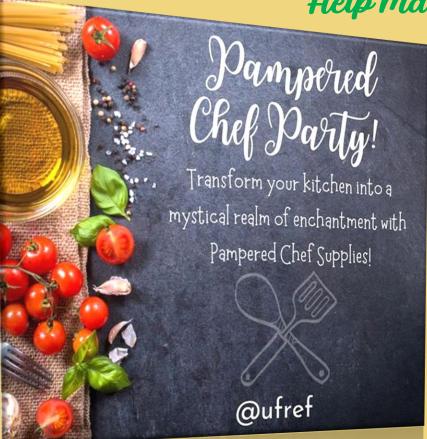


# **UFREF Grants Support Local Schools**





# Help Make It Happen -



Don't miss out on UFREF's Pampered Chef Party going on right now! Get the coolest gadgets, cookware, bakeware and more delivered to your home with out online party. Order now through

https:///www.pamperedchef .com/party/ufreffundraiser

Thank you for supporting UFREF's mission to enhance the experiences for the children of our district through educational grants!





CUT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS IN NEW Jersey

# Still need a tree????

#### **Support our Christmas Tree Growers**

You too can find the perfect tree in one of the local tree farms in our community.

Friedrich Tree Farm, 166 West Millstream Rd, Cream Ridge Keris Tree Farm & Christmas Shop, 848 Route 524, Allentown Westhaven Farm, 725 Route 524, Allentown Bullock Farms, 83 Emleys Hill-Prospertown Road, Cream Ridge McLaughlin Tree Farm, 1312 Old York Rd., Robbinsville (Upper Freehold)

#### **Calendar of Events**

Celebrate your holidays in Allentown



<u>Holiday Light Driving Tour</u> – Register your home's décor today, then follow the map at <u>www.allentownvinj.org</u> beginning 12/1/23 to visit light displays all across town. FREE family fun!

<u>McCormick Family Open House</u> – Sat., 12/23/23 – 6-9 pm, 153 Route 526, Allentown; Interior House Tour, over 100 decorated trees; Free, donations benefit Friends of Allentown Public Library.

<u>TASK</u> – Donate hats, gloves, scarves, socks, backpacks/drawstring bags, hoodies, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, Children's gifts for ages infant – 17 & children's size winter clothing for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. See <a href="https://www.allentownvinj.org">www.allentownvinj.org</a> for contents & details; Call (609) 208-9991 for drop-off/pick-up.

<u>Loaves & Fishes</u> – Allentown Methodist Church – Contact Linda Watson, (609) 256-3011 to volunteer; meal served at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton on Saturday, 12/30/23.

Calendar Courtesy of your friends at
The Allentown Village Initiative-TAVI <u>www.allentownvinj.org</u>

