

Holiday Happenings in Tinley Park

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It's never too early to get into the holiday spirit! Plan to attend the Village's annual Holiday Happenings event from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 in Downtown Tinley featuring parades, live music, shopping, photos with Santa Claus and much more!

The weekend will kick off with the Community Tree-Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 in Zabrocki Plaza, 17375 S. Oak Park Ave. Arrive early at 5:30 p.m. for a community sing-a-long to holiday music!

Visitors will be able to shop for unique holiday designs and creations while enjoying live music by local groups and entertainers at the Holiday Market, which will run the entire weekend inside heated tents adjacent to the Oak Park Avenue train station, 6700 South St. The market will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2. Children also will be able to make holiday crafts and participate in face painting and cookie decorating.

The Clauses will officially arrive immediately following the Tinley Toyland Parade, which steps off at 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 from 175th Street and marches north down Oak Park Avenue to South Street. Children are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy for Together We Cope; the collection center will be located by the Holiday Market.

Children will be able to join Santa for a visit and photos from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2 at the Oak Park Avenue train station. Visitors are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item for the Tinley Park Food Pantry. Tickets for complimentary photos will be distributed until 3:30 p.m. both days.

The Clauses will help close out the festivities during the annual Parade of Lights at 5 p.m. Dec. 2. The parade begins at 177th Street and proceeds north down Oak Park Avenue. Come out to see festive floats and vehicles gleaming with holiday lights and featuring local businesses and community groups displaying the spirit of the season.

Other activities will include old-fashioned carriage rides, an ice-carving demonstration, a campfire, a carousel and other rides and holiday activities at Landmark Church. Please visit the Village website for more information.