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WHAT: 2019 East Hartford Holiday Fest

WHERE: Various locations around East Hartford

WHEN: Friday, December 6 – Monday, December 9

WHO: East Hartford Beautification Commission, East Hartford Parks and Recreation

Celebrate the Holidays at 2018 East Hartford Holiday Fest

The Town of East Hartford, the East Hartford Beautification Commission and East Hartford Parks and Recreation invite you to the annual 2018 East Hartford Holiday Fest held from Friday, **December 76 through Monday, December 9.**

The four-day event consists of over 25 various fun events ranging between crafts and book sales, carol signing and Christmas Fair as well as the long-awaited visit from Santa. The events cater to all ages, children and adults alike. Most activities are free and open to the public.

Holiday Fest is annually organized by the East Hartford Beautification Commission and is supported by many local civic, community and town organizations. The traditional tree lighting on the Town Green will be held on **Friday, December 7**, to kick off the Holiday Fest's 26th year.

As in years past, the Holiday Fest Committee is asking the public to help out their neighbors in need and donate to a number of different East Hartford-based charities. There will be food collection stations set up at each event where visitors can donate non-perishable food items. These items will then be donated to the Food Bank. East Hartford Social Services is also sponsoring a Holiday Toy Drive to benefit the youth of East Hartford. Donations of new, unwrapped toys for ages 0—10 (especially for ages 0-2 and 8-10) as well as new hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for all ages are needed. Donations will be accepted December 3 through December 7 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, Parks & Recreation Office, 50 Chapman Place, at the following times:

Thursday, 8:30 AM—7:30 PM Friday, 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

For further event details including a full calendar of events, on-the-day updates about events or cancellations, and other Holiday Fest related news, visit the town <u>website</u>.

For a list of events sponsored by the East Hartford Parks and Recreation, visit Parks and Recreation website.

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