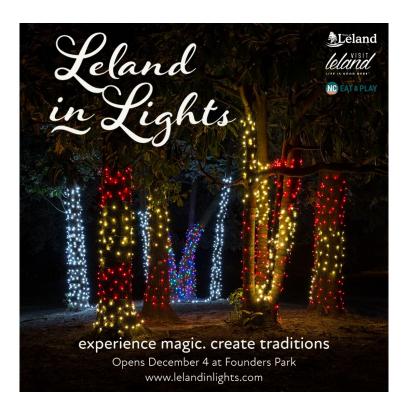


## **December 2021 Newsletter**

## Celebrate Holly Days of Play in Leland



This holiday season in Leland is sure to be magical and full of fun for everyone!
December is packed with events to enjoy the most wonderful time of the year, headlined by a bigger and brighter Leland in Lights than ever before.

The beloved annual Leland in Lights display has become a fan favorite, drawing in thousands of

visitors to experience magic and create traditions. The free festive walking tour through Founders Park, located at 113 Town Hall Drive, kicks off with the Grand Illumination on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Special guest Santa Claus will flip the switch to light up the park! Stop by Santa's Workshop that evening to tell him your wish list or take a train ride on our very own Leland Express through the lights.

If you can't make it to the Grand Illumination, don't worry! Leland in Lights starts every evening at dusk through Jan. 10. Visit LelandinLights.com for more information including parking and dates the Leland Express train will be in service.

"The Town is proud to offer so many programs and events during the holiday season to help make memories that will last a lifetime," Mayor Brenda Bozeman

said. "Our Leland in Lights Grand Illumination event and the complement of others offered this time of year provide a special backdrop for families to enjoy."

There are plenty of other opportunities to celebrate holly days of play in Leland. Information on more events can be found later in this newsletter or on the Town of Leland website and the Town of Leland Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Facebook page.

# Leland 2045 planning for generations

After a year of work led by community input, the Leland 2045 plan has officially been adopted. The comprehensive plan for land use over the next 25 years will enable Town staff, councilmembers, and residents to anticipate and constructively respond to growth and change, and to encourage the development of safe and healthy built and natural environments that create opportunities for all.

Leland 2045 Vision: "Leland is prosperous, inclusive, and resilient. It is a healthy, safe, equitable, and accessible community built upon our strong values for the natural environment; inclusivity; walking and biking; social, economic, and physical connectivity; the quality of our neighborhoods; access to services, facilities, and places to gather; and the unique image and sense of place we have nurtured together as a community."



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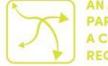
LIVABLE, DIVERSE,
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NEIGHBORHOODS THAT
ACCOMMODATE GROWTH



INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY LIFE



A RESILIENT AND STABLE ECONOMY



AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN A COOPERATIVE REGION

Learn more about Leland 2045 and view the full planon the Town website.



# **#LelandPrepares**

The holiday season is the perfect time to think about protecting your home, loved ones, and yourself from flooding. Keep in mind these tips:

"Turn around. Don't drown":
 If you travel for the holidays, be aware of weather

conditions

beyond

falling

snow

and

ice.

Rain

and

fast

melting

snow

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overrun

rivers

and

pool

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rains.

#### Take

## Inventory:

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and

the

sea

of

wrapping

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put

away,

document

valuables

with

lists

and

videos

for

insurance

purposes.

Put

valuable

and

treasured

items

upstairs

and/or

in

waterproof

containers

to

prevent

damage

from

potential

flooding

throughout

the

year.

## New

Year's

### **Resolutions:**

When

setting

goals

for

the

new

year,

think

about

your

home.

Do

you

have

the

correct

amount

of

flood

insurance?

Maybe

this

is

the

year

to

raise the height of the **HVAC** unit to reduce your flood insurance premium. Small changes can make а big difference to your overall finances and when flooding event

occurs.

Find more preparedness tips by searching #LelandPrepares on social media.



# A Safety Message from Leland Fire/Rescue

As you are busy going from place to place this holiday season and taking care of all those items on your list, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Don't overload electrical outlets when putting up lights indoors or
- Keep candles in sturdy, nontipping containers. When you

outdoors.

leave
the
house,
make
sure
you
extinguish
candles,
turn
off

the lights, and protect the fireplace

а

# screen. Make

with

sure you're watering your

Christmas

tree

frequently.

## Rushing

from

one

room

to

another

while

wrapping

gifts,

remember

to

hold

scissors

in

your

hand

with

the

points

down.

Don't

drink

and

drive.

**Appoint** 

а

designated

driver

to

get

everyone

home

safely.

Don't

drive

distracted.

Hang

up

the

phone

and

don't

text

while

driving.
Consider

buying

your

house

the

gift

of

а

smoke

detector,

carbon

monoxide

detector,

and

fresh

batteries

for

each.

### Ensure

that

all

combustible

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from

your

wood

stove

or

fireplace.

Keep

matches

and

any

fire

lighting

equipment

in

а

safe

place. Get

your

vehicle

ready

for

winter.

Check

your

tires,

put

а

flashlight

in

your

car

with

fresh

batteries

in

case

you

need

to

flag

someone

down

or

you

have

to

leave

your

car,

pack

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blanket

in

case

you

get

stranded,

and

make

sure

your

cell

phone

is

charged.

Develop home escape plan and practice. Tell family and friends staying with you about your plan and family meeting place.



Join the Leland Police and Leland Fire/Rescue Departments on Friday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walmart for Pack the Patrol Car. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and unwrapped toys for children ages 12 and under to donate to Brunswick Family Assistance. We will also accept donations at the Leland in Lights Grand Illumination on Dec. 4 in Founders Park.



# Sign Up for CodeRed Alerts

The Town has implemented CodeRED, a high-speed emergency mass notification service. The free community notification system for Leland residents will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media. Learn more about CodeRED.

Sign up for CodeRED alerts online or text ALERTLELAND to 99411.



Mark your calendar!



From twinkling lights and movies in the park to handmade gifts and live music, there's something for everyone to enjoy this holiday season in Leland!



## **Leland in Lights Grand Illumination**

Join us as Santa Claus flips the switch to illuminate Founders Park for Leland in Lights!

Stop by Santa's Workshop to tell him your wish list, enjoy warm beverages and desserts, or take a train ride on our very own Leland Express through the lights.

Dec. 4, 6 p.m.



### **Holiday Art Market**

Don't miss the popular Holiday Art Market at the Leland Cultural Arts Center!

The event will feature unique handmade gifts for everyone on your list and a performance by local musical duo Two Bucks.

Dec. 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



## **Moonlighters Orchestra**

Bring your dancing shoes to a spectacular holiday show by the Moonlighters Orchestra at the Leland Cultural Arts Center.

Buy your tickets now.

Dec. 10, 7 - 9 p.m.



### **Movies in the Park**

This series wraps up with a special holiday showing of Elf.

Enjoy the movie in Founders Park surrounded by the magic of Leland in Lights. Don't forget your hot chocolate!

Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m.

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