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## **CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND**

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### **EXPERIENCE TYBEE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Tybee Island, Ga. – (November 22, 2010) Celebrate your holidays the Island way! Tybee Island has many holiday activities planned with specials available Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Day. [www.tybeefortheholidays.com](http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com) is the website with Thanksgiving and Christmas restaurant openings and information about the variety of **upcoming** events and activities.

The annual tree lighting celebration, *Lights on for Tybee*, is Friday, December 3rd at 6:30pm. Mayor Jason Buelterman officially kicks off *Lights on for Tybee* with the lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout. Local Tybee musician, Sam Adams, and Bill Manucy & the Christmas Choir will fill the downtown area with music from the porch of Historic Carbo House on Tybrisa following the tree lighting. Gretchen Green School of Dance students will be dancing in the streets for additional fun! Tybee Beautification Association (TBA) members will be announcing the winners of the Best Decorated Island Business. Winners will be awarded a poinsettia to display at their location. The evening will include extended store hours, a variety of special offerings, and complimentary refreshments at many locations in the historic downtown area. Two surprise guests, all dressed in red and white, will be making an appearance at this event.

These same special guests will return the next day, Saturday, December 4th, for the Annual Tybee Island Holiday Celebration Parade at 1:00pm. A variety of festive participants will travel from 4<sup>th</sup> Street, next to City Hall, down Butler Avenue to the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout, where Mr. & Mrs. Claus will situate themselves by the Christmas Tree for children to share their wishes and get their pictures taken. The Tybee Island YMCA and Optimist Club will have family activities in the 16<sup>th</sup> Street lot next to the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout for the enjoyment of the children and parade goers.

Specialty shops, art galleries, and restaurants will be open with special offers throughout the season. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Shop-n-Stroll will take place December 4 and 5. Retailers will showcase their specials and consumers items during these two shopping days.

The Holiday Realtor Tour of Homes is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, when available properties, all decked out, will be open for all from 3pm – 6pm. Following the Tour, Crab Shack is hosting a Lit Floating Parade down Chimney Creek for water and parade lovers!

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Activities continue throughout the month as the island prepares for St. Nick's official visit and the coming of a New Year! The City of Tybee wishes everyone a Happy Holiday season. Enjoy the opportunity to see the Island in its holiday finery and park for free, Island-wide, Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Eve Day. Check out more details at [www.tybeefortheholidays.com](http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com).

*About Tybee for the Holidays: Tybee for the Holidays is a series of holiday events and promotions for Tybee Island jointly sponsored by the City of Tybee Island, Better Hometown Program, the Tybee Island Tourism Council, and the Tybee Historical Society. Information is kept at [www.tybeefortheholidays.com](http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com).*

*About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year's Days off the Walter W. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.*

*About Tybee Island's Better Hometown Program: Tybee's Better Hometown Program follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self-help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad-based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.*

*About Tybee Island Tourism Council: The purpose of the Tybee Island Tourism Council is: to promote tourism on Tybee Island; to increase annual hotel/motel tax collections by increasing overnight stays on Tybee Island; to exert its collective influence in matters which may affect Tybee Island's tourism industry; and, to educate visitors to Tybee Island through the operation of the Tybee Island Visitor Information Center. To learn more about Tybee and the Tybee Visitors Center, visit [www.tybeevisit.com](http://www.tybeevisit.com).*

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