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## **CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND**

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### **Tybee for the Holidays Continues**

Tybee Island, Ga. – (December 16, 2009) Holiday happenings on Tybee continue this week. The main event this weekend will be Santa’s second attempt to ride in the Tybee Christmas Parade.

The festivities get off to an early start this week with the Friends of the Tybee Theater celebrating their most recent milestone in the restoration of the historic Tybee Post Theater. The restoration work on the roof was completed some time ago, and work on the front façade of the theater has just been finished. This Thursday at 3PM, David Crass, director of the State’s Historic Preservation Division will preside over refreshments and theater tours which are to include a musical guest playing inside the building for a preview of what’s to come. The Post Theater is on the island’s north end at 10 Van Horn.

On Friday evening, Movie Night at the River’s End Campground and RV Park will continue with a 7:30 PM showing of “The Santa Clause” at the campground pavilion. Refreshments will be for sale at the snack bar, although there is no charge to get into the movie. The campground is also at the north end, at the corner of Polk and Fort Streets.

Saturday, however, holds the main event. Beginning at 3PM, Santa will appear again for the Annual Christmas Parade, which was postponed due to the frigid rain and wind that confronted the troupe last weekend. There will be a slight change in the planned route this weekend. The parade will begin at the Tybee Gymnasium on Fifth Street at Butler, follow down Butler Avenue as it makes its way to Tybrisa to finish at the parking lots near the Walter J. Parker Pier and Pavilion. Island elves will be in the parade taking donations of non-perishable food items for the Second Harvest Food Bank, so bring a few cans of food when you come! Following the parade, weather permitting, Santa will be providing photo opportunities and entertaining gift requests under the City Christmas tree at the roundabout at Tybrisa and Strand.

The annual family Tybee Caroling Trolley continues to grow in popularity. As a way to spread cheer during the holidays, residents gather and bring carols to lift spirits around the island. Tickets to participate are still available, but they sell out early, and there are only so many seats on the trolley! Meet at 5pm before the trolley departs Huc-a-Poo’s, again on the north end, to head out to spread good cheer to parts unknown.

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Stores, shops, and restaurants on the island continue to offer coupons and special delights to visitors. The next major event on the island will be the New Year's Eve Fireworks Display on the Tybee Pier. You'll be able to watch from the beach or from any of the balconies at venues along the beach. The Better Hometown Initiative's [www.tybeefortheholidays.com](http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com) site has more information about all the holiday cheer on Tybee.

*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 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 Initiative: Tybee's Better Hometown initiative 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>. "Tybee for the Holidays" is a joint project between the City's Better Hometown Initiative and the Tybee Island Tourism Council. Information about this program is provided at <http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com>.*

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