



Council Report – December 2021

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## **Events**

The Community Affairs elves have been busy getting the building ready for Storytime @ Town Hall, spreading Christmas cheer on Giving Tuesday, hosting elementary school students, setting up the gingerbread house display, and planning a fun evening for A Heritage Holiday.

Giving Tuesday – On November 30, staff distributed 144 gift bags to our senior residents containing blank cards, fuzzy socks, large print word search, calendar, tissues, lotion, gripper/jar opener, fruit, and a candy cane. The Transportation Department shuttled Town Hall staff to Senior Village and Greenfield Place. Lt. Josh Short made deliveries to 37 residences in Groveport proper.

A Heritage Holiday – This Saturday, December 11 from 5pm to 8pm is A Heritage Holiday in Heritage Park. The Parks Department and Town Hall staff have been working together to create an extra festive experience. Something new this year: Town Hall will be open this Saturday from 2pm to 4:30pm for anyone wanting to see the gingerbread display, or hear a Christmas story upstairs in the ballroom, before heading to A Heritage Holiday.

Gingerbread House Competition – Stop by Town Hall December 1 – 17 to cast your vote on your favorite gingerbread house! There are 50 very creative houses to choose from!

Storytime @ Town Hall – Groveport Elementary students have been enjoying taking a field trip to Town Hall for a gingerbread house scavenger hunt and storytime. We have a total of 16 classes, K – 5, visiting Town Hall during the 2-week storytime.

Letters to Santa – So far, 22 little ones have written to Santa with their Christmas wishes.

Programs – Attendance has been up for both adult and children's programs. Town Hall staff is still offering video programs on social media for those leery of being in public. With the elevator being out of order, staff has been utilizing KidSpace and the log house more, which has not affected attendance. Programs for school aged children will be offered during Christmas break.

## **Maintenance**

Parks & Facilities have helped out tremendously at Town Hall getting the building in tip top shape for the holiday events.