

# Unionville's Olde Tyme Christmas

## Lots of entertainment at parade

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### Food Bank

"We welcome Shoppers Drug Mart back as a returning sponsor," said Andy Munro of the Unionville BIA.

Staff volunteers from Wally Chu's Shoppers Drug Mart at Hwy. 7 and from the Shoppers Drug Mart head office will be helping the Shoppers Drug Mart giant, 35-foot Life Bear come alive and bow at the parade. During the parade, another Life Bear will be giving out bear hugs.



Shoppers Drug Mart Life Bear.

"We also welcome the Royal Bank as a returning sponsor. The Royal Bank will have Leo the Lion giving out gentle lion hugs during the parade.

Telesolutions, a founding sponsor of the Unionville Celtic Festival, and a new sponsor of the Olde Tyme Christmas Parade, will also participate in the parade.

Mayor Don Cousens will be riding in a fancy horse-drawn carriage, while councillor Joe Virgilio, MPP David Tsubouchi and MP Jim Jones will ride on an antique Kavanaugh Roofing truck.

"We can't forget the big guy — the one who knows if you've been naughty or nice — Santa Claus. Santa will be riding on a fire truck from Kavanaugh Roofing," Munro said.

The parade will culminate with a tree lighting ceremony at Fred Varley Parkette at 8 p.m.

"I'm ecstatic that we have six schools and hundreds of

children participating this year," said Karen Chadwick, organizer of the Olde Tyme Christmas Parade and owner of Queen's Pantry. "I am very proud that Unionville is the host of this major community parade."

During and after the parade, people can go to the Village Church basement, at 218 Main St., where they will be able to sit and warm up with free coffee and tea. There will also be baby change stations available. The church is also offering entertainment. The youth group will be putting on Christmas puppet shows after the parade.

The ringing of the church bell will alert people to the start of each puppet show. After the parade, Main Street will still be a hub of activity, with the Markham Men of Harmony performing their music.

Families can go for genuine old-

fashioned rides on a horse-drawn hay wagon. Stores will be open until 10 p.m. giving shoppers an extra chance to get some unique Christmas gifts.

There are many things to do at The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery at 216 Main St., which will have two for one admission all weekend long.

The Gallery Courtyard will be dressed up with lights and candles, and Helen Hynd and company will be performing Christmas carols in the gallery.

Children will be able to do holiday crafts and other activities in the Community Room of the gallery. There will be a Small Wonders Show at the McKay Art Centre, which features small works in a variety of media by local artists.

Many of the works are priced under \$100. As well, the gallery is offering a discount on any purchase at the Gallery Shop including free gift wrapping and complementary gifts.

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