

43rd Annual Town of Holbrook



Festival of Lights

December 11, 2021

5:00 pm

Holbrook Town Hall/Winthrop Congregational Church
50 N Franklin Street/16 N Franklin Street





The Town of Holbrook Festival of Lights tradition began 43 years ago, in 1978 by the Holbrook Historical Society. They approached the Selectboard asking for a non-religious event to celebrate the Christmas season.

“We wanted to do something for the community” recalled the late Marion Colburn of the Holbrook Historical Society.

“The ceremony was called the Festival of Lights to encompass all religious and ethnic groups,” Colburn said “It is a time of joy.”

“The Festival of Lights has turned out to be quite a thing. It has expanded every year. Now it is looked upon as an acclaimed community event. It is a wonderful thing to do for the younger folks,”

Last week DPW employees were busy putting the lights on the Town Hall and the former Central Fire Station and the smaller trees in Mary Wales Holbrook Park.

With the call, “Let there be light” the trees and the wreath at Town Hall will magically be a glory of white lights as the Holbrook School chorus’ sing a variety of holiday songs

The smaller trees in Mary Wales Holbrook Park will also be a blaze of light.

“I love doing the Festival of Lights. It’s a beautiful community event right out of Norman Rockwell -it’s a great tradition.”

Highlight of the evening is the arrival of Santa Claus as the strains of “Here Comes Santa Claus” and “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” fill the air.

The Fire Chief has persuaded Santa to leave his busy North Pole workshop in the hands of the elves for a few hours and come to visit with the children.

Firefighters will meet Santa’s sleigh at a secret meeting place and transport him to Town Hall on the back of a fire engine.

The past few years Santa has hopped off the firetruck, entered the Town Hall area and greeted each child individually, listening to their requests. A bench will be set up inside the Winthrop Congregational Church with a decorated Christmas tree beside it.



Program:

Welcome

Moment of Silence for all those serving in the military and who will not be home this holiday season, and for all First Responders who will be working to keep us safe.

Prayer by Reverend Shawn Keener, Brookville Bible Church

“Let There be Light”

JFK Chorus under the direction of Rachael Sordillo

Jr/Sr High Chorus under the direction of Kaitlyn Laprise

Santa Claus arrives courtesy of Holbrook Fire Department

Individual visits with Santa Claus will be in the basement of the Winthrop Congregational Church.

Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Holbrook Rotary Club, the Holbrook Historical Society and Boy Scout Troop 56.

Special thanks to the Holbrook DPW for the holiday decorations, and HCAM-TV for the music, sound system, and for recording the event for all to view.

NOTE: When the children have finished performing they are to be picked up at the church side of the Town Hall.

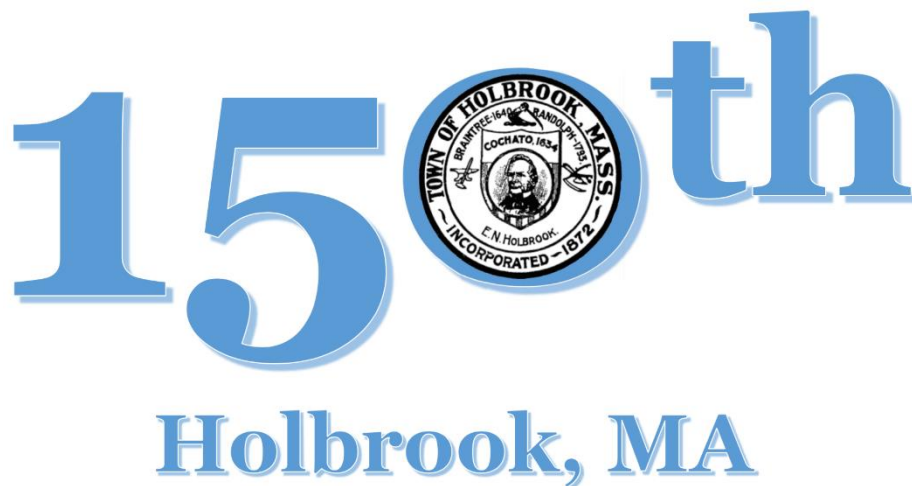
Restrooms are available in the basement of the church



Susquicentennial

On February 29, 1872 the Town of Holbrook was formed by an Act of the Massachusetts Congress. Formerly known as East Randolph (and Brookville was South Randolph) the year 2022 marks the towns Susquicentennial, or 150th Birthday! A variety of events is hopefully planned, begining with the Official Holbrook Birthday Party Celebration on February 26 in the school auditorium. That evening there will be dinner and dancing at the former Saint Josephs School.

Please support our efforts in planning for this event. T-Shirts and buttons are available near the church.



On behalf of Town Administrator Greg Hanley and the Select Board of Lindsay Vayda, Pam Campanella, William Watkins Daniel Lee, and David Reilly, the Holbrook Rotary Club and the Holbrook Historical Society wish you a very happy and safe Holiday Season