29TH Annual Victorian Holiday

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Lebanon, Illinois

The 29th Annual Victorian Holiday kicks off the Holiday Season.

Founded in 1814 Lebanon is one of the oldest cities in Illinois.

You are invited to join us for this wonderful event. View live reindeer(from 11-1) as the shops open and Christmas music fills the air. Enjoy a Horse Drawn Carriage Ride and at 5:30 a parade brings Father Christmas and the Old lamplighter to town for the official lighting of the Christmas tree. Then join the Old Lamplighter's stroll, accompanied by Victorian Carolers, for the lighting of the brick streets. Enjoy vendors and restaurants up and down St. Louis Street. A tour of the Mermaid House and a visit with Father Christmas fill the evening with holiday memories.

Queen Victoria's reign produced the period known as the Victorian Era. It was during this time that Christmas became a period of gift giving. Christmas cards began, the Christmas tree and many other traditions of today's Christmas begin, too.

It was also during this period, in 1842 that a young Charles Dickens made Lebanon his only Illinois overnight stay at the Mermaid House. Dickens wrote about Lebanon in American Notes. The following year Dickens wrote his famous A Christmas Carol- a Ghost Story of Christmas.

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The Victorian Holiday Parade

5:00 pm Parade will start at Meridith Funeral Home on W. St. Louis Street. Line up with your group to join in the fun.

5:30 pm Parade is lead with Horse & Carriage and continues down W. St. Louis Street to the Mini Park (ending with Father Christmas and his carriage).

* The Mayor welcomes all for the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Mini Park.

* Father Christmas proceeds to 217 W. St. Louis Street for Visits and opportunities for selfie photos. Parade ends.

Parade participants may join in the Victorian Holiday events including:

6:00 pm * The Ol’ Lamplighter leads carolers in singing. Join in the Caroling as he lights up the shops.

5-9 pm * Carriage Rides are available (tickets are $5 per person)

5-8 pm * Tours of Historic Mermaid House

6-9 pm * Visit with Father Christmas - with selfie opportunities

6-9 Food trucks, shops, restaurants, holiday music and Street performances abound.

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