

# December 2024 Newsletter



**Decorating your yard or porch this year?**

**Planning on showing off your Christmas cheer?**

Interested in being part of our Christmas Decoration Contest?  
Participants should email a photo of their decorated house/yard to:

[TownofSharon@comporium.net](mailto:TownofSharon@comporium.net).

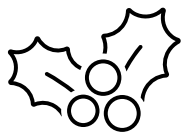
**All entries must be submitted by December 22nd.**

Winners will be announced online and on the Town Message Board!

Winners will receive a gift card to a local business and a sign for their yard!

All entries will be shared with the Town Council and winners will be selected by them!

There will be 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice winners!



The Hickory Grove Christmas parade will take place on Saturday **December 7<sup>th</sup>**.  
The parade will begin at 3pm with the line up starting at 2 pm.

The City of York Christmas Tree lighting will be on  
Thursday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** from 6 – 7 pm.

The City of York Christmas Parade Friday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>** 6 – 8 pm.





Christmas in Olde Sharon will be Saturday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>** with festivities beginning at 6 pm at Harmon Park. There will be a great variety of merchandise vendors set up at Sharon Fire Department, so be sure to come check out their one-of-a-kind items and support our local vendors. There will also be food vendors available, so come hungry.

### **Schedule of Events**

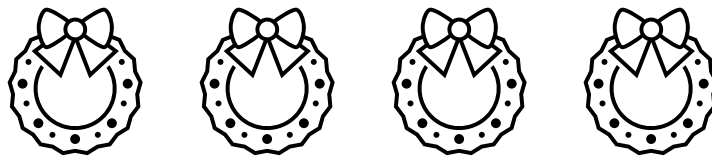
- ~Welcome ~ Nicole Perkins, Mayor**
- ~Opening Prayer ~ Pastor Gilmore, St. Lukes Baptist Church No. 1**
- ~Lighting of the Tree**
- ~Scripture Reading ~**
- ~Choir ~ St. Lukes Baptist Church No. 1**
- ~Cottonbelt Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus**  
**Dena Wade - Music Teacher**
- (The songs are traditional carols with new lyrics  
and arrangements by Sally Albrecht)**
- ~Santa Arrives!**



Toys For Happiness is now accepting donations. Since 1986, Toys for Happiness has provided Christmas gifts for the less fortunate of York County. WRHI and the United Way of York County partner together to make Christmas a reality. Just drop off a new and unwrapped toy to Sharon Volunteer Fire Department, hours of drop off are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm. Thank YOU for making Christmas possible for thousands of less fortunate individuals in York County.



On Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Sharon VFD went through an Insurance Services Office or better known as (ISO) evaluation. ISO collects information from communities regarding their structure fire suppression capabilities. This evaluation takes place about every five years. Each fire department is given a Public Protection Classification rating from 1 to 10 that insurance companies use to set insurance premiums that businesses and homeowners pay to cover potential losses. With 1 being the best and 10 being no protection coverage. Currently Sharon is a class 4 and has been for many years. Some of the things that departments are evaluated on are communications, amount of water available for a fire, staffing, equipment, and personnel training, along with many other record keeping requirements. Areas outside of five miles from a fire station are generally considered not protected and homeowners pay a higher premium.



A huge thank-you to Sharon Volunteer Fire Department for once again decorating our town for the holiday season! This is just one of the many things the fire department does to help support our community!



We would like to remind everyone to please help keep Sharon clean.  
Be part of the solution not the pollution!  
Keep Sharon Beautiful (#KSB)



The Sharon Town Council Meeting will not be meeting in December. The Town Council meets the **second Monday of each month**, if you would like to attend or have something to share, please join us at 7pm on **January 13th**.

The Sharon Fresh Farmers Market will resume in the **Spring of 2025**. If you or someone you know may be interested in participating, please contact Town Hall at 803-927-1927.



York County Collection and Recycling will accept Christmas trees (live only with no ornaments or lights, etc. on the tree) for recycling December 26<sup>th</sup>-January 31<sup>st</sup>. Christmas lights can also be recycled—look for a labeled roll-cart at the center.

Cooking oil, electronics, boxes, etc. can also be recycled. All items for recycling or disposal can be found here <https://www.yorkcountygov.com/325/Solid-Waste-Collection-Recycling> and on their free mobile app. Residents can sign up for reminders about events and holiday hours.

**May holiday cheer fill your home with warmth and happiness,  
Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you and your family!**

If you have something you would like to share in our monthly newsletter, please contact Town Hall at 803-927-1927 or email us at [townofsharon@comporium.net](mailto:townofsharon@comporium.net)