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Winter Carnival gets 'Frozen'

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GREENFIELD — The Greenfield Winter Carnival has "Frozen" over.

For its 93rd year, the Greenfield festival that runs Feb. 6 to 8 will follow the theme of "Frozen," the popular 2013 Disney movie.

Throughout the weekend, there will be numerous chances to meet with the "Frozen" characters, ice skate to the movie soundtrack, run a 4-mile race named after Sven, the reindeer, or sit with a bowl of popcorn and watch the children's film.

On that Saturday at the Greenfield Youth Center, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., characters from the film, Anna and Elsa, along with mountaineer Kristoff, will drop by to meet with Greenfield families.

Olaf, the snowman, also plans to head to the 99 Restaurant for breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Family and friends can join the friendly snowman for \$6 per person and \$4 for children 10 and under.

The Collins/Moylan Arena is hosting a "Frozen" Friday DJ public skate from 8:30 p.m. to 10:20 p.m. where ice skaters can bring glow sticks and skate to their favorite songs.

On Saturday at 12:30 p.m., the Greenfield Youth Center will show the movie with popcorn, pizza and drinks available for purchase.

The Greenfield tradition since 1922 is also adding a new parade of lights in which illuminated vehicles will travel from Newton School to Beacon Field with bright displays.

All parade entries are required to pay a \$25 fee due by Jan. 30 at 4 p.m.

Entries will line up at the Newton School parking lot, 70 Shelburne Road, starting at 4:30 p.m.

All entries need to be lined up by 5:30 p.m. and completely decorated and ready to go by 5:45 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6

For those wishing to relive their traditional winter carnival favorites, there will be a bonfire at Beacon Field from 5 to 7 p.m.

There will be live ice carvings downtown all day. Voting on best sculptures will take place Sunday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. at the Town Common.

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. a bonfire where people can roast marshmallows and hotdogs will warm up Beacon Field.

The fireworks display will shoot off from Poet's Seat Tower at 7 p.m. Friday.

Saturday, Feb. 7

On Saturday at the Greenfield Youth Center, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. families can enter into the Lego competition for kindergarten through grade 6. Competitors can drop off their creations during that time with a \$3 entry fee.

At 9 a.m., the Youth Basketball League will host a game at the Greenfield Middle School. Games start at 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Those 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free.

At 10 a.m., the four-mile road race, Sven's Reindeer Run, will take off from Hope Street and head toward the Highland Park area. Pre register at the Recreation Department or online or on the day of race at Hope and Olive Restaurant from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. There is a \$20 pre-race entry by Jan. 30 by 3 p.m. After that, it's \$25 on race day.

From 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Greenfield Youth Center, artwork by Greenfield Middle School students will be on display on the second floor

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. children can get their faces painted and make "Frozen"-themed crafts. There will also be board games during that time provided by Greenfield Games.

At 1 p.m., there will be public ice skating at the Collins/Moylan Arena next to the Greenfield High School. The winter carnival special is \$3 admission, \$5 for skate rentals.

At 3:30 p.m., the cribbage tournament will begin. It's open to anyone of all ages for \$10 registration fee.

From 6 to 8 p.m., the 23rd annual David M. Petrin Memorial Alumni hockey game will begin. Greenfield High School students will take on alumni at the Greenfield skating rink. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Proceeds benefit the David M. Petrin Memorial Scholarship presented each year to graduating seniors.

Sunday, Feb. 8

At 8 a.m. at the 99 Restaurant, Olaf the snowman will dine with family and friends. Tickets are \$6 per person. Children \$10 and under pay \$4.

At 10 a.m., a snowshoeing trek will begin at the Highland Pond parking lot through the Rocky Mountain trails.

From 1 to 3 p.m., the Collins/Moylan Arena will offer public ice skating.

At Beacon Field, there will be ongoing sledding and outdoor ice skating. Families can also take part in building a snowman for the Arendelle Snowman Village or Elsa's snow sculpture contest with judging at 3:15 p.m.

Throughout the day, there will be marshmallow toasting by the bonfire with sticks and marshmallows provided.

At noon, families can drop off their favorite cookies at Beacon Field for the annual cookie contest. A minimum of two dozen cookies per entrant are required. Also at that time, local restaurants will compete for the title of "Best Chili Around."

At noon, the Franklin County Sheriff's Hockey Team will challenge the Franklin County Firefighters at the Beacon Field outdoor rink for a pond hockey game.

From noon to 4 p.m., Eastern Mountain Sports of Hadley will provide free snowshoe and cross-country ski demonstrations.

Also, the Tetrault Farm will provide horse drawn hay rides and pony rides. It is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children age 2 to 16 and children under 2 are free.

At 12:30 p.m., the community can jump into a traditional tug of war.

At 1 p.m., the third annual K9 Keg Pull will start.

At 1 p.m., people can attempt to bowl on ice at the ice rink.

At 2:30 p.m. the cardboard sled contest will begin.

If there's no snow, sleds will be judged on creativity and construction.

At 3:45 p.m., the carnival will finish with the awards ceremony for the ice carving, card board sled race, cookie bake-off, chili cook-off, sculpture contest, Lego contest, K9 keg pull and parade of light winners.

For a complete schedule of events, visit:

www.greenfieldrecreation.com/wintercarnival.



Children try their hand at ice bowling on the skating rink at Beacon Field during the 2014 Greenfield Winter Carnival.

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