

GREENFIELD



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Michael Legassey carves an ice toboggan chute on the Greenfield Common for the 2022 Winter Carnival. Although there won't be an ice toboggan chute this year, guests can expect another interactive ice feature.

101st Winter Carnival carrying 'Warm and Toasty' theme

Recreation director says there's 'something for everybody' over three days

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GREENFIELD — This weekend marks the Winter Carnival's return, with a packed schedule of events to celebrate the annual festival's 101st anniversary.

"One of our favorite things about this event is it is multiple days, so whether you prefer to do things in the evenings or during the daytime, there's something for everybody," said Recreation Director Christy Moore.

Though attendees will be able to watch as artists carve their ice sculptures throughout the day on Friday, the carnival officially kicks off at 4 p.m. with a torch lighting on Greenfield Common, followed by the Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. Decorated vehicles will make their way from Newton School, along Main Street and down Federal Street, ending at Beacon Field. A fireworks display will commence at 7 p.m.

"It's going to be a cold weekend but potentially a wintry mix on Sunday," Moore said. "I'm glad January did bring some snowfall for us."

Many Winter Carnival favorites are planned, including the Glow Party at Beacon Field on Friday night, the Family Fun Fest at 20

Sanderson St. on Saturday and the K-9 Keg Pull at Beacon Field on Sunday.

Operating within the theme of "Warm and Toasty," Moore said the Recreation Department will have marshmallows and hot dogs available for roasting at the warming fire, and all the ingredients necessary for a S'mores Bar at the Family Fun Fest.

"We're happy to have an expanded ice map and ice walk this year," Moore added, describing the annual ice sculpture contest on Main Street.

New this year will be Lasermania, a "musical celebration" of a laser party set to take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the auditorium of Greenfield Middle School. Following the show, there will be a short lesson on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Given the success of the ice toboggan chute last year, Moore said guests can expect another interactive ice feature on the Greenfield Common. Also returning this year will be the Ice Bar on Court Square, sponsored by Gilmore & Farrell Insurance.

"We want to keep people active and happy," Moore said. "Winter can be a hard season for a lot of people and there's an opportunity to still find joy in the cold weather in the heart of Greenfield. There's just something for everybody. We try to come up with something for all age groups."

Moore said several Greenfield businesses, including Adams Donuts, Main Street Bar & Grille, Four Phantoms Brewing Co. and Hawks &



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Robert Markey of Ashfield carves an ice angel on Main Street for the 2022 Winter Carnival. Ice sculptures will return on Friday for this year's event.



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Rachel Roberts of the Greenfield Business Association and Ben Goldsher of Hawks & Reed Performing Arts Center at the Ice Bar on Court Square for the 2022 Winter Carnival. The Ice Bar returns this year on Friday and Saturday.

Reed Performing Arts Center have events and activities set throughout the weekend.

"This is put on by the Recreation Department and the Recreation Commission but it's funded by our local businesses," Moore said. "We

certainly couldn't do it without them, and we thank them for their continued support."

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