

GREENFIELD



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Wayne Miller, of Walpole, N.H., works on carving his polar vortex ice sculpture in advance of the 2019 Winter Carnival.

It's that time of year again

Glow party, extra outdoor activities among new Winter Carnival features

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GREENFIELD — During a time of year that can be cold and dreary, residents have the Winter Carnival to brighten their spirits.

This year is no exception, says Christy Moore, director of the Greenfield Recreation Department, which is preparing for the 98th annual event to start on Friday. The theme of this year's event, which runs through Sunday, is "There's Snow Place Like Home."

Moore said new activities include a glow party, more outdoor activities and allowing the public to participate in Sunday's chili cook-off, which was previously only open to restaurants.

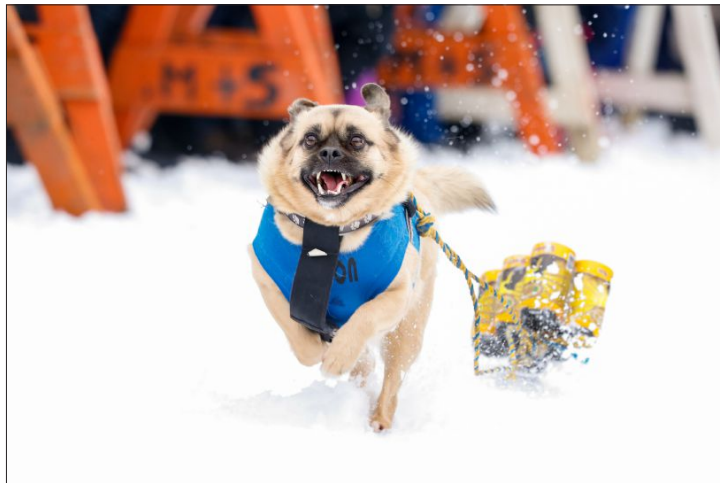
Friday

The celebration starts Friday, when area artists will take to carving ice sculptures that will be on display throughout the weekend. People are encouraged to vote for their favorite sculpture via a ballot box on the Greenfield Common. After dusk, the sculptures will be illuminated.

At 4 p.m., the Winter Carnival torch lighting will take place on the common, followed by a performance by MEGAdance at 5:30 p.m. A glow party will be held at Beacon Field from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and the fifth annual Parade of Lights will start at 6 p.m. Illuminated vehicles will travel from Newton School to Beacon Field.

A warming fire and fireworks display starting at 7 p.m. will round out the night at Beacon Field.

"There will be glow face paint, a glow stick vendor and



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Orion, an 8-year-old Puggle, competes in the K-9 Keg Pull during the 2019 Winter Carnival at Beacon Field in Greenfield.

the LED glow performance," Moore said. "We want to get people to the field as the parade is ending and see all of the fun. We have a different performer and people like glow-in-the-dark things — especially fireworks."

Other activities on Friday include a hot chocolate and board game social at the Greenfield Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday

On Saturday, the 4-mile Sleigh Bell Run starts off the morning, with participants jingling their way through the course from Hope Street to the Highland Park area. Participants can register online or at

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Sylvia Guillaume, then 10, slides across the finish line in a cardboard frog pond sled with a first-place time of 11 seconds during the 2019 Winter Carnival at Beacon Field in Greenfield.