

WINTER CARNIVAL!



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A parade of illuminated vehicles makes its way down Main Street en route to Beacon Field on Friday night, kicking off the Winter Carnival.

Parade, fireworks kick off festivities

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GREENFIELD — With temperatures in the teens, this year's winter carnival lived up to its name, "Frozen Over."

The blustery cold didn't stop people from coming out to watch the carnival's first Parade of Lights. Throngs stood on street corners to watch fire trucks, buses, police cruisers and float-towing pickups pass by decked out in

Christmas lights.

"I want to see the fireworks," said Kylie Dennett, 6. "The ice sculptures are nice, too."

Many of the ice sculptures featured characters and scenes from the popular children's movie "Frozen."

"I didn't like the movie," Kylie admitted. "I like the characters, though."

Many thought the parade was a great addition to the 93-year-old carnival.

"The parade is a cool concept; I think it will catch on in years to come," said Ashley Dennis, of Greenfield.

While many shivered outside on the street to see the parade go by, Dennis found a way to stay warm while watching.

Dennis sat in the back of her Honda SUV on Main Street, nestled between her children, 4-year-old Isabelle

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Winter Carnival continues all weekend

GREENFIELD — The Greenfield Winter Carnival was off to a good start with Friday night's parade, fireworks and bonfire, and the fun continues all weekend.

Saturday:

The day starts with youth league basketball games from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Greenfield Middle School.

Sven's Reindeer Run foot race hits the ground running on Hope Street at 10 a.m. The Collins-Moylan Arena will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. for public ice skating. Admission is \$3, and rental skates are \$5 per pair.

A cribbage tournament starts at 3:30 p.m. the Youth Center on Sanderson Street, with reg-

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The Ice Princess sculpture is on display on the Greenfield Town Common. This sculpture is not part of the contest.



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Fireworks at Winter Carnival at Beacon Field on Friday in Greenfield.

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istration at 3:15. Winners will receive custom-made cribbage boards. Greenfield High School students will face-off against alumni in the 6 p.m. David M. Petrin Memorial Hockey Game at the Collins-Moylan Arena.

The Youth Center will be abuzz with activity, including a Lego competition from 9:30 to 10 a.m., a sing-and-dance-along with Frozen characters at 10 a.m., an art exhibit starting at 11, and face painting, games and photo opportunities from 11 to 12:30 p.m. Disney’s “Frozen” will be shown at 12:30.

Sunday:

The day starts with “breakfast with Olaf” at the 99 Restaurant from 8 to 10 a.m. A snowshoeing trek leaves Highland Park at 10 a.m. The Collins-Moylan Arena opens for a public skate again from 1 to 3 p.m.

Most of Sunday’s events happen at Beacon Field.

Sculptors have until 3:15 p.m. to build their best snow sculpture on Beacon Field. A cookie bake-off will be judged at noon, and bakers need to bring at least two dozen.

At noon, Franklin County Sheriffs deputies will face county firefighters in a “pond-hockey” style match on the Beacon Field ice rink. Once they’re done, the rink will be cleared for a 1 p.m. ice bowling contest. Everyone’s invited to compete in a community tug-of-war at 12:30.

Free snowshoe and cross-country ski demonstrations go from noon to 4 p.m. Horse-drawn hayrides and pony rides also run from noon to 4. The annual K9 Keg Pull will be held at 1 p.m. and the cardboard sled race and contest starts at 2:30.

Contest rules and a full schedule of winter carnival events can be found at

www.greenfieldrecreation.com/wintercarnival.html

Carnival: A weekend of fun

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and 7-year-old Charlie. The three shared a blanket, a bag of McDonald’s food, and a good time.

“I’m excited to see my classmate at the arts and crafts this weekend,” Charlie said.

His sister, Isabelle, enjoyed the lights of the parade, but covered her ears with her hands to muffle the sound of the air horns of several of the passing vehicles.

Their mother said they’d have to miss some of Saturday’s events because of a prior engagement, but they were looking forward to Sunday goings-on. They were glad to have some snow on the ground

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for the event, especially for Sunday staples like the cardboard sled race and snow sculpture contest.

“Last year there was no snow for the carnival; that was kind of a bummer,” she said.

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While some braved the brisk temperatures to get a front-row view of the parade on Main Street, others waited for it to arrive at Beacon Field, where they could keep warm by the bonfire. Parking was at a premium as well over 100 people stood by the fire and at the edge of the field, waiting for the fireworks to begin.