Christmas kicks off in White Rock

Fifth annual 'Christmas on the Peninsula' will feature a wide range of Christmas activities across town

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WHITE ROCK — People here are gearing up to kick off the holiday season this weekend with two big events, Christmas on the Peninsula and Christmas on the Drive.

Starting Saturday, Nov. 30, White Rock's Uptown area will be taken over by the fifth annual Christmas on the Peninsula, which will feature a wide range of Christmas activities spread across town.

"Every year this becomes bigger and better in all the different areas," said event founder and director Liv Butow. "Every year I like to get more entertainers, more carolers, more participants, more decorations, more costumes. It grows steadily every year in all different areas, and that's exactly how we want it to grow."

This year's events will include Victorian carolers, a "Breakfast in Bethlehem," story telling, a Christmas treasure hunt and of course, plenty of holiday treats. There will also be craft and ornament making and much more held at various venues in the Uptown area, including a tree lighting ceremony and Christmas parade.

"This is the first event of the year, so we kind of kick off the Christmas season for people on the peninsula," said Butow. "It's really nice people can come together and enjoy themselves and I love this community for that."

Christmas on the Peninsula runs from 8:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. For event information and the schedule, go to christmasonthepeninsula. com.

The following day, on Saturday, Dec. 1, White Rock's waterfront will also get the holiday treatment with Christmas on the Drive.

The event, put on by White Rock Museum & Archives, White Rock BIA, Semiahmoo Arts, In White Rock and the city, will be the official lighting up of Marine Drive for the holiday season.

Running from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Christmas on the Drive will feature the lighting of the Drive, a choir performance, carol singing, a chance to meet Rudolph, Frosty and Santa as well as a tree-lighting ceremony. The event will end with a performance by the Vancouver Fire Spinners.

Christmas on the Drive will take place at the White Rock Museum & Archives, 14970 Marine Dr.

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