Christmas kicks off in White Rock this weekend

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Christmas on the Peninsula 2013.

WHITE ROCK — Christmas is set to officially kick off this weekend in White Rock with the sixth-annual Christmas on the Peninusula festival.

For many, the season doesn't truly begin until uptown undergoes its yearly transformation into a winter wonderland and with several new features for this year, event founder and director Liv Butow is hoping the festival continues to grow in popularity.

"We've been steadily growing, a little bit more each year," she said.

While popular activities such as gingerbread house decorating, Christmas performances and "Christmas 4 Kids" will be returning, new features include candle making and Victorian dance lessons.

Also returning are the popular Christmas parade and the tree lighting ceremony at Miramar Plaza

As for what first-timers should expect, Butow said simply, a great time in the style of a traditional European Christmas.

Christmas on the Peninsula takes place Nov. 29 in Uptown White Rock, with various events around the town center the community centre and Miramar Plaza. Festivities kick off at 8:30 a.m. and run until 6:15 p.m.

For a full list of events and locations, **click here (http://christmasonthepeninsula.com)**.

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