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Annual holiday festival *set for Saturday in White Rock*

Spirit of Christmas returns to Peninsula

The eighth annual Christmas on the Peninsula Festival is set for this Saturday in and around uptown White Rock.

The day-long event will offer something for everyone – at churches, in the community centre and local businesses, and on the streets – from a Breakfast in Bethlehem between 8:30 and 11 a.m. at First United Church and cookie decorating at Clancy's Tea Cosy, to a charity fair at Star of the Sea Community Centre, a Christmas Market featuring talented artisans and tasty goodies at the White Rock Community Centre and a behind-the-scenes look at the Coast Capital Playhouse.

Peace Arch News reporter Alex Browne is to tell Christmas stories at Blazin' Bagels, carollers in Victorian costumes will rove along Johnston Road and in the Five Corners district, and a parade along Johnston Road and Thrift and Russell avenues will lead to the Miramar Village Plaza Christmas tree, where the Stella Maris Concert Choir is to sing and White Rock Mayor Wayne Baldwin will flip the switch on the Christmas lights.

In addition to decorated trees and storefront windows, families can enjoy a trackless train ride through Bryant Park, visit with donkey Mystique and enjoy the sounds of Adrian Falcon on trumpet.

The day – a collaborative effort of more than 60 businesses and organizations – is to end with carol-singing at Carols by Candlelight at St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers are still needed, for tasks ranging from First Aid and traffic control to organizing an entry in the parade.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Liv Butow at 604-542-3776 or liv@butow.com or Bob Humphries at 604-531-6162, 604-365-1808 or bhumphries@shaw.ca

For more information on the event and a full schedule of activities, visit www.christmasonthepeninsula.com