

# *Southampton Christmas Decorations Committee*



## *2024 Events , Saturday, November 30th*

### **· 4:30PM at Dusk - Parade Of Lights**

Featuring decorated vehicles representing our volunteer Fire and EMS departments

### **· 5:30PM - Tree Lighting Ceremony**

In Agawam Park with Holiday Songs by Southampton High School's Voices of Southampton (VOSH)

### **· Fireworks Display**

with Exciting New Surprises

### **· Holiday Window Decorations Contest**

Stroll through the Village and enjoy all the beautiful windows decorated for the Season





## History

The Christmas Decorations Committee began in the mid 1950's by Jack and Nancy Rist, Artie Palma, Jack Lillywhite and Bob Keane. Each year, on the first Friday in December they held the official Village Christmas Tree Lighting at the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1975 Jack and Nancy Rist passed the torch to Ann & Bill Yawney and a committee of business owners and residents was formed.

Early on, funds would be donated by members of the community who were delighted by the sparkling lit trees and wreaths placed throughout the Village business district. Over the years, the Committee has continued their fundraising efforts through an annual appeal which continues today.

The generous donations have enabled the Christmas Committee to fund underground wiring throughout Main Street and Jobs Lane and purchasing of LED lights to be more environmentally friendly. In addition, the antique angels from Saks Fifth Avenue that adorn the fence along Jobs Lane were all refurbished as well as the nativity scene, the iconic Santa Claus and his reindeer and the nostalgic bell that hangs over Main Street. In 2020 the Committee funded the purchase of a beautiful new spruce tree for Agawam Park.

It has been approximately 25 years since the Parade of Lights began, brought to the holiday event by Millie Fellingham and the Southampton Chamber of Commerce to highlight the Volunteer Fire and EMS Departments.

In 2021 after 46 years serving on The Christmas Decorations Committee, Ann & Bill Yawney retired and once again the torch has been passed.

We will continue the traditions of keeping Southampton Village merry and bright throughout the holiday season!

## All Donations Support

- Live Christmas Trees throughout the Business District
- Christmas Lights
- Wreaths
- Maintenance and Display of Antique Angels on Jobs Lane
- Thanksgiving Weekend Holiday Kick-Off

with Parade of Lights, Tree Lighting, Fireworks Display,

and More! <https://christmasdecorationscommittee.networkforgood.com>

## Christmas Decorations Committee

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