

# Winter Celebrations

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The temperatures are dropping, and the snowflakes are just beginning to scatter around Marblehead. Once again, winter has come knocking. To kick off the season, the Marblehead Chamber of Commerce threw together a fantastic weekend of holiday festivities. The annual Tree Lighting Celebration took place on Friday, across from the town's National GrandBank. The massive evergreen was illuminated at 7 p.m., to music by Pat Runne and the Zacklys, a local North Shore band. The next morning, kids dragged their parents down to the State St. landing for a bright and early town tradition, Santa's arrival by lobster boat. Festivities began at 9 a.m., with live entertainment from "A Dancer's Dream" dance studio. The Landing Restaurant provided free hot chocolate and apple cider for all. Following Santa's arrival, many of the families stopped in the restaurant for lunch. This reporter was working the pub that shift and will confirm without a doubt that it was one of the busiest days in recent weeks.

Throughout the weekend, folks were out and families were having fun. As people milled around, the Christmas Parade proceeded down State St., through Washington St, and onto Pleasant St. A decked out trolley, graciously sponsored by a few local real estate companies, carted Marbleheaders throughout town, while making stops every half an hour in Old Town. It was great to see this celebration again take to the streets of the town.

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