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Ho Ho Ho! Santa knows 'It's a Wonderful Life in Lafayette'

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Santa's visit last year Photo provided

Lafayette is once again embracing the holiday season and kicking it off with its traditional "It's a Wonderful Life in Lafayette" celebration, featuring refreshments, music, activities and, of course, starring the big man himself.

Yes, that's right. Santa will be there, checking his list and visiting with children, ably assisted by Town Hall Elves. The fun, family-friendly, free party runs from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 and is hosted by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. The event is sponsored by local realtors, The Dana Green Team and Branagh Development, who together are hosting the environmentally friendly downtown Lafayette twinkle lights for the 2017 Holiday Season.

The annual celebration includes the tree lighting, live music, a community sing-a-long, and crafts. Santa's "sleigh" for the event is Lafayette's historic fire truck, Old Betsy, which will parade along Golden Gate Way

from the Lafayette Historical Society with a police escort, arriving in the Plaza Park at 4:30 p.m.

The police department, which is partnering with the Lafayette School District for its Second Annual Toy Drive, will be accepting donations during the festivities. This program collects toys for distribution to those in need within the community. Residents can help fill a police car with new toys.

There will be an exhibition of holiday drawings by Lafayette's third-graders. Local student musicians will be providing music for the celebration.

Residents always enjoy the community and the cheer of the season as they take advantage of the photo-ops with Santa at this heart-warming Lafayette tradition - a great way to start the holidays!

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