

# Winchester Lions Club



With this being the 100th year of Lions Club, this will be the 93rd year of the Winchester Host Lions Club. So what does the “Host” actually mean in their name? Well, in order to get that specification, they have to host at least three other groups, which they have.

The WHLC provides funding for medically necessary eye care for low income adults and children. They are also helping to provide vision screens during community health fairs. Through the Lions Club, the Hearing Aid Recycling Project (HARP) provides affordable hearing aids for individuals with limited financial resources. People with diabetes are at risk of losing sight due to diabetic retinopathy. The WHLC supports diabetes awareness, education and prevention and research. They are also there to help during community diabetes screenings.

To be able to do all of these worthwhile projects, the WHLC has several fundraising projects each year. Broom sales are conducted at community events throughout the year as well as at 10 different merchant locations throughout the city. Brooms are produced by visually impaired individuals. Contributions are collected during two very important times of the year when the Lions Clubs are raising awareness of the symbol of independence for individuals who are blind or who have severe vision loss and use the familiar white cane with the red band at the bottom, National White Cane Safety Day and White Cane Week. These days are used to collect contributions to help provide eye care for the less fortunate in the community.

The Winchester Host Lions Club considers their reward to be the difference they make and the relationships they have built by giving back into the community they so deeply care about. The WHLC is currently working on a Legacy Project to leave as a lasting benefit to the community. **The Winchester Parks and Recreation Department wishes to thank the Winchester Host Lions Club for their many years of support in making the City of Winchester’s annual Christmas Parade a success.**

## Holiday Previews



### Christmas Parade

**Monday, November 28**

**Time:** 7pm with the Christmas Tree lighting immediately following the parade

**Location:** Old Town Winchester

Celebrate the fun and excitement of the holiday season in Old Town Winchester. Bands, floats and specialty units, along with Santa, will be coming to see you. Don't forget the tree lighting ceremony immediately following the parade. If your group is interested in participating in the 2016 parade, please go to [www.winchesterva.gov/parks](http://www.winchesterva.gov/parks) for the application. The deadline for entry submissions is November 7. For any further questions, please contact the Special Events Coordinator at 540-662-4946 ext. 1816.

### Santa Letters

**Date:** November 21-December 5

**Locations:** War Memorial Building at Jim Barnett Park, City Hall at 15 North Cameron Street, Visitor Center at 1400 South Pleasant Valley Road, and Old Town Welcome Center at 33 East Boscawen Street. Leave a letter for Santa in one of his mailboxes (with a return address) and Santa will write back.

### Santa's Headquarters

**Date:** Saturday, December 10 **Time:** 10am-2pm

**Location:** Godfrey Miller Center on Loudoun Street Mall  
Make a Christmas craft while you are waiting to visit that jolly old man himself, Santa Claus.

### Cookies with Santa (Ages 1+)

**Date:** 12/7 **Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Social Hall

**Register by:** 11/28 Fee: \$5

Come and enjoy some tasty treats while visiting with Santa, along with making lots of different crafts! **Activity #: 641347 Sec: 03**

