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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: WINTERFEST WEEKEND IN THE TOWN OF TONAWANDA

Town of Tonawanda Youth, Parks & Recreation will hold its annual Winterfest celebration starting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 and continuing through Monday, January 21, 2019. Dan Crangle, Councilman and Chairman of the Youth, Parks and Recreation Committee stated, “We have a lot of great facilities in our Town and Winterfest weekend provides families with the opportunity to get out and explore many of them.”

On Thursday, January 17 there will be a senior citizen dance held at the Senior Center, 291 Ensminger Road, from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets are \$4 for senior center members and \$6 for non-members and must be purchased in advance. Food and drinks are included in admission.

On Friday the 18th, the annual Winterfest Wine Tasting will take place at the Paddock Chevrolet Golf Dome (new location!), featuring wine tastings, finger foods, and games. Tickets are \$22, which includes a souvenir glass, and must be purchased in advance at the Youth, Parks & Recreation office, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Paddock Chevrolet Golf Dome, or the Senior Center. 21+ only.

Saturday, January 19 features activities for all ages. Lincoln Arena will be the site for ice hockey games, free open skating, an adult outdoor softball tournament, food truck, Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels chili tasting, biergarten, live music by the Strictly Hip Acoustic Duo, and children’s activities including a visit by the Buffalo Zoo Mobile, straw maze, hay rides, up-close magic, face painting, appearances by Elsa, Sabretooth, members of the Superhero Alliance of WNY, Town of Tonawanda Police Department K-9 Teams, and Erie County Sheriff’s Department Mounted Unit, and more. Brighton Fire Department will face off against Kenilworth and Kenmore Fire Departments in a hockey game at 12pm, followed by the annual TTPD versus Ellwood Fire Department game at 1:30pm. These benefit games will support Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels.

One of the biggest highlights of the weekend is fireworks at 7pm on Saturday in Lincoln Park. “We are excited to be able to have fireworks as part of Winterfest, there aren’t many places around here to see fireworks in January!” said Crangle.

Sunday, January 20 featured free fitness classes, reduced rate open swim, and an international model boat demonstration at the Aquatic & Fitness Center, sports, games, and family activities during open gym at the Sheridan Community Center, and an adult/child mini golf special at the Paddock Chevrolet Golf Dome.

On Monday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), The Town Police Club will sponsor a free recreational skate pizza party at Lincoln Arena between 2:45 and 3:45pm, following a hands-on demonstration with the Buffalo Curling Club at 12pm. The Aquatic and Fitness Center will host a summer fun themed day with free open swim, music by a DJ, lawn games on deck, a summer craft, and hot dogs and refreshments for sale.

“We have to thank our amazing sponsors for making this all possible: UNYTS, Coca Cola, Try-It Distributing, and Dobmeier Janitor Supply,” said Mark Campanella, Superintendent of the Parks & Recreation department.

Full schedule and details available at www.ttypr.com. Some events require advance registration/tickets. Please call the Youth, Parks & Recreation office at 831-1001 with questions.

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