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Dickens Victorian Village Season is About to Begin **by Beverly Kerr**

Cambridge, OH (October 13, 2020) - Excitement fills the air as time draws near for the 15th anniversary of Dickens Victorian Village in downtown Cambridge. The scenes are ready to be moved to the street and some are being placed in downtown windows at this time. Look carefully when you drive or walk down Wheeling Avenue as you could easily see some Victorian scenes appearing.

That friendly hometown atmosphere makes visiting Dickens Victorian Village a relaxing pleasure. Stroll down the street anytime from November 1 – December 31 to see all the scenes, where you can easily keep social distancing if desired.

Plan ahead for special events like the Victorian Teas. One will be held at the Cambridge Country Club with Queen Victoria telling her life story on November 21. Cost is \$25.00. The second will be held at the Masonic Lodge Ballroom on December 12 with Tom Swan, storyteller, providing some interesting entertainment. Cost is \$18.95. Call the Welcome Center at 740-421-4956 for reservations for either tea.

Opening Night will be held on November 6 at 6:00 with ceremonies being led by President Tom Davey, Mayor Tom Orr, Commissioner Dave Wilson, and AVC's Joel Losego. Queen Victoria will deliver a Royal Welcome to this 15th year of Dickens Victorian Village. A candlelight ceremony will end Opening Night as the crowd joins in singing "Silent Night."

That same evening Carriage Rides will also begin. Take a horse-drawn carriage ride as the sound of the horses' hooves carries you back in time. Curl up under a blanket if the night air feels cool while you enjoy the sights and sounds of Dickens Victorian Village. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

Workers are putting the pieces in place for the Holiday Light Show at the Courthouse. All those little extras that make the courthouse shine are being put into place. The tree goes up above the front doorway and many elves, train cars, Christmas trees, and singers line the ground level.

Special thanks to AVC Communication for setting up the display and programming the spectacular light show. Joel Losego spends hours synchronizing the lights to holiday music for the public's enjoyment. They will be ready for operation on November 1.

There's fun for the entire family at Dickens Victorian Village from November 1 – December 31. Start your evening downtown by enjoying a stroll down Wheeling Avenue to see the Victorian scenes and visit local shops. After dinner at a local restaurant, take a carriage ride and end your evening with the Courthouse Light Show.

Perhaps Charles Dickens and his wife Kate would have enjoyed bringing their ten children to see our wonderful downtown. It's for certain the Holiday Light Show would have had all ten dancing on the lawn.

Join the fun sometime soon. You can stroll the streets anytime and the Holiday Light Show happens every evening from 5:30 – 9:00. You're sure to have a happy smile when you head home.

*Happiness is a gift and the trick is not to expect it,
but to delight in it when it comes.
~Charles Dickens*

For more information about Dickens Victorian Village and events, visit DickensVictorianVillage or call (740) 421 4956.

