

TALKING TOURISM Nov. 5, 2017

Each month this space will be devoted to a column written by Debbie Robinson, executive director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB). She will provide information about upcoming events, area attractions, bureau services and projects, and most importantly, communicate the tremendous impact that the travel and tourism industry has on this region.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

This year marks the 12th anniversary of Dickens Victorian Village. For more than a decade our community has worked together to create a truly magical and memorable holiday event for all generations to enjoy. We hope you will mark your calendars to attend a few, if not all, of the many wonderful events the season has to offer.

The **Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Light & Music Show** lights up the night with thousands of pulsating lights synchronized to holiday music. This historic building that was built in 1881 is bathed in colored lights with 55,000 lights outlining the building. There are four different light shows that run from now until January 1, 2018 each evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the last show playing at 9:00 p.m. (Show continues until 11 p.m. on Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1). It's free to attend and watch night after night in the starlight!

A unique **themed scavenger hunt** for the entire family will take place on the following Saturdays, Nov. 11, Dec. 2 & 16. Clue sheets are available beginning at 10 a.m. at the Dickens Welcome Center at 745 Steubenville Avenue. Answers may be found while you explore Cambridge's historical downtown. Youngsters and adults will have a *dickens of a good time* hunting for the Dickens mug hidden in various businesses in the downtown area. Clue sheets must be returned to the Welcome Center by 1 p.m. to be entered into the drawing. Drawing will be held from the returned entries and a bag filled with prizes will be awarded to the winner. Free to participate.

Discover the amazing story of Dickens Victorian Village and the 186 characters that the community built as your costumed guide escorts you around Historic Downtown Cambridge on a **Trolley Tour** on Nov. 25, Dec. 2 & 16. Tickets may be purchased on these dates at the Dickens Welcome Center at a cost of \$10 per person.

Come join the fun at the much-loved annual **Holiday Parade** on Saturday, Nov. 25, sponsored by Cambridge Main Street, featuring lighted floats, bands, a visit from Santa, and more! The theme for this year is *Light Up the Holiday!* Bleachers will be provided on Wheeling Avenue near Sixth Street and also near the Post Office at Tenth Street. Children may visit Candyland on the Courthouse lawn sponsored by Deerassic Park Education Center following the parade to walk along the Candyland path and collect candy and treats and visit with Santa. The parade steps off at 5 p.m.

And the famed detective **Sherlock Holmes** and his sidekick Watson are returning to Cambridge to help solve "**The Case of the Circumstantial Covenant!**" Shows will take place Nov. 10-12 beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Cambridge Performing Arts Center. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, children under 2 are free. Overnight Super Sleuth packages are also available by logging onto www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com/getawaypackages.

For a complete list of upcoming Dickens Victorian Village events, visit DickensVictorianVillage.com.

To learn more about the VCB, area events, and activities, visit the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or log onto www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com.