

SPIRIT of SPRINGFIELD



Bright Nights at Forest Park came to light this holiday season with the help of Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray, Mayor Domenic Sarno and their families, and more importantly the Bright Nights Crew. Our hats are off to them. As cars waited for the gates to open, they strung the last of the roadway lighting. The October 30th snowstorm could not keep these miracle workers from getting lights lit.

Happy holidays!

*Judy Matt
President*

Bright Nights is More than Just Lights

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Guest Corner



*Douglas A. Bowen,
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PeoplesBank is proud to help support the spirit of the holiday season as a Golden Circle sponsor of the Bright Nights Ball and a sponsor of Bright Nights at Forest Park. This year we are expanding our own incredible Bright Nights displays to four offices: 1051 St. James Avenue, 1240 Sumner Avenue, and 1900

When the lights go on, the magic begins. At Bright Nights at Forest Park, there are elves at the front gate to greet every visitor



and Santa waiting in his cozy cottage. But there is more. . .

Bright Nights Express - All aboard from Hartford to Springfield to Bright Nights. Conductor Ken will escort



travelers from Hartford's Union Station to Springfield picking up a very special passenger along the way.

Supper with Santa - The elegant Barney Carriage House is the perfect spot to have Supper with Santa. Make a reservation for four and get a table for five. The extra chair is for Santa. He is eager to review everyone's holiday wish lists.



Dinner with Dickens - While dining on a sumptuous buffet dinner, guests will enjoy the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim as presented by Westfield on Weekends.

Wagon and Carriage Rides - Climb aboard a horse drawn wagon or carriage at the Bright Nights Gift Stop. Tickets for the rides are available at the concession stand.

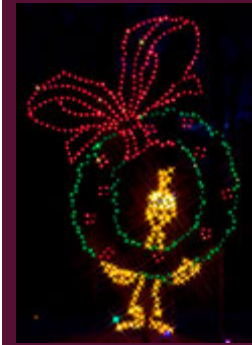
A Grand Time at the Bright Nights Ball

Wilbraham Road in Springfield, as well as 547 Memorial Avenue in West Springfield and 330 Whitney Avenue in Holyoke - which is visible to I-91 travelers and holiday shoppers at the Holyoke Mall.

We hope our decorated locations add to the "miles of smiles" generated by Bright Nights at Forest Park and the Spirit of Springfield.

Congratulations on your 17th season and another "Top 100 Destinations in North America" listing by the American Bus Association!

Get Discounted Bright Nights Tickets at Big Y!



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Big Y Card - \$15. With Silver Coin or Silver Savings Club Card \$13. What a bargain!

Upcoming Dates

Bright Nights At Forest Park

Wednesday-Sunday,
November 23rd through
December 4th Nightly,
December 7th through
January 1st

Bright Nights Express
December 7th, 9th and
16th

Bright Nights Supper
With Santa
December 4th, 8th, 11th



More than 360 guests came out in support of the 16th annual City of Bright Nights Ball at the Sheraton Springfield. They helped to raise money to fund events like the World's Largest Pancake Breakfast, Star Spangled Springfield and the Tower Square Parade of the Big Balloons. Guests bid on some unique items in the silent auction and some amazing prizes in the live auction. Baystate Health made the generous winning bid on the media package that included Business West, Clear Channel, Lazer 99.3 FM, Rock102, MassLive, The Reminder, The Republican, WEIB 106.3 FM, ABC40/FOX6, CBS3 Springfield, WMAS and WWLP.



Parade Gives Hero's Salute

and 15th

[Bright Nights Dinner
With Dickens](#)
December 1st, 7th, 13th
and 14th

[Bright Nights Wagon
Rides](#)
Friday, Saturday and
Sunday (except
December 18th)

[Bright Nights Carriage
Rides](#)
Saturday December 3rd,
10th, and 17th

Quick Links

SpiritofSpringfield.org



BrightNights.org



springfield375.org





The Tower Square Parade of the Big Balloons gave a hero's salute to June 1st tornado's first responders. They included Massachusetts National Guard General Gary Keefe, Springfield Fire Chief Gary Cassanelli,



Springfield Police Commissioner William Fitchet and Sergeant John Delaney who was accompanied by his son Jack, Scott Griffith from the MassMutual Center, David Pelletier from American Medical Response, Majors Thomas

and Linda-Jo Perks from the Salvation Army, Sergeant Marcus Hernandez from the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, Craig Morel from CJ's Towing along with representatives from the Springfield Department of Public Works, Columbia Gas, Westfield Light & Gas and Western Massachusetts Electric Company.



Also getting welcome receptions were the new Cat in the Hat Balloon and Santa who arrived high atop Springfield Fire Department's Ladder #1.

New Lights In Town

Be sure to check out the new holiday lights around town. Tower Square invested in a new display lit with LED bulbs, PeoplesBank put more lights on its Holyoke headquarters and will soon have lights on its West Springfield branch. One Financial Plaza in Downtown Springfield has added a few pieces to their façade and plans to add more in the coming weeks.

Special thanks to the City of Springfield, City of West Springfield and New England Farm Workers Council for lighting the Memorial Bridge and Main Street.

The Spirit of Springfield is a private, non-profit corporation which produces high-quality, large-scale events in the city of Springfield. Our mission is to promote community events and encourage civic pride.

Celebrating the city's biggest, best and brightest

