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NEWS RELEASE

Rockwood, Carousel Parks Set for New Castle County's Holiday Events

County Executive Thomas P. Gordon cordially invites everyone to attend the Holiday Open House at Rockwood Mansion & Park and the Meet Santa and His Pony event at Carousel Park this weekend.

The traditional Christmas Tree Lighting that begins Rockwood's Holiday Open House is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday with the Mt. Pleasant Brass Quintet providing the music. Several more events take place until 9 p.m., including County Executive Gordon's reading of "Twas The Night Before Christmas" for children at 7 p.m. in the mansion. The free open house continues through Sunday.

"The Holiday Open House is one of the most popular events held at Rockwood and it's one of my personal favorites as well," County Executive Gordon said. "We have some quality groups coming to provide entertainment, and we'll provide free photos with Santa."

Councilman John Cartier, whose district includes Rockwood, told NCCTV that the Holiday Open House is a great event for all New Castle County residents.

"They come in the thousands to take part in our tree lighting ceremony and the all the activities we have that evening," he said.

Councilman Bob Weiner also plans to attend the tree lighting, and he will read "Twas The Night Before Christmas" at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Rockwood Mansion, which was previously in his district.

As for Meet Santa and His Pony at Carousel, that is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. County Executive Gordon will announce the arrival of Santa Claus, who will then sit down for free photos with children.

"This event was very successful last year just going by the attendance of about 1,000 people," the Executive said. "I believe we'll have even more success this year due to word of mouth."

Councilman Tim Sheldon, whose district includes Carousel, agreed. "We've gotten a lot better with publicizing these events and we're shooting for the 2,000 range," he said in an interview with NCCTV.

For more details and a schedule of events, please visit www.nccde.org/specialevents.