

have the 126th Army Band, local bands, marchers, music, floats, displays and much more, all carefully planned to make this the greatest Christmas parade ever."

One of the main festival attractions will be the International Festival of Lights Warming House. This downtown location will be transformed into a holiday wonderland. In this warm, indoor setting, children can meet Santa Claus and visit Fantasy Forest where the magic of the holidays comes to life with enchanting, animated, lighting displays. In addition, there will be many seasonal art exhibits, family entertainment and souvenir booths. The Warming House will be the center of downtown activities.

"Family entertainment is a big part of the International Festival of Lights," Carter said. "There are tours of the Federal Center, the United Arts Council's 100-seat Discovery Theater, arts and crafts shows, holiday concerts, a performance by Western Michigan University's Gold Company, the Nutcracker Ballet, *Wizard of Oz* Revue, big band music, the Ohio State University Men's Glee Club and the Battle Creek Community Chorus presentation of *Make We Merry*. You can celebrate the New Year with a dazzling fireworks display and enjoy a great family evening at Midnight at the Creek."

Other events include *An Old Time Christmas* on stage at Cornwell's Dinner Theater and Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* performed by a professional theater troupe at the Marshall Civic Center.

Major displays will be located at the following locations:

**International Festival of Lights Warming House** located in downtown Battle Creek in the former Robinson's department store, located at 51 West Michigan Mall. Inside the Warming House, visitors will find souvenir booths, seasonal displays and activities and have an opportunity to meet Santa Claus. There is no admission fee to enter the International Festival of Lights Warming House. Also inside the Warming House is Fantasy Forest.

**Fantasy Forest** - an animated lighting display located inside the International Festival of Lights Warming House that will be set to music. Admission - \$1.00. Children under 5 years of age - free.

**Festival Park** - on the corner of Jackson and McCamly Streets, in front of McCamly Place. Displays include 15-foot-high toy soldiers, decorated light poles and other seasonal displays.

**Battle Creek's Intermodal Transportation Center** between McCamly Street and Capital Avenue in the southern portion of the downtown area. Displays include lighted angels and decorated light poles.

**Michigan Mall** - from McCamly Street to Capital Avenue. Displays include lighted gifts, angels, decorated trees and other holiday scenes.

**Battle Creek Riverfront** - along the Kalamazoo River from McCamly Street to Capital Avenue. The river banks will be decorated with thousands of bright, colorful lights. Also along the river, in front of the

new Clara's Restaurant, will be a 70-foot-long lighted train. Each of the eight train cars will be decorated with holiday greetings from the eight countries featured at the International Festival of Lights. A display featuring holiday customs from the eight countries will also be featured at the festival.

**McCamly Park** - on the corner of Washington Street, Michigan Avenue and Van Buren Street. Displays include lighted candies, holiday gifts and other seasonal displays.

**Post Memorial Park** - on the corner of Division Street and Jackson Street. Displays include a large welcome sign, which will greet visitors arriving from northbound I-194.

**Tunnel of Lights** - sponsored by the Lakeview Downtown Development Authority. Displays are located from the fire station on Capital Avenue SW, south to Beckley Road, then east along the Beckley Road shopping corridor to M-66. Displays include beautifully decorated light poles, which will greet visitors with beauty and splendor.

**Christmas at the Zoo** - located at Binder Park Zoo. The annual event will run from Dec. 2 through Dec. 23 and Dec. 26 through Dec. 30. Christmas at the Zoo will feature animal-themed lighting displays, entertainment, hands-on activities, live animals and more. \$1.50 admission fee.

For more festival information, call 616-968-1515. Battle Creek is located along Interstate 94, about 115 miles west of Metro Detroit; 170 miles from Chicago; 125 miles from Toledo.



FESTIVAL DISPLAY— Pat Brandano (far right) and Joanene Mallman put the finishing touches on a giant lighted locomotive. Other volunteers are (back) David Wallace, Chuck Cornell, (front) Renee Maite and Jo Duiham.

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