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Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on October 22

Supports New Holiday Lights in Fitchburg

Volunteer Committee Bringing December Decorations to

Upper Common and Monument Park

(Fitchburg, MA) The Fitchburg Downtown Decorating Committee invites the community to a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at the Fitchburg Senior Center on Thursday, October 22, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, and are available at the Fitchburg Senior Center, and at the Fitchburg Municipal Offices at 166 Boulder Drive. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door.

This is the third annual pasta dinner to fund more holiday lights on the Upper Common and Monument Park during the Christmas season. Singer Art Capone will provide live music, with a performance that he calls "In Classic Style." It features the American songbook and other classic and popular songs.

"We are thrilled to be able to welcome Art Capone this year. I predict that people will want to linger to enjoy his beautiful music." Says committee chairman Joanna Rameau. "Plus, the pasta dinner is created by experienced cooks with delicious, popular recipes. The dinner is a wonderful bargain, as well as an easy way to support a good cause."

"We always make a big push to raise more money at this time of year, when the holiday season isn't too far away," Rameau continues. "Last month, we raised \$670 in small donations with a boot drive on Main Street. Now we are creating a commemorative booklet, planning a sock hop and another boot drive, all with the goal of making downtown Fitchburg more beautiful and welcoming during the holiday season."

“Our goal is to expand the number of lights we put up,” says Rocco Mammone, the committee’s social media coordinator and last year’s committee chair. “Fitchburg’s historic buildings and shops look especially festive for the holiday season when the lights are sparkling. The snow and lights create a New England atmosphere.”

The Fitchburg Holiday Decorating Committee is made up of volunteers who are raising money to augment the festive lights installed in Fitchburg’s downtown during December. Last year, they raised nearly \$5,000, which provided lights on the Upper Common, the Bandstand and Arthur Longsjo Park. People interested in helping by volunteering at the pasta dinner, the sock hop, or other events, are encouraged to contact Joanna Rameau at 508-331-2237.

The Fitchburg Senior Center (formerly known as the Fitchburg Armory) is located at 14 Wallace Avenue. It is fully handicapped accessible and there is plenty of on-street parking nearby. For more information on purchasing tickets, visit the Fitchburg Holiday Decorating Committee’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Fitchburg-Holiday-Decorating-Committee-298910880246965/timeline/> or call the Committee Chair Joanna Rameau at 508-331-2237.