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VOLUNTEERS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE
 BETTERMENT OF OUR NICHOLS COMMUNITY

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE HEART OF THE NICHOLS FARMS HISTORIC DISTRICT, NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

20th Annual Jingle Bell Run

Saturday, December 5th, 2009 at 9:30am on the Nichols Green, Trumbull

Event Schedule

8:00–9:15am	Registration
9:15am	Jingle Bell Jr–Kids Fun Run
9:30am	5K Race Start
Post Race	Awards Ceremony at the church hall
\$17.00 pre-registration until December 2nd, \$20.00 afterward	
Early packet pick-up at NIA House on Friday, December 4th from 5–8pm	
T-shirts to all pre-registered and first 150 on race day.	

Jingle Bell Jr. Kids Fun Run

Kids Fun Run is Free!

Please line up at the Nichols Firehouse on Shelton Road at 9:15 am. Kids will run from the Firehouse to the Race “Finish Line”. All children are given jingle bells to wear.

A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

WEBE 108-FM	Triple Play Baseball and Softball Facility
WICC 660-AM	The Edge Fitness Clubs
Panera Bread	Rita’s Italian Ice
Porricelli’s Food Market	Jeff Wright Painting and Restoration
Iroquois Natural Gas	Nichols United Methodist Church
The Law Offices of Quatrella & Rizio	Nichols Fire Department
Java Express	MS Running Productions
Vazy’s Restaurants	Martin Shapiro
Trader Joe’s	
Peter DiNardo Enterprises	

Jingle Bell Run Art Contest

And the winner of the Jingle Bell Run T-shirt artwork is...Nevi McMahon! Nevi is a fifth grader from St. Catherine’s School here in Nichols.

In addition to winning the first place prize of \$100, Nevi’s artwork will be displayed on several hundred T-shirts the day of the race. CONGRATULATIONS Nevi!!!!



The NIA received over 40 wonderful submissions from students from seven different Trumbull schools. We want to thank the following students who submitted their artwork, which will be on display the day of the race.

Kasey Adams	Lea Crawford	Sarah Polzello
Kylie Adams	Francesca Esposito	Katelynn Romanchick
Corrine Andrews	Jessica Esposito	Shane Romanchick
John Andrews	Julia Esposito	Gaby Schaab
Amelia Bauro	Kylie Fontrom	Felix Seip
Trevor Bellows	Sarah Gianetti	Amy Smith
Taylor Brown	Isabella Iaccarino	Julia Spillane
Bryan Bykowski	Brady Jensen	Mary Spillane
Johnna Coffin	Abigail Kelly	Heidi Stook
A. Daniel	Olivia Kelly	Sara Thornton
Eleni Demestihias	Nevi McMahon	Stefan Vo
Brenna Doherty,	Ashley Osterberg	Daniel Zhang

Holiday Greetings from the Nichols Improvement Association

We would like to extend warm holiday wishes to all of our members and their families during the holiday season. We hope that we have served you well and thank all of our great volunteers who contribute their time and energy to the NIA, our organization would not exist without you.

Our mission statement is “volunteers coming together for the betterment of our Nichols Community”. It is your support that helps us to achieve this goal and we thank you for it. We hope you enjoy all of our holiday events this season. This year we have the 20th Anniversary of the Jingle Bell Run to kick off the season, the lighting

of the beloved Christmas tree on the Nichols Green, the Garden Club Holiday Boutique, and Christmas Trees for sales by the Gazebo. We also have luminaria for sale to light up the Village of Nichols on Christmas Eve and our Christmas Carol Bonfire.

We look forward to sharing the holiday season with our Nichols neighbors. We hope the holidays fill all of your lives with peace, joy and blessings.

Happy Holidays to all!

The NIA Executive Board and Board of Trustees

Nichols Garden Club Holiday Boutique and Traditional Mailbox Covers

The Nichols Garden Club will host an Advance Sale of their popular Holiday Mailbox Covers at the Starkweather House, 1773 Huntington Turnpike, Nichols, on Saturday, November 28, 12–3pm and Sunday, November 29, 10am–2pm.

Traditional hand-made mailbox covers have been created by the Nichols Garden Club members for over 25 years using fresh evergreen boughs, pine cones and a decorative bow. This sale is first come, first served and quantities are limited.

Annual Holiday Boutique

The boutique will be held at the Starkweather House, Friday, December 4, 12–8pm and Saturday, December 5, 10am–2pm, features beautifully designed wreaths, centerpieces in assorted decorative containers, mantle swags and mailbox covers. These original designs are all hand-made by members with fresh evergreens to add an artistic and graceful complement to your holiday decorating. Proceeds from this Holiday Sale will benefit the Jean Demchak Horsey Scholarship Fund. Please note: credit cards not accepted.

The Annual Nichols Garden Club Holiday Party will be held Tuesday, December 8 at 7pm in the Starkweather House. Members will enjoy a festive evening of holiday celebration with refreshments provided by the Holiday Committee.

Harvest Wine & Cheese Party Update

More than 50 NIA members thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Harvest Wine & Cheese Party held on Saturday, October 25th. We welcomed new NIA members at this event and everyone had an opportunity to partake in a wide variety of wines from around the world.

Many thanks to all who helped out, notably, Sheila Bowen, who was responsible for the festive decorations at the Starkweather House. Several members contributed the tasty hors d'oeuvres offered. Thanks to Fred Palmieri for selecting the wines and his volunteers, Dave Quatrella and Greg Bowen who kept everyone's glasses full. The Harvest Wine and Cheese along with the one in the spring has become a wonderful semi-annual event for the NIA community. Keep an eye out in a future newsletter for information about our next wine tasting event in the spring!

Luminaria Sale

Join the traditional "Christmas Fires" display and light the luminaria at dusk on Christmas Eve. The "Christmas Fires" are something to behold and are a long standing Nichols tradition. The luminaria are votive candles placed in sand on the bottom of paper bags. The luminaria can be placed on walkways, driveways and porches. This familiar glow is a part of Christmas for Nichols and people come from near and far to witness the special warmth of these traditional lights.

Luminaria will be sold to Nichols residents on December 13th & 14th at the Starkweather House from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed during those hours to help out. This is a great community service project for our Nichols Youth. Please contact Rana Hilinski at 378-9401.

Luminaria prices are: NIA members ~ \$2.50/dozen • Non members~ \$3/dozen

If you would like to purchase an order of 6 dozen or more, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Starkweather House by December 6th.

Luminaria Order Form

To order six or more dozen, please complete this form and mail it to:
NIA Starkweather House, 1773 Huntington Turnpike, Nichols, CT 06611

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone _____

Please order _____dozen luminaria for me

Do not enclose payment now

Save-a-Date

**Advanced Sales for
Traditional Mailbox Covers**
November 28th, 12–3pm
November 29th, 10am–2pm
Starkweather House

**Jingle Bell Run pre-registration
packet pickup**
Friday, December 4th 5–8pm
Starkweather House

Save Nichols Christmas Tree Sale
Starts Saturday, December 5th
10am–6pm
NIA Gazebo

**Jingle Bell Run &
Jingle Bell Fun Run**
Saturday, December 5th
Registration @ 7:30am
Run @ 9:30am
Nichols United Methodist Church

**Garden Club Holiday Boutique and
Traditional Mailbox Covers**
Friday, December 4th 12–8pm
Saturday, December 5th 10am–2pm
Starkweather House

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Sunday, December 6th
5:00 p.m.
NUMC Green

Luminaria Sale
see article at left

Bonfire & Carol Singing
Sunday, December 13th
5:00 p.m.
NIA parking Lot

NIA General Meeting
Sunday, January 24, 2010
4:00pm
Starkweather House

Nichols Preservation Association Christmas Tree Sale

Beautiful Christmas trees will be offered for sale on the NIA grounds, next to the gazebo, by the Nichols Preservation Association. The proceeds will be used by the association, a non-profit organization, to "protect and preserve the charm and character of Nichols." This is not affiliated with the NIA.

The sale will begin on Saturday, December 5th. Pony rides will be available on the weekends. Sale hours on the weekends will be from 10am–5pm.

For further details and if you are interested in volunteering please call Joe Potvin at 380-9362.