



Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum

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GERALD R. FORD MUSEUM LIGHTS UP THE GRAND

Grand Rapids, MI ... At 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, the Gerald R. Ford Museum will kick off the holiday season with its traditional outdoor Tree Lighting Ceremony, as thousands of lights, both inside and outside of the Museum bathe the west bank of the Grand River in the holiday spirit. This year's ceremony will highlight seasonal music provided by the Voices of Freedom Choir and the Salvation Army Band. Following the ceremony, the Museum will be open until 9:00 p.m. New this year, the Museum will be offering free carriage rides around the grounds. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies provided by the Salvation Army Canteen will be served to those attending the festivities. There is no charge for this event.

Christmas on the Grand is an annual display of Christmas trees and holiday quilts. This year area Girl Scout Troops created decorations for six of the trees. Returning champs, Clark Retirement Community, are back again with a tree focused on the heart of their community, our nation's World War II Veterans. As always, beautiful hand stitched quilts, on loan from the West Michigan Quilters Guild will be displayed throughout the lobby adding a festive backdrop to the trees. The lobby will be decorated through January 4, 2009.

The Gerald R. Ford Museum is open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. It is closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for senior citizens, \$3.00 for 18-6 years, and free for those 5 and under. For information please call (616) 254-0400 or visit us on the web at www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov.

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