

**North Salem Improvement Society
Post Office Box 209
North Salem, New York 10560**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for joining us this Christmas Eve. It takes an entire community effort as well as your generous support to make this evening happen.

May you have a safe and happy holiday and may the spirit of these holidays be with you throughout the new year.

**Sincerely,
The Directors**

**Caroling Leaders
Emily Bindiger
John O'Meara**

**Dedicated to the fond memory of
Spencer Welch
Director of the St. James Choir
Caroling leader of many years.**

A History of the North Salem Community Christmas Tree

In the early 1920s two local residents (Thomas Hylan and Donald Torcellini) approached H. Hobart Keeler and asked permission to erect a Christmas tree on Mr. Keeler's property across the road from Mr. Hylan's home. They constructed a large tree out of fir branches in a chicken wire frame that could be removed after the holidays. The effort inspired Mr. Keeler to put in a permanent tree and he had the largest fir that could be moved transported from a nursery in Yorktown.

In 1926 H. H. Keeler deeded his quarter acre adjoining the old Clark Scott House to the Town of North Salem with the provision that the property could only be used for a Community Christmas Tree. Electric lights were used on the earliest trees and various members of the community would wrap presents to distribute to the local children. After Mr. Keeler's death in 1929 the maintenance of the tree was assumed by various community leaders and in the 1930s became the annual undertaking of the North Salem Improvement Society.

The original tree was over 70 years old when it succumbed to nature. Its successor was planted in the late 1940s and was utilized when the first tree had become too large to decorate. This second tree fell over in 1990 after a storm. The blue spruce on the eastern end of the lot was purchased in the mid-1970s and was used for a few Christmases. In 1991 another tree was planted and dedicated in the memory of Harold Milligan who loved playing Santa Claus. On the night that Harold died, that tree was struck by lightning. A succession of trees has since been planted and we hope that the latest will withstand the trials and tribulations that nature has wrought on our beautiful trees.

A memorial plaque to H. Hobart Keeler, in recognition of the many services he provided to his community, is to be seen in the stonewall bordering the road.

A plaque in memory of Harold Milligan is near the park benches and another plaque bears the name of Rohna McKenna, past president of the Society, who loved playing Mrs. Claus.

INDEX

History of our Tree	2
Angels We Have Heard on High	4
Deck the Halls	5
First Noel	6
Frosty The Snowman	7
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	8
Hark The Herald Angels Sing	9
Holly Jolly Christmas	10
I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus	11
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear	12
It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year	13
Jingle Bell Rock	14
Jingle Bells	15
Joy To The World	16
Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow	17
Little Drummer Boy	18
O Christmas Tree	19
O Come All Ye Faithful	20
O Holy Night	21
Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree	22
Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer	23
Santa Claus Is Coming To Town	24
Silent Night	25
Silver Bells	26
Twelve Days Of Christmas	27
Up On A Housetop	28
We Three Kings	29
We Wish You A Merry Christmas	30
White Christmas	31
Winter Wonderland	32

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains,

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be?
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the Newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

'Tis the season to be jolly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Don we now our gay apparel,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol;

Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the blazing Yule before us,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Strike the harp and join the chorus,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Follow me in merry measure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

While I tell the Yuletide treasure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Fast away the old year passes,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Sing we joyous all together,

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Heedless of the wind and weather.

Fa la la la la, la la la la

THE FIRST NOEL

The first noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King of Israel.

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Frosty, the snowman,
Was a jolly, happy soul,
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose,
And two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty, the snowman,
is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow, but the children
know
How he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic
In that old silk hat they found.
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around.

Frosty, the snowman,
Was alive as he could be,
The children say he could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me.

Frosty, the snowman,
Knew the sun was hot that day,
So he said, "Let's run and we'll have
some fun
Now before I melt away."

Down to the village,
With a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there all around
the square,
Sayin' catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of
town
Right to the traffic cop,
And he only paused a moment when
He heard him holler "Stop!"

For Frosty, the snowman,
Had to hurry on his way,
But he waved good-bye saying,
"Don't you cry,
I'll be back again some day."

3x
Thumpety thump, thump,
Thumpety thump
Look at Frosty go,
Thumpety thump, thump,
Thumpety thump
Over the hills of snow.

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior,
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface.

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
.....

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tiding of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
.....

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Holly Jolly Christmas

Have a holly, jolly Christmas,
It's the best time of the year,
I don't know if there'll be snow,
But have a cup of cheer.

Have a holly, jolly Christmas,
And when you walk down the street,
Say hello to friends you know
And everyone you meet.

Hey, ho, the mistletoe
Hung where you can see,
Somebody's waiting there
Kiss her once for me.

Have a holly, jolly Christmas
And in case you didn't hear,
Oh, by golly, have a holly, jolly
Christmas this year

Oh, by golly, have a holly, jolly
Christmas this year

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus

I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus
Underneath the mistle-toe last night

She didn't see me creep
Down the stairs to have a peep
She thought that I tucked up
In my bedroom fast asleep

Then I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus
Underneath his beard so snowy white

Oh what a laugh it would have been
If Daddy had only seen
Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon a midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, Good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

With the kids jingle belling

And everyone telling you "Be of good cheer"

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

It's the hap -happiest season of all

With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings

When friends come to call

It's the hap - happiest season of all

There'll be parties for hosting

Marshmallows for toasting

And caroling out in the snow

There'll be scary ghost stories

And tales of the glories of

Christmases long, long ago

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

There'll be much mistltoeing

And hearts will be glowing

When loved ones are near

It's The Most Wonderful Time

It's The Most Wonderful Time

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock
Jingle-bell swing and jingle-bells ring
Snowin' and a blow'n' up bushels of fun
Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock
Jingle-bell chime in jingle-bell time
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air

What a bright time, It's the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle bell time, is a swell time
To go gliding in a one horse sleigh

Giddy up jingle horse pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock
Mix and mingle in a jinglin' beat
That's the jingle bell
That's the jingle bell
That's the jingle bell rock

JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight!

Jingle bells! Jingle bells!
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!
Oh, Jingle bells, Jingle bells!
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side,
The horse was lean and lank,
Misfortune seemed his lot,
We ran into a drifted bank,
And there we got upsot!

Jingle bells! Jingle bells!
.....

Now the ground is white,
Go it while you're young!
Take the girls tonight,
And sing this sleighing song.
Just get a bobtail' bay,
Two-forty for his speed,
Then hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! You'll take the lead!

Jingle bells! Jingle bells!
.....

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let Earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns,
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful,
And since we've no place to go,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I've brought some corn for popping,
The lights are turned way down low,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

When we finally kiss goodnight
How I'll hate going out in the storm,
But, if you'll really hold me tight,
All the way home I'll be warm.

The fire is slowly dying,
And, my dear, we're still good-bying,
But as long as you love me so,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Come they told me....pa rum pum pum pum
A new born King to see....pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring....pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the King....pa rum pum pum pum
.... rum pum pum pum
.... rum pum pum pum
So to honor Him....pa rum pum pum pum
When we come.

Little baby....pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy, too....pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring....pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give our King....pa rum pum pum pum
.... rum pum pum pum
.... rum pum pum pum
Shall I play for You....pa rum pum pum pum
On my drum

Mary nodded....pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time....pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him....pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him....pa rum pum pum pum
.... rum pum pum pum
.... rum pum pum pum
Then He smiled at me....pa rum pum pum pum
Me and my drum.

O CHRISTMAS TREE

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
O thee most fair and lovely,
The sight of you at Christmastime
Spreads hope and gladness far and wide.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
O tree most fair and lovely.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
O tree of green unchanging
Your boughs are green in summers glow
And never fade in winters' snow
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
O tree of green unchanging.

O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum!
Du kannst mir sehr gefallen!
Wie oft hat nicht zur Weihnachtszeit
Ein Baum von dir mich hoch erfreut!
O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum!
Du kannst mir sehr gefallen!

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye To Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him Born the King of angels,

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, All glory in the highest,

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Adeste Fideles, Laeti triumphantes
Venite, venite in Bethlehem
Natum videte, Regem angelorum

Venite adoremus
Venite adoremus
Venite adoremus,
Dominum

O HOLY NIGHT

O Holy Night the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the wary world rejoices.
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees.

O hear the angels' voices.

O night divine.

O night when Christ was born.

O night divine.

O night, O night divine.

Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
At the Christmas party hop
Mistletoe hung where you can see
Every couple tries to stop

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Let the Christmas spirit Ring
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie
And we'll do some caroling

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear
Voices singing, "Let's be jolly"
Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Have a happy holiday
Everyone dancing merrily
In the new.....old... fashion.....way

RUDOLPH The Red-Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen,
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen.

But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say
Rudolph, with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight!

Then how the reindeer loved him,
As they shouted out with glee:
"Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
You'll go down in history."

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

You better watch out, you better not cry,
Better not pout, I'm telling you why;
Santa Claus is coming to town
Santa Claus is coming to town
Santa Claus is coming to town!

He's making a list, checking it twice,
Gonna find out who's naughty and nice,
Santa Claus is coming to town
Santa Claus is coming to town
Santa Claus is coming to town!

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake,
He knows if you've been bad or good,
So be good for goodness sake.
You better be good for goodness sake

You better watch out, you better not cry,
Better not pout, I'm telling you why;
Santa Claus is coming to town
Santa Claus is coming to town
Santa Claus is coming to town!

SILENT NIGHT

Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent Night! Holy Night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Savior is here,
Christ the Savior is here.

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silver Bells

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks
Dressed in Holiday style
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas

Children laughing, people passing
Meeting smile after smile
And on every street corner you hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas-time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring
Soon it will be Christmas day

Strings of street lights, even stop lights
Blink a bright red and green
As the shoppers rush home with their treasures

Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch
This is Santa's big scene
And above all this bustle you'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells

.....

Silver bells, silver bells

.....

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas

My true love gave to me

A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day Two turtle doves

On the third day Three French hens

On the fourth day..... Four calling birds

On the fifth day Five golden rings

On the sixth day Six geese a-laying

On the seventh daySeven swans a-swimming

On the eighth day Eight maids a-milking

On the ninth day Nine ladies dancing

On the tenth day Ten lords a leaping

On the eleventh dayEleven pipers piping

On the twelfth day Twelve drummers drumming.

UP ON A HOUSETOP

Up on a house top reindeer pause
Out jumps good old Santa Claus
Down through the chimney with lots of toys
All for the little ones Christmas joys

Ho, Ho, Ho, Who wouldn't go!
Ho, Ho, Ho, Who wouldn't go!
Up on the housetop click, click, click
Down through the chimney with Good Saint Nick

First comes the stocking of little Nell
Oh dear Santa fill it well
Give her a doll that laughs and cries
One that can open and close her eyes

Ho, Ho, Ho, Who wouldn't go!
Ho, Ho, Ho, Who wouldn't go!
Up on the housetop click, click, click
Down through the chimney with Good Saint Nick

Look in the stocking of little Bill
Oh just see that glorious fill
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks
Whistle and ball and a set of jacks

Ho, Ho, Ho, Who wouldn't go!
Ho, Ho, Ho, Who wouldn't go!
Up on the housetop click, click, click
Down through the chimney with Good Saint Nick

WE THREE KINGS

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star.

Oh, Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us with thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring, to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Oh, Star of wonder, star of night,

.....

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Sounds through the earth and skies.

Oh, Star of wonder, star of night,

.....

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

Good tidings to you wherever you are
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding
And a cup of good cheer

Good tidings to you wherever you are
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year

We won't go until we've got some
We won't go until we've got some
We won't go until we've got some
So bring some right here

Good tidings to you wherever you are
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

WHITE CHRISTMAS

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know.
Where the treetops glisten
And children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write.
"May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white."

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know.
Where the treetops glisten
And children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write.
"May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white."

WINTER WONDERLAND

Sleigh bells ring, are you list'nin'
In the lane, snow is glist'nin'
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight,
Walking in a winter wonderland!

Gone away is the bluebird,
Here to stay is a new bird,
He's singing a song as we go along,
Walking in a winter wonderland!

In the meadow you can build a snowman
And pretend that he is Parson Brown
I'll say are you married, he'll say no man
But you can do the job when you're in town.

Later on we'll conspire
As we sit by the fire
To face unafraid the plans that we made
Walking in a winter wonderland!
Walking in a winter wonderland!
Walking in a winter wonderland!