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~ Event Advisory ~

Oldest and Coldest Parade Ready for Saturday

Tuba Concert starts at 1 p.m., parade kicks off at 2 p.m.

The Springfield Community Parade Corporation invites everyone to the 56th Annual Springfield Christmas Parade and 6th Annual Tuba Carol Concert, Saturday December 6th, 2008.

The Tuba Carol Concert Presented by Sanipac, is free and starts at 1:00 PM in the parking lot between 5th & 6th Streets on Main Street in Downtown Springfield. The Oregon Tuba Association with between 50 to 70 Tubas and Euphoniums will play Christmas Carols for an hour. The Oregon Tuba Association donates its fee to the University of Oregon School of Music to continue the education of future musicians.

The Parade begins at 2:00 PM and travels from Olympic and 21st Street to Mohawk Blvd going South to Main street then turning on Main Street and going West to Pioneer Parkway East.

This year's Parade Theme is "A Springfield Country Christmas" Presented by Evergreen Land Title and the Grand Marshals are two time Country Music Association Award winners Barrett, Fox, and Berry from KGNU New Country 93.3 Radio. The Grand Marshalls were chosen because of their continued dedication to "The Week of Our Children". Barrett Fox and Berry have been working with Les Schwab for 24 years providing underprivileged children with toys and support for Christmas. Unlike most of the Grand Marshalls, Barrett Fox and Berry will be walking the Parade collecting gifts for the kids as they go, so bring a gift and help them help our kids.

Come out and enjoy Oregon's "Oldest and Coldest Christmas Parade, see our distinguished judges, Al Peterson, Shelly Kurtz from KVAL, Rob Hess and Tom Lindly from Springfield School District 19, and Dan and Jody Egan from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and enjoy the free Tuba Carol Concert and enjoy some of the great goodies provided by local business along the Parade Route.

Please remember the Parade has over 85 entries and will assemble on Olympic Street by the Springfield Wal-Mart, Jerry's Home Improvement , and New Wilco Store, so Traffic along Olympic will be restricted after 10:30 and Mohawk and Main Street West from 14th will be closed during the Parade.