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## **FREDERICKTOWN CHRISTMAS WALK TO BE HELD DECEMBER 6**

Fredericktown will be hosting its annual Christmas Walk on Sunday, December 6th from noon to 5 p.m. The Walk Committee is inviting everyone to attend and mark the beginning of the Christmas season, while supporting local charities that provide food and financial services to area residents.

Fredericktown has a unique partnership between the Christmas Walk volunteers, local businesses, area churches, community organizations, Food For The Hungry, and Interchurch and Salvation Army. Each year this community event has something for everyone.

Visitors will be able to ride through the town in horse-drawn wagons, be dazzled by beautiful ice sculptures and watch carving demonstrations. There will be hot food and WNZR's Christmas Karaoke at the Masonic Lodge, next door to the Village Office. Across from the Annual Charity Auction on the square the Fire Department will be serving up their famous open fire chili. Children can visit Sophia's Petting Zoo, make Christmas crafts at the Baptist church, and can stop by First Knox National Bank to meet Santa for a picture and discuss their Christmas wishes.

The Annual Food for the Hungry Charity Auction, starting at 1 p.m., will offer the addition of heirloom recipe baked goods this year along with collectibles and items donated by area businesses. The local vendor's craft bazaar also returns to the Presbyterian Church. The old store front on the corner of College and Main will host the Christmas Walk's own table where this year's commemorative ornament, a depiction of Fredericktown's old firehouse, and beautiful poinsettias will be for sale.

The first goal of the Christmas Walk is to raise money for Food For the Hungry to benefit Fredericktown Interchurch and the Salvation Army. Everyone who attends the Christmas Walk can help these organizations by buying their holiday poinsettias or the 2009 Christmas ornament, bidding up the items at the Annual Charity Auction, or by keeping an eye out for the red donation buckets at any of the Christmas Walk's many free activities. Area businesses will throw out the welcome mat with treats and special offers so visitors to the Walk can get a leg up on their holiday shopping.

"Mostly, the Fredericktown Community Christmas Walk is about having an event where families and individuals can come and experience the Christmas Spirit the way it was meant to be," said Paul Linhares, event coordinator.

For more information about fighting hunger in Knox County please visit [FoodForTheHungryCares.org](http://FoodForTheHungryCares.org).