SANTA DELINERY news

Portage Lakes Kiwanis will continue the holiday tradition that started in 1951, delivering gifts on Christmas Eve to children in the Portage Lakes area. Santa Delivery started with one sleigh and a small group of volunteers. It has now grown to 15 sleighs and over 150 volunteers covering most of Coventry Township and the City of New Franklin.

Please note this year the package drop off locations will be the Coventry Fire Department and the New Franklin Fire Department. These drop off locations open on Friday, December 9, 2022 from 8am to 8pm and will close at 5pm Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The Kiwanis Civic Center will be open beginning Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 10am to 8pm and will close at 5pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

Gift packages are limited to NO LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF A SHOEBOX. There will be route books and delivery labels at the drop off locations.

PLEASE NOTE SOME ROUTE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.

Sleighs will leave at 5pm from the Kiwanis Civic Center on Saturday, December 24, 2022. Loudspeakers will announce Santa's arrival to streets along the routes. Please have the children dressed and ready to greet Santa and have outside lights on to make stops easier to find.

Participating parents with physically challenged children who are not able to meet Santa on his sleigh are asked to call 330-644-8967 to make arrangements so these kids won't be missed.

Families outside the delivery area can see Santa at 5:45pm at Chase Bank, 5638 Manchester Road in New Franklin.

This long-standing Santa Delivery tradition is made possible through the continued support of Kiwanis Rose Remembrance Day.

