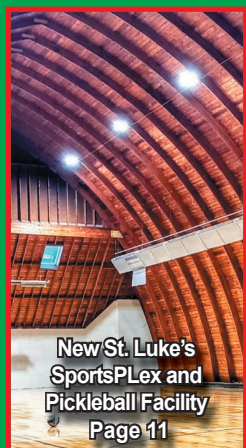


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## Tree Lighting Ceremonies Around the District

By Rep. Ann Flood

SLATE BELT - I had the opportunity to participate in Portland's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony last week. The event was filled with exciting moments, like Santa's arrival by fire truck and a surprise visit from the Grinch!

After local residents and other attendees adorned the magnificent tree with beautiful ornaments, I had the honor of flipping the switch to light the big tree to mark the beginning of the holiday season. There was hot cocoa plus cookies and live holiday music for all to enjoy. Fun Fact – Portland may have the tallest Christmas tree in the county. True or not, it's huge!

Thank you, Mayor Heather Fischer, for the invitation.

In Lower Mount Bethel Township I had a wonderful time at the Lower Mount Bethel Township annual tree lighting ceremony on Saturday. Lots of great food, fun and friends. The kids were so excited to write a special letter to Santa and to put the letters into the special delivery mailbox. There was soup being served by the LMBT fire department and warm cocoa was shared to help everyone warm up. The community truly enjoyed this hugely successful event and it will continue to grow year after year.



## Decorating Memorial Park Benches At Minsi Lake

By Jim Wilson and Michael Ortoski / Friends of Minsi Lake Board Members  
MINSI LAKE - Jim Wilson went to Minsi Lake to attach a memorial plaque to the latest park bench. As he was walking up the path he noticed some of the park benches were decorated for Christmas. A gentleman was sitting on one of the benches and turns out he was the person who sent in a check for \$500 as a donation and dedicated it to his late wife of 51 years, "I'm very grateful for your memorial bench program" he said.

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