



Victorian carolers, from left, Mark Wartenberg of Milton, Jennifer White of Whitman, Laura DeCesare of Malden and Sam Wartenberg of Milton perform along South Street. (DEBEE TLUMACKI /The Patriot Ledger)

SANTA'S ARRIVAL GREETED WARMLY

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HINGHAM - Thousands of people came out Saturday night to see Santa Claus arrive at Hingham Square.

"We moved the arrival of Santa from Friday to Saturday because of windy weather," said Judy Sneath, director of the Hingham Downtown Association.

Friday evening and Saturday were packed with activities for the town's annual Christmas in the Square festival. Victorian carolers, hayrides in horse-drawn wagons, and puppet shows kept crowds entertained.

"(Saturday) was a great, beautiful day. ... People were coming and going all day long," Sneath said. "At 5:15, when Santa arrived, there were three or four thousand people in the square. Police and fire brought Santa in with a motorcycle escort."

Businesses sponsor the Christmas in the Square activities.

"It's a whole community of small businesses that really pull together to make this happen for the community," Sneath said. "The people who made it possible are really the police and fire department."

The event, which began as a simple community caroling day, will celebrate its 25th birthday next year.

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