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Rockin' with Lights starts

The main thoroughfare through Dockyard will come alive tomorrow evening, when the West End Development Corporation (Wedco) presents its very first Rockin' With Lights Street Festival.

The light parade is to be the highlight of a month of Sunday afternoon and evening activities set up for the 2007 Christmas season, which began on November 25, and will end on Sunday, December 23.

Michelle Burrows, senior business development and marketing director for Wedco, saisd the event is the first of its kind in Bermuda.

Ms Burrows took over the role in July of this year and came up with the concept in August.

"I thought, 'Why don't we have something unique?' It's a way to bring the community into Dockyard," she said.

Ms Burrows said the day's events will really begin at noon tomorrow.

"Everyone who comes between 12 noon and 4 p.m. will get a free VIP shopping card," Ms Burrows said.

The card, which entitles the bearer to a variety of discounts throughout all the shops and restaurants in Dockyard, is normally a \$50 value.

Special ferries will be travelling from Hamilton to Dockyard beginning at 3 p.m., with free travel for all students.

The last ferry will leave Dockyard at 8.30 p.m.

Those visiting Dockyard will have the privilege of enjoying music, food tasting, and a special Christmas Dolphin Show, while waiting for the sun to go down and Dockyard to come alive.

"We have decorated the entire property as a winter wonderland in lights," Ms Burrows said.

The light parade will begin at 6.30 p.m., running from the Bone Fish Restaurant to the Clock Tower Mall. In total, 21 lighted floats are anticipated, as well as the entries from various middle and high schools around the island in the wire and light sculpture

contest.

The contest was sponsored by Gorham's and 14 other companies, who helped the schools to purchase the equipment for their displays.

Spectators will also enjoy fire twirlers, a 'light' salsa performance by Sabor Dance School, and majorettes with costumes especially illuminated for the night.

The evening will end with a spectacular fireworks display.