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## **TRAFFIC ADVISORY** **200 North Washington Square to Close for Silver Bells Event.**

The City of Lansing Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development announces the following street closing will be in effect beginning around 7:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, November 19 through midday Monday, November 24, 2008**, for the ***Silver Bells in the City Event.***

The **Board of Water and Light** will begin set up of the “**TOYS FOR TOTS**” **Toy Mill** which has become a downtown Lansing annual holiday icon. Beginning on **Wednesday, November 19, 2008** the 200 north Washington Square block between Ottawa Street and Ionia Street will be Closed To Thru Traffic as it is transformed into a winter wonderland. The Lansing Board of Water and Light will be once again using the Toy Mill as a collection point while assisting the United States Marine Corp in their annual “Toys for Tots” toy drive.

“Toys for Tots” is a national program now in its 61<sup>st</sup> year. In Greater Lansing, representatives of the U.S. Marines distribute thousands of toys, games and other children’s gifts to children during the holiday season.

On Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon the 200 N Washington Square block with the BWL Toy Mill will host a press conference as Mayor Virg Bernero from the City of Lansing and General Manager J. Peter Lark from the Board of Water and Light will once again face off for the Third Annual Toys for Tots Challenge.

In 2007 Employees from the Lansing Board of Water & Light and the City of Lansing collected 1,406 toys during their Second Annual Toys for Tots Challenge.