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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 closing of the **200 North Washington Square** block for the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) Toy Mill.

The 200 north Washington Square block between Ottawa Street and Ionia Street will be closed to traffic as it is transformed into a winter wonderland. The **BWL** will begin set up on **around 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009** of the **Toy Mill** for the **“TOYS FOR TOTS”** which has become a downtown Lansing annual holiday icon. 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. The U.S.M.C. will be accepting toys at this location from noon to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009 as the City of Lansing celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Silver Bells in the City**, Electric Light Parade and the Lighting of the State Christmas Tree.

“Toys for Tots” is a national program now in its 62<sup>nd</sup> year. In Greater Lansing, representatives of the U.S.M.C. distribute thousands of toys, games and other children’s gifts to needy children during the Christmas Season.

On Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> the Toy Mill will be relocated from the 200 North Washington Square to the main entrance of the City Hall on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Capitol Avenue where it will remain as a “Toys for Tots” drop off location.