

Year's longest night celebrated with Green Bay Trail parade

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Janis Pozzi-Johnson, of Evanston, and Jan Gerdin, of Glenview, enjoy the parade for the Winter Solstice on Tuesday, Dec. 21, in Glencoe. | PHOTOS BY RHONDA HOLCOMB/THE RECORD NORTH SHORE

It was a walk in the park for festive locals who joined the Friends of the Green Bay Trail for the Winter Solstice Parade on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Friends teamed with the Glencoe Park District for the event at Shelton Park, where participants recognized the longest night of the year — meaning more light lies ahead.

Families and neighbors were encouraged to wear lights and sing as they walked down the Green Bay Trail and then back to Shelton Park for a campfire complete with hot chocolate.



The reindeer dance is a hit during the parade.

New this year, the Friends added a special element: the Abbot's Bromley Horn Dance, which is an ancient procession that originated in 11th-century England. It is meant to ensure a successful hunting season and originally called for the use of reindeer antlers.

The participating dancers during the event were Village Manager Phil Kiraly and Eleanor Kiraly, Cam Avery, Lynn Donaldson, Dan Goodwin, Gary Harman and Diane Greening.

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Joanne Kimzey (left), of Glencoe, and Suzanne Pierce, of Winnetka, are dressed appropriately for the Winter Solstice Parade on Tuesday, Dec. 21, in Glencoe.



Eventgoers gather around the campfire before the event.



The Bardos family — (left to right) Joey, Aden, 3, and Caitlin — of Glencoe wearing festive lights.



Parade participants gather before the festivities.



Teddy Tazioli, 8, of Winnetka, with his mother, Marcia, at the event.



Lucy and Nash help guide the Conrad family of Glencoe — (left to right) Elise, Ashley and Ian.