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Celebrate the 2018 Holiday Season at Winter WonderFEST **Features Cape Henlopen State Park Light Spectacular; Christmas Village at the Ferry**

LEWES, Del. - Two unique holiday venues, one delightful Winter WonderFEST! Produced by the nonprofit group, Festival of Cheer, this holiday community activity features a fun-filled Christmas Village at the Lewes Ferry Terminal and a Light Spectacular throughout neighboring Cape Henlopen State Park. The dual complementary events will commence on November 17 and continue through the month of December.

“It’s great to welcome back Winter WonderFEST and the popular Christmas Village to the Lewes Terminal,” said Jennifer Shivers, the Ferry’s Assistant Director of Business Operations. “Winter WonderFEST is fast becoming a regional holiday tradition, providing an opportunity for folks to create family memories that last a lifetime, and this year’s festival will be bigger and better than ever. If you’re looking to for fun and good cheer, come celebrate us at Winter WonderFEST!”

The Lewes Ferry Terminal will again be home to a Christmas Village, comprised of carnival rides with a full size Ferris wheel, real ice skating on the new Visit Delaware Ice Rink, music from local groups, great new carnival games and warm-up treats including hot chocolate. Santa’s workshop – complete with crafts and activities – will take place inside the Terminal. St. Nick will also be available for self-photos with the young and young-at-heart. Or, take a break from the brisk weather and warm up in ‘the Lodge’ on the carnival grounds. With a variety of special adult holiday beverage, tasty food choices or a selection of local craft beers, it’s a great place to relax and unwind. In addition, the ferry’s ‘On the Rocks’ full pub menu and bar service will be available inside the Terminal.

Wrapping around the Visit Delaware Ice Rink is Schellville, featuring more than 12 unique tiny houses, each with their own unexpected surprises inside. Drop a note in Santa’s mailbox, enjoy the snow, visit Santa’s Workshop, visit Mistletoe Market or stroll through Schellville Town Hall.

Christmas Village will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from November 17-December 23. Beginning December 26, the festival is open daily through December 31, 2018. The Visit Delaware Ice Rink is open six days a week. Festival hours are 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Christmas Village will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Specific times and dates may vary. Please visit the Winter WonderFEST website at www.wonderfestde.org.

Winter WonderFEST also includes a fantastic two-mile drive-through Light Spectacular, in-car Scavenger Hunt, and a 3-D Experience inside Cape Henlopen State Park. The Light Spectacular, which features 30%

more light displays this year and a new route inside Cape Henlopen State Park, opens to the public on Sunday, November 18 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Shivers noted that special Ferry foot passenger packages have been developed to make it easier for New Jersey residents to enjoy day trips to Winter WonderFEST. These packages, detailed on www.cmlf.com, make it easy for families, friends, and neighborhood groups to enjoy the full festival at reduced pricing. Multiple packages, which include shuttle and trolley tours of the light show, are available and must be reserved in advance by calling 800-643-3779. Additional custom packages are also available through the Ferry's Guest Services Department.

To reserve your ferry combo-tickets for Winter WonderFEST, please contact our Guest Services Department daily at 1-800-643-3779 (FERRY) during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information on the festival, please visit www.wonderfestde.org.

About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

The Cape May – Lewes Ferry is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962. The Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than 43 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2017, the ferry service, which connects Victorian Cape May, New Jersey, and historic Lewes, Delaware, transported approximately 275,000 vehicles and nearly 1 million passengers. For schedule, rates and other program information, please visit the ferry's website at www.CMLF.com, or call toll free, 800-643-3779. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry.