As in years past, the Tracyton Community Tree Lighting ceremony will take place on the first Sunday in December, Dec. 1, at 6 pm. Continuing this 70-year-old tradition has been made possible by volunteers at the Tracyton Community Library who manage the Tracyton Tree Fund, as well as volunteers at Tracyton United Methodist Church on 5153 Naomi Street, where the tree is located. You don’t need to be a resident of Tracyton to enjoy this annual celebration.

Sadly, this may be the last year that the lights shine brightly around the Dyes Inlet during the holiday season. Next year, the lights will have to be taken down for inspection, as is done every few years to ensure proper functioning. Weather conditions near the coast can be severe enough to damage the lights and cables. With a total price tag of $5,300, there is enough money in the Tree Fund to take the lights down, but not to put them back up. This means that what will happen next year is uncertain. At this point it would take major donations and contributions to keep this tradition going which also begs the question as to whether the community thinks it is worth doing.

For further information about this event, how to make a donation or the library in general, please check the library’s new website at tracytonlibrary.org. We always welcome feedback from the community.