

Subject **News Flash - Join Fernald Protest Friday - TOMORROW**
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OPPOSE Waltham Light Show at Fernald

[Our protest plan](#), included below, includes ways to be present and help us succeed from your car, so that you are not exposed to others during the pandemic.

Each day we will be e-mailing other actions you can take to help ensure that this terrible plan does not go forward in ten days. Protest details below.

Ways to help today and tomorrow:

1. Call City Council President Paul Brasco and demand that the Mayor meet with the advocates and move the Lions Club show. There was no public permitting process for us to object. Now is the time. (781) 209-2567
2. Share the protest information on your Facebook and other social media pages. Here is a link <https://fb.me/e/6bd6OQA8i>
3. Share our petition, which has more than 1500 signatures. Here is a link: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/help-disability-advocates-stop-a-holiday-light-show-at-former-state-institution>

4. Join us in protest. Here are the details.

A Protest Against Desecration by Decoration: Human Rights Not Holiday Lights

Friday, November 20, Noon-2 PM, Rain or Shine: FOR CARS (COVID-SAFE)

AND IN-PERSON (MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED) [PLEASE RSVP HERE](#)

SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN

We will protest at Waltham City Hall and then drive as a protest caravan to the Fernald School for a moment of silence.

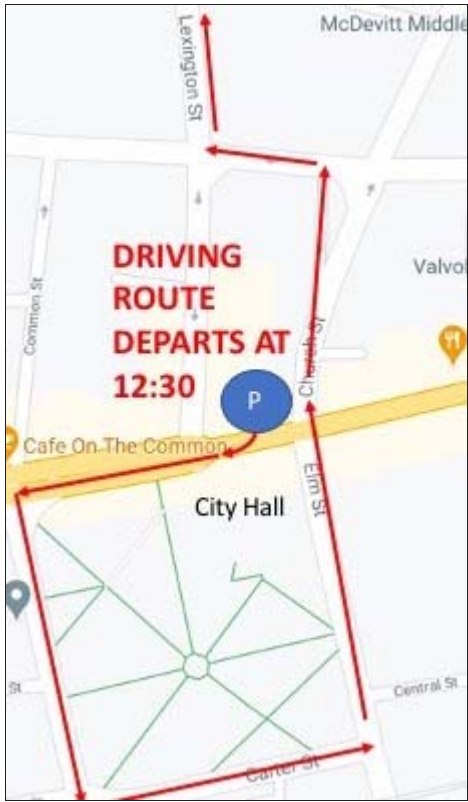
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- **In-person protest** at Waltham City Hall, 610 Main Street
- **Car protestors** gather across the street in city parking lot at the corner of Main and Church streets. Car protestors may choose to join the in-person protest or remain in their vehicles for the 12:30 caravan.



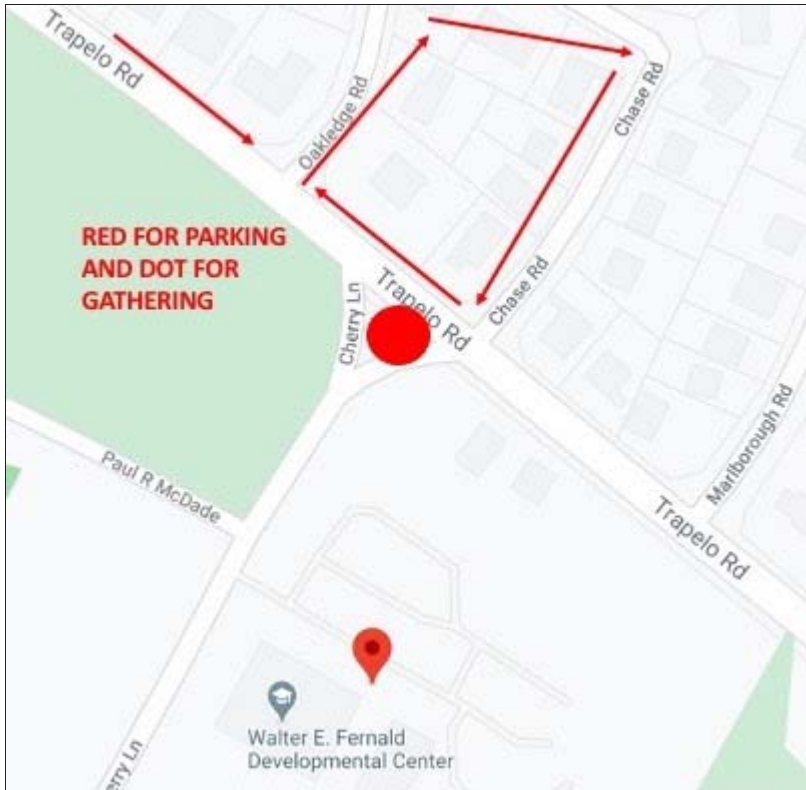
12:30 PM

- **Car protest** around city hall. *Our purpose is to be seen and heard, not to break any laws. No traffic violations.*
- Caravan then drives to the Fernald School (10 minutes) at 200 Trapelo Road. Route: Lexington Street to Trapelo Road.



1:00 PM

- Caravan gathers for horns, protest, and a moment of silence at the Fernald School.



For more information about the opposition to the holiday lights, visit DignityAllianceMA.org.

Partner Websites and Organizations



[REV UP Massachusetts](http://www.revupma.org) - Increasing the Disability Vote!



[MA Tales of Independence](#) - a collection of videos by people who are successfully living independently.



[Dignity Alliance of Massachusetts](#) is dedicated to secure fundamental changes in the provision of long-term services, support, and care.

About MetroWest Center for Independent Living

We provide an array of independent living services that enable people with disabilities to live in the community. The center was created by people with disabilities seeking full integration into society. We empower people with disabilities by teaching the practical skills and confidence to take control over their lives and become active members of the communities in which they live. We promote access and change within society while advocating for programs and services needed by people of all ages with a wide range of disabilities. MWCIL is a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency.

We enable people with disabilities to gain freedom from nursing homes and other institutional settings.

If you have a disability, live within our area (26 towns in Metrowest section of Massachusetts) and have needs, goals, or barriers related to your living independently, then contact us at 508-875-7853.

MetroWest Center for Independent Living is a scent-free environment. Please keep this in mind when you plan a visit.

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