

## Neighbors in the News



Adirondack Tree Experts personnel dressed as elves on December 15 to help in the community service project sponsored by owners John & Felicia Anna. Flanking the elves are PFC Kelliher (left) and Lt. DeWalt (right) of the Laurel Police Department.

## Santa Came Early to Adirondack Tree Experts

Santa made a special stop at Adirondack Tree Experts on Rhode Island Avenue in Beltsville on Saturday, December 15. He had bundles of toys and other gifts for some 60 local children and their families.

The children and their parents enjoyed refreshments prior to Santa's appearance. And then, just after 11:00 a.m., Santa emerged from Adirondack Headquarters and greeted all with a booming, "Ho, Ho Ho!" He took his place on the throne set up for the occasion, and invited the children by name, one at a time, to sit on his knee and receive the gifts they had requested in special letters to Santa. Employees of Adirondack, dressed as elves, performed duties as guides and Santa's helpers and ensured that the gifts Santa brought were given to the right kids. They added an extra dimension to the holiday atmosphere.

Although the weather was cold, the warmth of human kindness made it bearable. This was the second year that John & Felicia Anna, owners of Adirondack, have provided this community service activity.



Santa welcomed some 60 children at Adirondack Tree Experts on December 15<sup>th</sup>.