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Loves Park, Machesney Park to Host Holiday Events

25th Light Up the Parks Holiday Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting planned

MACHESNEY PARK, IL (November 7, 2022) – With the holidays quickly approaching, Loves Park and Machesney Park officials have finalized plans to kick-off the holiday season with several activities intended to bring light, joy, and the holiday spirit to their communities.

Mayors Jury and Johnson have worked together to coordinate the 25th annual beloved Parks holiday tradition, the Light Up the Parks Holiday Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting event, this year with new festivities! Both communities welcome the public to join us for these events, including the opportunity to watch fireworks at the Loves Park City Hall and meet and deliver letters to Santa at the Machesney Town Center.

According to Machesney Park Mayor Steve Johnson, these area holiday traditions instill holiday cheer in our communities year after year. “We invite members of the community from all around the Rockford-area to join us for these events to celebrate the joy of the holidays,” said Mayor Johnson.

Festivities are planned to begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 20 at the Loves Park City Hall (100 Heart Boulevard) with fireworks and a Christmas tree lighting. The parade will begin at 4:45 p.m. at City Hall, cross over to Elm Avenue, turn west on Roosevelt Road, cross N 2nd Street, and conclude at the Machesney Town Center (8750 N 2nd Street). Following the parade, the lighting of the Village’s 30 foot Christmas tree and visits with Santa will take place at the Town Center.

Loves Park Mayor Greg Jury said, “We are excited to again host these cherished holiday events and offer families new, exciting festivities to commence the holiday season.”

The exciting, new festivities are possible with the help of the event’s sponsors, including AGHL Law, Anderson Automotive Group, Cimco Resources, Inc., CorPro Signs, Crazy Times Pub and Grub, Fozzy’s and Skybox Fozzy’s, Hard Rock Casino Rockford, Mondelēz International, Inc., Napoli’s and Top Dollar Slots, NTRAK Group, Paper Recovery Service Corporation, SIPS in the Park, and Spring Creek Partners.

To ensure the safety of parade participants and attendees, the Machesney Park Division of the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department and the Loves Park Police Department will be providing enhanced event security.

The parade and tree lighting will occur, weather permitting. Additional details and updates regarding the events will be provided on the Village's and City's social media pages.

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