



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Holiday Season Community Events for December**

(Stockton, CA) – The City of Stockton's Community Services Department is bringing the holidays to life this December with events, food, entertainment, and lots of holiday cheer.

**Saturday, December 3** - Kick off the holidays with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Weber Point Events Center. This year, a brand new 30-foot, twinkly lit holiday tree will be the centerpiece of the holidays. A gift that will bring joy to the entire community for years to come, the holiday tree has been made possible through the generosity of the Michael P. Duffy Family Fund.

### **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Gates open at 4:00 p.m. – Tree Lighting at 5:30 p.m.**

#### **Weber Point Events Center (Downtown Stockton) – Center Street at Miner Avenue**

Arrive early to enjoy live musical performances, horse carriage rides, cookie decorating, and special visits from both Frosty the Snowman and Santa. Santa will make his grand entrance atop the holiday fire truck, well known for being adorned with thousands of holiday colored lights.

These free activities are open to the public. Concessions will also be available at a minimal cost. Be sure and bundle up for the cold and bring chairs and blankets to

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comfortably enjoy these holiday events and festivities, which have been enhanced through support from the Stockton Professional Firefighters local 456.

Immediately following the tree lighting, make your way over to the water's edge to enjoy the return of the Marina West Yacht Club's Delta Reflections Lighted Boat Parade. Beloved by Stockton for over 30 years, decorated boats parade into the Stockton Deep Water Channel, then around McLeod Lake (on north side of Weber Point), for the enjoyment of the entire community. Boats arrive at approximately 6:00 p.m. For more information about the lighted boat parade, please visit [www.mwyc.org](http://www.mwyc.org).

In addition to the Annual Tree Lighting, we invite all of Stockton to join us for holiday fun planned throughout the month of December at our community centers, libraries and other community venues.

**Thursday, December 8** - Add some fun to the winter holidays with cupcake decorating at the library. Try out easy decorating tips with frosting, candies, cookies, fondant, and more. You can even compete in our "Cupcake War" for a chance to win a prize. This program is for ages 6 to adult; participation is first-come, first-served. All materials are provided at no cost, while supplies last.

**Decorate Holiday Cupcakes at Troke Branch Library**

**Thursday, December 8, 2016 - Event starts at 6:00 p.m.**

**Troke Branch Library, 333 W. Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton**

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**December 13 – December 16** - Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to our Community Centers to sip hot cocoa, decorate cookies, create ornaments, listen to holiday music, and snap some pictures. This event is free and open to the public at four locations. All events are from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, December 13: Arnold Rue Community Center, 5758 Lorraine Avenue
- Wednesday, December 14: Seifert Community Center, 128 W. Benjamin Holt Drive
- Thursday, December 15: Stribley Community Center, 1760 E. Sonora Street
- Friday, December 16: Van Buskirk Community Center, 734 Houston Avenue

**Saturday, December 17** - Don't miss your chance to have a great time with family and friends at Oak Park Ice Arena. This is the last neon skate night of 2016. Admission is \$11 for adults and \$10 for children. Price includes skate rental.

**Holiday Neon Night at Oak Park Ice Arena**

**Saturday, December 17, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Oak Park Ice Arena, 3545 Alvarado Avenue**

For more information, please call the Oak Park Ice Arena at (209) 937-7433.

**Tuesday, December 20** - Decorate cookies and enjoy a visit from Santa and Frosty the Snowman. While this event is at the Senior Center, it is open to everyone – the young and the young at heart. This event is free and open to the public.

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**Create a Cookie with Santa and Frosty the Snowman**

**Tuesday, December 20, 2016 – Starts at 1:00 p.m.**

**Oak Park Senior Center, 730 E. Fulton St., Stockton (at Oak Park)**

For more information about these events or future events at neighborhood and community parks, event facilities, community centers, and libraries, please visit us online at [www.stocktonca.gov/specialevents](http://www.stocktonca.gov/specialevents) or call (209) 937-8206.

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