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Holiday Season Community Events in December

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton’s Community Services Department brings the holidays to life with events, food, entertainment, and lots of holiday cheer throughout December.

Saturday, Dec. 1 – Kick off the holidays with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Weber Point Events Center. The holiday tree is made possible through the generosity of the Michael P. Duffy Family Fund.

- **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**
- **Gates open at 4 p.m. – Tree Lighting at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Weber Point Events Center (Downtown)**
 - **Center Street at Miner Avenue**

Arrive early to enjoy live caroling, horse carriage rides, and special visits from both Frosty the Snowman and Santa. Santa will make his grand entrance atop the holiday fire truck, adorned with thousands of colored lights. Plus, enjoy a new addition to the tree-lighting festivities – a local holiday market from Goodstock Productions. The Holiday Stockmarket offers a curated selection of specialty vendors including screen-printed clothing, jewelry, original art, upcycled furniture, custom leather goods,

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body products, vintage clothing and decor, and home and garden.

These activities are free and open to the public. Be sure to bundle up for the cold, bring chairs and blankets, and be ready to try new foods at food trucks onsite.

Immediately following the tree lighting, make your way over to the water's edge to watch the Lynn Hahn Memorial 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 the north side of Weber Point. Boats arrive around 6 p.m. To learn more about the lighted boat parade, please visit stocktonlightedboatparade.com or stocktonyachtclub.org.

In addition to the Annual Tree Lighting, we invite Stockton to join the holiday workshops being held at our community centers from 5 – 8 p.m.:

- Dec. 17: Van Buskirk Community Center, 734 Houston Ave.
- Dec. 18: Stribley Community Center, 1760 E. Sonora St.
- Dec. 19: Seifert Community Center, 128 W. Benjamin Holt Drive
- Dec. 20: Arnold Rue Community Center, 5758 Lorraine Ave.

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, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cosrecreation, or call 209-937-5506.

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