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Holiday Season Community Events in December ***Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony December 2, 2023***

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton brings the holidays to life with events, food, entertainment, and lots of holiday cheer throughout December. Beginning Saturday, December 2, 2023, the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at Weber Point Events Center, 221 N. Center St. Weber Point gates will open at 3:00 p.m. offering lots of holiday festivities and cheer for the entire community. Don't miss the tree lighting at 5:30 p.m., which will take place rain or shine.

Arrive early to enjoy live caroling, snowfall, free hot chocolate and to take a photo with Santa Claus and the Grinch. Come start - or finish - your holiday shopping from a selection of specialty vendors and grab a bite to eat from our onsite food trucks.

Be sure to bundle up for the cold, bring chairs and blankets and make your way over to the water's edge to watch the Lynn Hahn Memorial Delta Reflections Lighted Boat Parade which will arrive downtown by approximately 6:00 p.m. The Lighted Boat Parade is a gift to the community from the Marina West Yacht Club. 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. Share in the cheers, delight, and lots of "Woo-Ahh!" moments.

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Enjoy downtown holiday lights and décor at the Weber Point Fountain, lighted trees in Martin Luther King Plaza, and festive wreaths and lights on City Hall, the Civic Auditorium, and Cesar Chavez Central Library. The Weber Point Fountain lights and water rhythms will dance to holiday music while on display each evening from 5:00 – 9:30 p.m. through January 2, 2024.

Continue the holiday fun with crafts, gift wrapping, games, snacks and winter activities at City of Stockton Community Center Holiday Workshops. Free fun for the entire family! Join us from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.:

- Dec. 18: Stribley Community Center, 1760 E. Sonora St.
- Dec. 19: Seifert Community Center, 128 W. Benjamin Holt Dr.
- Dec. 20: Van Buskirk Community Center, 734 Houston Ave.
- Dec. 21: Arnold Rue Community Center, 5758 Lorraine Ave.

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