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Village Welcomes Holiday Season With Festival & Mayor's Tree Lighting



The Village of Orland Park will begin the holiday season with its free Holiday Festival on Sunday, November 29, 2015. The festivities begin at 3 p.m. with the arrival of Mayor Dan McLaughlin and Santa Claus at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. Activities at the Civic Center will be offered from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"We invite everyone to enjoy the Holiday Festival at the Civic Center and then come outside as we light the village's tree in front of the Village Hall," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

Mayor McLaughlin and Santa will arrive at the Civic Center at 3 p.m. with the Encore Concert Band performing from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Horse drawn sleigh rides around the Village Center will be available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Make and Take Crafts and face painting will be available from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. with visits with Santa from 3:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Parents should bring their own cameras.

The Special Recreation Hip Hop Group will perform from 3:30 p.m. until 3:40 p.m. and the Orland Park Junior and Senior Dance Companies will perform from 4:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Carl Sandburg High School Chamber Singers will perform from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. A balloon show will be offered from 4:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony will follow at 5:45 p.m. outside of the adjacent Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, where Mayor McLaughlin will light the village's tree and holiday displays along Ravinia Avenue, officially marking the start of the holiday season in the Village of Orland Park.

"Individuals, families, scout groups and organizations from throughout Orland Park have created decorations for the tree, making it a true community wide effort," the mayor said, adding. "When we light the tree at the Village Hall, all of the lights down Ravinia Avenue go on at the same time."

The Village of Orland Park Winter Festival is sponsored by the University of Chicago Medicine. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.