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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 2** – Kick off the holidays with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Weber Point Events Center. The holiday tree was 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, 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 to bundle up for the cold and bring chairs and blankets to comfortably enjoy these holiday events and festivities.

Immediately following the tree lighting, make your way over to the water’s edge to enjoy the Marina West Yacht Club’s Delta Reflections Lighted Boat Parade. Beloved by

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Stockton for over 30 years, decorated boats parade into the Stockton Deep Water Channel, then around McLeod Lake (on north side of Weber Point), to be enjoyed by the entire community. Boats arrive at approximately 6 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.

**Thursday, December 7** – Join us as we decorate small gingerbread houses using icing and candy. All supplies are provided. For more information, please call (209) 937-8221.

**Gingerbread House Decorating, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Weston Ranch Library, 1453 W. French Camp Rd.**

**December 12 – December 14 and December 20** – 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 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- Tuesday, December 12: Van Buskirk Community Center, 734 Houston Ave.
- Wednesday, December 13: Arnold Rue Community Center, 5758 Lorraine Ave.
- Thursday, December 14: Seifert Community Center, 128 W. Benjamin Holt Dr.
- Wednesday, December 20: Stribley Community Center, 1760 E. Sonora St.

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**Thursday, December 14** – Join us to create holiday crafts. All supplies are provided. For more information, please call (209) 937-8221.

**Holiday Arts and Crafts, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

**Troke Branch Library, 333 W. Benjamin Holt Dr.**

**Tuesday, December 19** – Decorate cookies and enjoy a visit from Santa. 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.

**Create a Cookie with Santa, starts at 1 p.m.**

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

**Thursday, December 28** – Take a 45-minute journey to the stars, and learn more about constellations and the origin of many astronomical patterns from Greek Myths.

**The Sky Dome Planetarium, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. showings**

**Chavez Library, 605 N. El Dorado St.**

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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