

Park Rapids Community Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration & Yuletide Sampler Friday, November 27, 2009

The Annual Park Rapids Community Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration and Yuletide Sampler are scheduled for Friday, November 27, 2009 on Main in Downtown Park Rapids. This celebration is made possible through the dedication of many volunteers, merchants, Chamber Ambassadors, Chamber Staff and their families, and even Santa is making time for a special visit from the North Pole during this busy season.

Jack Brann of Affinity Real Estate in Park Rapids and Trisha (wife) Jaime (daughter) and Scott and Carrie Parks are supplying this year's tree. We extend a big thank you, for a beautiful tree.

Brothers Steve and Robin Walsh, of Walsh Forest Products have donated their time and equipment for many years to make the Annual Park Rapids Community Christmas Tree the Holiday centerpiece we all anticipate and treasure. We thank them, Paul Utke and the Chamber Staff for donating their time to make the Christmas tree delivery possible.

Park Rapids Downtown Merchants and area businesses have worked diligently to provide a delicious Yuletide Sampler Event. We thank them for their support of the delightful Christmas tree lighting festivities and Santa House for our community.

The Annual Park Rapids Downtown Yuletide Sampler Event will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, November 27 with refreshments at Downtown Retailers. The Christmas Tree Lighting Event will begin at 6:00 pm. It will be a magical evening filled with caroling, food, shopping and good cheer. Park Rapids City Administrator Bill Smith and wife, Sherry, will Emcee the event.

Dr. Paul Dove will conduct the Calvary Lutheran Choir and lead the audience in carols. Sound will be provided by Joe Christianson. We thank them for filling the evening with music!

Santa's House will be located at Jack Pine Java on Main.

Santa's House will be open on Main following the Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, Nov. 28

Santa's House also will be open:

- Fridays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 from 4 to 6 p.m.;
- Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 from 3 to 5 p.m.;
- After school Wednesday, Dec. 23 from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Santa also will be at the movie matinee Saturday, Dec. 19 and walk kids from Park Theater to Jack Pine Java.

Remember to bring your camera.

Our Community Tree Lighting is done in partnership with

St. Joseph's Hospital Hospice "Light Up a Life" Program.

Our Community Tree will be lit by bulbs honoring the memory of a friend, loved one or for someone living you wish to honor.

Your gift of \$5.00 will light up a bulb on the Community Christmas Tree through New Years.

**To Sponsor a Bulb Contact:
St. Joseph's Hospice for Light Up a Life at 218-732-3311**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Yuletide Sampler 5 pm to 8 pm
Christmas Tree Lighting Program 6 pm**

Santa's House Hours Located at Jackpine Java Cafe:

Open following the Tree lighting on Friday, Nov. 28

Open every Friday from 4pm to 7pm

Every Saturday from 3pm to 5pm

Santa also will be at the movie matinee

Saturday, Dec. 19 and walk kids from Park Theater to Jack Pine Java.

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**For More Information Contact:
Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
218-732-4111 or 800-247-0054**