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MAYOR'S HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING THURSDAY, DEC. 5, 2013 AT CITY HALL

PASADENA, Calif.—Come join Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard light the City's Official Holiday Tree during a free, annual festive family celebration with local singers, art projects for kids and a special appearance by Santa Claus! The Mayor's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event happens from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5 at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave. The Mayor will light the tree at 6 p.m.!

City Officials have it on good authority that after the tree is lit, Santa Claus promises to make a special appearance with a little help from his friends at the Pasadena Fire Department. Parents and guardians should bring their own cameras to snap a special holiday picture of Santa with your children. City Officials also have learned that some unique weather patterns may occur during the Tree Lighting and snow flurries are in the local forecast just at City Hall.

Some great live entertainment will be provided both before and after the tree lighting, including performances by Pasadena Idol 2013 winner Tori Harvey; the Blair IB Singers from Blair High School; the After School Adventures Program Singers; the Robinson Park Tiny Tot Singers and the Old Fashion Carolers.

In addition, Pasadena's Armory Center for the Arts will be hosting special "Holiday Crafts from the Around World" for young people to do. The crafts will highlight the holiday celebrations of cultures from around the globe. A special "Santa's Village" display will also be available for viewing enjoyment.

The Pasadena Fire Department also will be collecting new, unwrapped toys from attendees able to donate a gift for needy children as part of the annual "Spark of Love" Toy Drive sponsored by the Fire Department with the local ABC television station.

Light refreshments will be served. The event is organized by the City's Human Services and Recreation Department, with help from the Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Works, Pasadena Water & Power, the Fire Department, Police Department, Pasadena Public Library and the City Manager's Office.

KPAS, the City's cable government access TV station, will be on hand to record the event for later broadcast during the holidays to help keep all of us in a festive mood! KPAS is available on Channel 3 for Charter subscribers, Channel 99 for AT&T U-Verse and is available online at both the City's website and www.pasadenamedia.org.

For more information, please call (626) 744-6523. For more information about Pasadena, go online to www.cityofpasadena.net.

Happy Holidays!

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