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Garden District holiday festivities begin with 10th annual tree lighting on Tuesday, December 1

Alderman Scott Spiker invites residents to join him in welcoming the holiday season in the Garden District at the **10th Annual Tree Lighting** on **Tuesday, December 1 at 6 p.m.** The event will take place at 6th and Norwich (one block south of Howard) and will include a short program, the tree-lighting ceremony, caroling from local students, cookies and hot chocolate while supplies last, and a visit from Santa.

The tree lighting marks the beginning of the Garden District's Winter Wonderland. This festive showcase (running Dec. 1 – Jan. 8) includes 140 lighted displays totaling 30,000 lights for families and children of all ages to enjoy. The displays feature original artwork by local high school students and other community members.

Additional events will take place throughout the duration of the Winter Wonderland. Residents are invited to join in singing songs of the season from 6 – 6:30 p.m. on both Wednesday, December 9, and Wednesday, December 16. Immediately following both singing sessions will be a secret Santa workshop where children can wrap a free gift for a family member to take home for Christmas.

Alderman Spiker looks forward to enjoying the holiday season with residents. "This time of year is about coming together and celebrating the season. I encourage all area residents to stop by the tree lighting to enjoy treats, songs, holiday displays, and a great evening with neighbors," he said.

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