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Saratoga Kicks Off Holiday Season: Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Wine Stroll

WHAT: 11th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Village Open House

WHEN: Friday, November 23, 2012
5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Saratoga Village
Big Basin Way and Highway 9
Saratoga, CA 95070

On November 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in downtown Saratoga, the City of Saratoga and Saratoga Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 11th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Wine Stroll. At 5:30 p.m., join the Mayor of Saratoga and Mustang Chorale from Marshall Lane Elementary School will officially kick off the event in Blaney Plaza with holiday songs and the ceremonial tree lighting. During the ceremony, Mayor Chuck Page will showcase the City's new LED street lights that use 50% less energy to light the streets of Downtown Saratoga.

"The Annual Tree Lighting and Wine Stroll is a wonderful Saratoga tradition that brings our community together to celebrate the holidays," said Saratoga Mayor Chuck Page. "This event is a great way to get into the holiday spirit, meet neighbors, taste local wines, and find unique holiday gifts."

In addition to the tree lighting ceremony, the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce will host the Holiday Wine Stroll, food trucks, and holiday craft faire in lovely Saratoga Village starting at 5:00 p.m. The Wine Stroll will feature 20 local wineries. Registration for the Wine Stroll is \$40 in advance and \$45 on the day of the event. For more information and to register, call 408.867.0753 or visit www.saratoga-winestroll.com.

The event will also include a variety of free holiday festivities, including horse-drawn carriage rides, photos with Santa, crafts for children, Christmas karaoke, a petting zoo, and more. Additionally, stores in the Village will also be holding extended hours so the public can explore eclectic Village shops and take care of holiday shopping. The Saratoga History Museum will also be open and showing a special "Santa's Workshop – Remembering Favorite Toys" exhibit.

The Museum will have a special holiday gift shop selection, accepting unwrapped toys to be donated to Sacred Heart Community Services for children in need, and hosting light refreshments and live music. The Saratoga Book-Go-Round will also be holding a special holiday book sale.

For more information about this event, the public can visit www.saratogatree-lighting.com, contact the City of Saratoga at 408.868.1269 or ctclerk@saratoga.ca.us, or contact the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce at 408.867.0753.

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