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## **Saratoga Tree Lighting: A Celebration of Light**

**WHAT:** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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

The City of Saratoga will be holding the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Blaney Plaza in Saratoga Village. The event will be a celebration of light to bring all segments of the Saratoga community together.

“This year, the tree lighting will be an all-inclusive celebration for all Saratoga residents. We’ll celebrate the diversity of our community, as well as the many ways in which we have come together,” said Saratoga Mayor Manny Cappello. “There will be something for everyone taking place in the Village on November 26.”

The City will be collaborating with the Saratoga Ministerial Association to help make the Tree Lighting and Celebration of Light more inclusive. “The use of Light to describe the Holy reaches across cultures, religious systems and through time and holds the possibility of bridging our differences and making us one,” said Reverend Erik Swanson of Westhope Presbyterian Church and member of the Saratoga Ministerial Association. “We look forward to gathering to celebrate this light in which we can find our unity as members of the larger community of Saratoga.”

Before the tree lighting ceremony, the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce will host the Holiday Wine Stroll in lovely Saratoga Village from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional information and tickets for the wine stroll are available at <http://www.saratogachamber.org/>.

The event will take place on Small Business Saturday, giving attendees the opportunity to support and explore Saratoga’s unique shops, restaurants, and many businesses. Many of the

Village's distinctive shops will be holding extended hours for shoppers looking for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts.

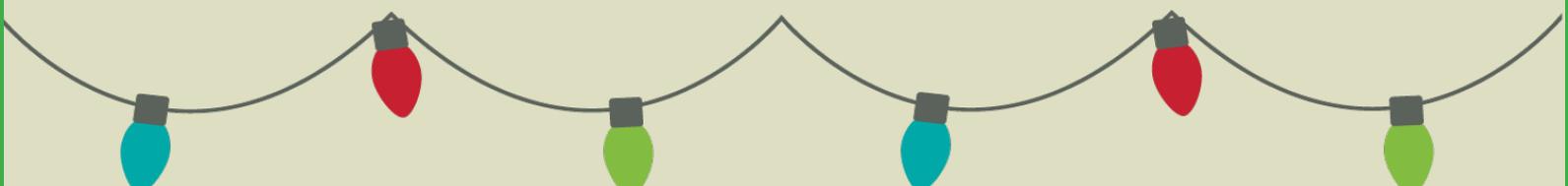
The Saratoga History Museum will also be open and showing a special holiday exhibit, offering light refreshments.

Visit [www.saratoga.ca.us/treelighting](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/treelighting) for additional event information.

*The City of Saratoga has several photos of past Holiday Tree Lighting events. For additional photos, please contact Crystal Bothelio at [cbothelio@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:cbothelio@saratoga.ca.us).*



*Photograph of 2014 Tree Lighting*



*Saratoga*  
**TREE LIGHTING &**  
*Celebration of Light*

**Saturday, November 26**  
5:30 p.m. @ Saratoga Village

*Come one, come all!*

Join your neighbors in a celebration of light to bring all segments of the Saratoga community together.

Before the Tree Lighting, sign up for the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce Holiday Wine Stroll then enjoy Saratoga's unique shops on **Small Business Saturday** and take part in holiday activities for everyone in the Village on Big Basin Way.

*Event Festivities:*

Chamber Wine Stroll 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:30p.m.

Enjoy Shopping in Saratoga Village after the Ceremony

*Entertainment for All:*

- Small Business Saturday Shopping
- Village Business Open House
- Chamber Wine Stroll
- Holiday Exhibit at Saratoga History Museum
- Music & Performances

*More Information:* [www.saratoga.ca.us/treelighting](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/treelighting)

