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County Executive Walker and Mayor Barrett Light County/City Christmas Tree

A Great Way for Families to Welcome in the Holidays

(Milwaukee) - The public, especially children and their parents, are invited to bundle up and head downtown for the Milwaukee County/City official tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, November 19 at 4:30 pm at Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water Street.

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker and Mayor Tom Barrett, along with city and county officials, will officially light the tree at 5:15 pm. The celebration includes live music, songs by the Milwaukee High School of the Arts Jazz Vocal Ensemble, "A Christmas Carol" characters from the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, elves and refreshments. Comedian and actor John McGivern will be the emcee.

Then at 6 pm, at Pere Marquette Park, the Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival Kick Off Extravaganza will feature R&B funkmasters Cold Sweat and the Brew City Horns, Castle of the Arts, Danceworks and Santa. The big switch-flip and fireworks get underway just before 6:30 pm. The event also offers free hot cocoa, coffee and cookies plus after the show all the sights may be viewed via free Jingle Bus Rides. For more information, go to countyparks.com or call (414) 257-6100.

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