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CITY OF BEAVERTON CELEBRATES THE SEASON WITH HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND TREE LIGHTING DEC 2

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The community is invited to celebrate the holiday season at the City of Beaverton's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 2. This year, the city has partnered with the German International School of Portland to host the annual German Holiday Market presented by Condor Airlines.

The German Holiday Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Beaverton City Park parking lot at SW Hall Blvd & SW Third St. Previously held at the German International School, the market brings the traditions of a European winter holiday with more than 30 local craft and artisan vendors featuring German crafts, food and wine, live music, and more.

The Holiday Open House begins at 5 p.m. inside Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW Fifth Street. Outdoor activities begin at 6:30 p.m. across the street in Beaverton City Park, followed by the tree lighting ceremony at 7 p.m.

During the Holiday Open House, attendees will have a chance to visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus and helper elves, while listening to sounds of the holiday season from the Beaverton Community Band and the city's staff choir. Children and families can participate in holiday themed games, crafts, and a winter market. Attendees can visit with special guests, including princesses Elsa and Anna, as well as Star Wars characters. The line for meeting Santa, princesses and Star Wars characters will close at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., visitors can stroll down Candy Cane Lane to the tree lighting program. The Tirolean Dancers of Oregon and the Arts and Communication Magnet Academy choir will perform before Mayor Denny Doyle and Santa Claus light the tree at 7 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the Beaverton Civic Theatre will present *Sorry! Wrong Chimney!* in the Beaverton City Library auditorium. Tickets are \$5 with a donation of a new, unwrapped toy. General admission is \$15; \$12 for students, seniors and groups; and \$5 for children ten and younger. The City of Beaverton is proud to be a community partner of the Fox 12 Les Schwab Tire Centers Toy Drive.

For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/TreeLighting or call the community events hotline at 503-526-2559. In case of inclement weather, check the website or call the hotline after 2 p.m. on the event day for updated information.

STREET AND PARK CLOSURES

To ensure the safety of pedestrians, SW Fifth Street between SW Hall Blvd and SW Watson Ave. will be closed from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The parking lot at SW Hall Blvd and SW Third St, next to Beaverton City Park, will be closed from Wednesday, Nov. 30 to Saturday, Dec. 3 for the German Holiday Market setup.

For more information, reminders and community news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Also follow Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton, or Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton.

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Caption: The City of Beaverton's annual Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, Dec. 2 at Beaverton City Park. This year, the event will partner with the German International School's German Holiday Market for all-day festivities. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*