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Waukee Gets Festive with Annual Holiday Lights Contest and WinterFest

Waukee, Iowa—Bring on the holiday cheer with Waukee's free, annual WinterFest celebration on Friday, Dec. 1 in the Downtown Triangle area. Downtown businesses will host open houses from 4-8 p.m. The rest of the festivities kick off at 6 p.m. sharp when Santa Claus and Waukee Mayor Courtney Clarke light the WinterFest Tree. After the tree lighting, attendees can:

- Visit Santa at the Waukee Community Center
- Watch an ice sculptor create holiday pieces
- Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and soup at area businesses
- Make art with the Waukee Area Arts Council
- Participate in the Snowball Drop (sponsored by Charter Bank) and other winter-themed games and activities

“The scavenger hunt is a fun way to flex your competitive spirit and get the full WinterFest experience,” said Recreation Supervisor Danae Edwards. “People of all ages will answer questions that take them around WinterFest for a chance to win a prize.”

WinterFest attendees are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys, money or non-perishable food items to be distributed to those in need through Waukee Area Christian Services. Those items can be dropped off at the Waukee Community Center during WinterFest or at the Waukee Public Works Building (805 University Avenue) during the week leading up to WinterFest.

“You only have to experience the incredible sense of community at this event once to understand why WinterFest is one of our residents’ favorite winter traditions,” said Mayor Courtney Clarke. “We’re fortunate to have great support from local businesses and organizations that host activities and delicious treats for attendees.”

Waukee Holiday Lights Contest

Waukee residents can enter their holiday light displays in the annual contest, sponsored by Mi-Fiber, for a chance to win a \$75 gift card to a local restaurant. Entries will be accepted through Sunday, Nov. 26 at 11:59 p.m. The Waukee Park Board will narrow entries down to ten finalists. Then Waukee residents can tour the top ten and vote for the best display in town.

For more information about the festival and to enter the Holiday Lights Contest, visit [Waukee.org/WinterFest](https://www.waukee.org/WinterFest).

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The City of Waukee is recognized as the fastest growing (large) city in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. Waukee is home to 29,167 residents and offers a welcoming atmosphere, high quality schools, excellent municipal services and robust public amenities.

The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, [Kettlestone](#). For more information, visit [Waukee.org](#).