

2024 Long Lake Holiday Tree Lighting Event

Event Details

When: Friday, December 6, 2024

Set up: 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Event: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Clean Up: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Where: Holbrook Park, Long Lake, MN

Who: The Long Lake Park Board will host the City's annual event for residents and surrounding communities. This free community event is an outdoor community gathering with a tree-lighting ceremony led by Mayor Charlie Miner. Special thanks to donations from local businesses and organizations, including the Long Lake Public Works staff, Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Orono Lions, Gopher Ace Hardware, Caribou Coffee, Otten Bros, and Lunds & Byerlys. Complementary hot chocolate and cookies will be served by Park Board members from the warming house and one vendor will be on site selling holiday decorations and gifts.

WHY: To kick off the holiday season with cheer, friendship, and community while activating one of the City's beautiful parks and enjoying the outdoors.

Event Schedule

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM – Set Up

Twinkle lights will be strung upon the existing new tree in Holbrook Park. Fire pits will be set up and lit. Electricity will be checked for holiday tree, music system, and hot beverage dispensers. All refreshments will be stored securely in the warming house and the vendor window and doors will be opened. The vendor will set up a table adjacent to the warming house.

Involved Parties: Public Works staff, Long Lake Park Board, LLA Chamber of Commerce, Vendor

5:30 PM to 6:00 PM – Community Gathering

All are welcome to walk, bike, or drive to Holbrook Park; parking is provided onsite. Participants may gather and mingle around fire pits and the warming house. Refreshments will be provided. Holiday music will be played at a volume conducive to conversation.

Involved Parties: Public Works staff, Long Lake Park Board, LLA Chamber of Commerce, Vendor, community members

6:00 PM to 6:15 PM – Tree Lighting Ceremony

Music is paused and participants are encouraged to congregate near the decorated holiday tree. Mayor Charlie Miner will welcome the community to the event and provide an address. Park Board introduced. In coordination with the Public Works/Park Board and the community, Mayor Miner will countdown to light the tree. With the tree lit, the music will resume and the holiday season will have officially started in the City of Long Lake.

Involved Parties: Public Works staff, Long Lake Park Board, LLA Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Charlie Miner, community members

6:15 PM to 7:00 PM – Social Hour

Community gathering and mingling by the fire pits. Music is played at a reasonable volume. Hot chocolate and cookies are enjoyed.

Involved Parties: Public Works staff, Long Lake Park Board, LLA Chamber of Commerce, Vendor, community members

6:45 PM – 7:15 PM – Wrap up & Clean up

The Park Board will clean up the warming house and remove the fire pits, music system, and refreshments. The vendor will break down and remove all components. Public Works staff will secure the facilities and remove any City equipment. The lights on the holiday tree will remain throughout the holiday season.

Event Site Plan

