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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Coon Rapids Hosts 1st Annual Tree Lighting Dec. 11
40-foot Tree, a Visit from Santa, Holiday Music and FREE Winter Fun!

[COON RAPIDS, MN, November 19, 2021] A new holiday tradition is emerging in Coon Rapids! More than 10,000 lights, a sing-a-long and a grand entrance from Santa on a fire engine will be highlights of the first annual *Coon Rapids Community Tree Lighting Festival*. The event will also serve as a food drive for the Coon Rapids High School Food Shelf.

The public is invited to attend this free event. [Printable flyer](#). [Event website](#).

Saturday, December 11, 2021

4-6:30 p.m.

On the grounds of Boulevard Plaza, 111th Avenue and Coon Rapids Boulevard

Schedule of Events:

4 p.m.	Bonfires, holiday music
4:30 p.m.	Santa arrives... Families can take photos
5:30 p.m.	Sing-a-long around the tree
5:55 p.m.	Welcome from Mayor Jerry Koch
5:59 p.m.	C-O-U-N-T-D-O-W-N for the tree lighting!
6:00 p.m.	Tree lighting

After the tree lighting, see a Blue Ox hockey game at the Coon Rapids Ice Center. Game starts at 7 p.m. Please consider bringing a toy donation as part of the team's toy drive.

NOTE about parking: Parking is located at 111th Avenue and Coon Rapids Boulevard. Signs will be posted. NO event entry or parking allowed at the Coon Rapids Ice Center, which is adjacent to the event location.

This free event is sponsored by the Coon Rapids Community Strength Foundation and the City of Coon Rapids.

Coon Rapids, Minnesota is a community of approximately 63,000 citizens, situated along the Mississippi River just 12 miles north of Minneapolis. Our city offers a variety of opportunities for recreation and shopping, as well as great housing options and wonderful opportunities for business.

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