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## HOLIDAYS IN THE SUNSHINE CITY

**St. Petersburg, FL** (November 2021) – Holidays in the Sunshine City returns to St. Petersburg! From Saturday, Nov. 27, to Sunday, Jan. 2, St. Petersburg is bringing a variety of new and annual holiday activities for the community to enjoy, including light displays along the waterfront and more:

- **Tree Lighting** is back with holiday cheer on Saturday, Nov. 27 in North Straub Park, 400 Bayshore Drive NE. Enjoy a night in the park with entertainment starting at 6 p.m., and Mayor Rick Kriseman lights up the downtown waterfront and tree at 7 p.m. Admission is free.
- Children can meet **Santa at North Straub Park** on Dec. 4 and 5, Dec. 10 – 12 and Dec. 17 – 23, from 6-9 p.m. Visits with Santa are free. Cameras are welcomed and encouraged.
- Join us at our newest holiday event, **Cookies with Santa**, on Friday, Dec. 10, and Friday, Dec. 17, from 6-8 p.m. at the Pinellas Pioneer Settlement, 3010 31<sup>st</sup> St. S. Decorate gingerbread cookies, meet Santa and his elves, purchase small gifts for family and friends and more. Admission is \$10 per person. Space is limited. Reserve your spot at [www.stpeteparksrec.org/holidayevents](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/holidayevents).
- Chat with Santa! **Santa's Calling** gives children an opportunity to talk with Santa over the phone about their holiday wishes. This free event runs Dec. 14-16. Registration is required. Children must be 8 years old or younger. Register online at [www.stpeteparksrec.org/holidayevents](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/holidayevents). Deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 10.
- The holiday fun continues with **Snowfest** on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in North Straub Park. Enjoy toboggan slides for adults and children, inflatables, arts and crafts tents, food trucks and more. The \$5 wristband includes all activities and can be purchased online or at a City recreation center beginning Monday, Nov. 29, through Thursday, Dec. 16. Wristbands can be purchased day of the event. Admission is free. For center locations, visit [www.stpeteparksrec.org/centerdirectory](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/centerdirectory).
- Enjoy a **Drive-In Holiday Movie** experience featuring *Home Alone* and activities with family and friends on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. in Crescent Lake Park, 1320 5th St. N. Admission is free. Spaces are limited.

For more information, contact the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department at 727-893-7441 or visit [www.stpeteparksrec.org/holidayevents](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/holidayevents). Holidays in the Sunshine City is sponsored by the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department and the City of St. Petersburg.

### About the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department

The St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department is nationally accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies, and with 17 recreation facilities, nine swimming pools, over 150 parks and more than 70 athletic fields, the department makes it a mission to preserve and enhance the city's parklands and recreational facilities and engage the community in leisure activities. Visit [www.StPeteParksRec.org](http://www.StPeteParksRec.org) to learn more.

### About the City of St. Petersburg

One of Florida's largest cities, the City of St. Petersburg is a city of opportunity where the sun shines on all who come to live, work and play. It's an innovative, creative and competitive community that honors its past while pursuing its future. Visit [www.StPete.org](http://www.StPete.org) to learn more.