

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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Date: November 14, 2023

Subject: Winterfest Street Closures

Recommendation

Approve Temporary Street Closures for the Winterfest event on December 2, 2023.

Background

The annual Winterfest event will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, on Historic Main Street, Lake Elsinore, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event features a holiday parade, tree lighting, craft vendors, food booths, free activity booths, sled runs, and pictures with Santa. Local downtown merchants are invited to stay open late as we kick off the festive holiday season with the lighting of the Holiday Tree and Santa's arrival.

Discussion

This year, the event will take place on Main Street in Downtown Lake Elsinore from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., including a holiday parade that kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Last year, we added a "Night of Lights" theme to the parade. This year's parade theme will be Christmas Movie Magic. Staff anticipates approximately 10,000 attendees. As a result, staff are recommending road closures for event staging and festivities. The Sherriff's Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Community Services Department will coordinate resources to ensure the event is a safe and memorable experience. To ensure the participants' safety, staff recommends the following road closures, as detailed in Attachments A and B. The street closures remain in place from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The street closures will be enforced by Law Enforcement personnel.

Fiscal Impact

Expenses for City personnel staffing will be accommodated via the Community Support fiscal budget.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Street Closures Map (Before Parade)
Attachment 2 - Street Closures Map (After Parade)

