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The City of Port St. Lucie's Guide to Holiday Events

PORT ST. LUCIE (Nov. 16, 2016) – The holidays are upon us, and the City of Port St. Lucie has a variety of events for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy the spirit of the season. Here's our guide to all the holiday happenings to help you plan so you won't miss a minute of seasonal fun:

- St. Lucie Public Schools are out on **Wednesday, Nov. 23**. Let the City's Parks & Recreation Department watch the kids while parents work or simply want a day to themselves to prepare for Thanksgiving. The City's **Kids Day Out Camp** will be open **on Wednesday, Nov. 23**, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center for those age 6 to 12. Kids can join us for a fun filled day of sports, games, crafts and more. Lunch is not provided so please pack a lunch and snack daily. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. If a 5 year old is in kindergarten, they are eligible to attend camp and must be able to provide documentation. For more information, please call (772) 878-2277. Cost is \$14.35.
- The City's nightly light show at the Port St. Lucie Community Center will begin on **Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.** Come and enjoy this one-of-a-kind light and sound experience. Visitors can come back to the **Winter Wonderland Light Show** every night until Dec. 31. between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to experience the dancing lights.
- Have a fun night out at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on **Thursday, Dec. 1** at the **Solid Gold Dance Band "Dance Party" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.** This is a great night of music and dancing to classic rock and today's sounds. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Call 772-807-4488 for more information.

- On **Saturday, Dec. 3**, it's the City of Port St. Lucie's turn to light up the night. Join your neighbors gathered at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. to celebrate the 2016 holiday season at the **Festival of Lights**. Participants will have the opportunity to sample local fare and do some holiday shopping among our arts and craft vendors. Kids will have a blast playing in the Snow Zone! This annual popular event will feature live music and make sure you stay for the parade at 6 p.m. Immediately following the parade, spectators will enjoy the ever popular lighting of the holiday tree.
- The children of Port St. Lucie are in for a special treat on **Thursday, Dec. 8 or Tuesday, Dec. 13** — a phone call from Santa himself! Parents can pick up a "**Santa's Calling**" form, complete it and return it to the Port St. Lucie Community Center **by Friday, Dec. 2**. Forms will be available at the Community Center, Port St. Lucie Civic Center, Minsky Gym and City Hall. With the help of a special operator, the children will receive their calls from Santa at pre-arranged times. Santa will offer a special holiday greeting and ask questions specific to that child's information. Only local calls can be accepted.
- Spend the evening of **Wednesday, Dec. 7** listening to sounds of the season at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, where **the Port St. Lucie Community Band will present its "Holiday Spectacular" concert**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Call 772-807-4499 for tickets and more information.
- On the morning of **Friday, Dec. 9**, children ages 7 and under can enjoy a morning of kids' crafts, a visit from Santa, face painting, and of course, pancakes at the Port St. Lucie Community Center. The City's **Pancakes with Santa** will begin at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$9.50. Be sure to bring a camera for photo opportunities with the big man in red.
- Be sure to wear your dancing shoes on **Tuesday, Dec. 13**. The **PSL Ambassadors of Swing will present "Dancing with the Big Band: Christmas Down South"** at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call 772-807-4488 for ticket information.
- The City's youth with special needs will have an opportunity to ring in the holiday season on **Wednesday, Dec. 14** from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the **Special Needs Holiday Party and Luncheon**. Special Recreation participants ages 15 and up, along with family and friends, are invited to spend a special afternoon with lunch, laughter and friends. This will be at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center game room. Registration is recommended. Cost is \$7 for those who register and \$9 at the door.
- There's no need to wait in line at the mall to get a photo with Santa when you can take your children and grandchildren to Minsky Gym on **Thursday, Dec. 15** to visit with Santa Claus. The **Santa Claus Visit at Minsky Gym** will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids, have your lists ready because Santa wants to hear what you want for Christmas. Parents, please bring your camera to get some great shots of the children with Santa. After they visit with Santa, the children will receive some yummy treats. Parent participation is greatly encouraged, and children ages 5 and under must have a parent or guardian. No registration is necessary, and the cost is \$5 per child at the door.

- The City's youth who participate in the Great Kids after-school program at Minsky Gym can come out the Gym on **Friday, Dec. 16** at noon for the **Great Kids Holiday Party**. This free party will include food and fun.
- Finally, children ages 6 to 12 can spend some of their winter break at the City's **Holiday Camp**. The camp will be open **Dec. 19 to 22 and Dec. 27 to 29** at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center and Minsky Gym. **On Dec. 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2**, the camp will be offered at the Civic Center only. The cost is \$14.35 per day and runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call 772-878-2277.

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