



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Annual Lighting of the Doves festival and ice rink season opening set for November 18, 2017**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (November 10, 2017) – The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department invites residents, friends and families to enjoy a variety of spectacular holiday activities and entertainment during the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Lighting of the Doves festival, Saturday, November 18, 2017, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Town Green Park, located at 2099 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands 77380.

Before the festival, don't miss the season opening of The Ice Rink at The Woodlands Town Center, presented by Sewell. The Ice Rink opens daily on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 10 a.m., and is located at 2005 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, 77380, near the north gate entry of The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion and the intersection of Lake Robbins Drive and Six Pines Drive. The 21,000-square-foot multipurpose facility offers great ice skating, lighting, sound, tables and concessions, with rental options available for birthday parties or corporate events. For hours of operation and admission prices, please visit the [Ice Rink website](#). The Ice Rink will be open through January 15, 2018.

The Lighting of the Doves festival is a long-standing tradition in The Woodlands that signifies the start of the holiday season in the community. Symbolizing hope and peace for the holidays, the ceremonial illumination of the doves attracts thousands of residents and visitors each year.

The festival will feature a variety of stage performances, snow play areas, vendor booths, children's activities and strolling entertainment. The event will culminate with a special appearance by Santa Claus arriving by sleigh down The Woodlands Waterway and a dazzling fireworks display, weather permitting.

Lighting of the Doves is sponsored by Service King, The Woodlands® Development Company, Waste Management, Texas Children's Hospital – The Woodlands, Wright's Printing, Coca-Cola and America's ER. The Ice Rink at The Woodlands Town Center is presented by Sewell, and sponsored by iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Market Street – The Woodlands, Texas Children's Hospital – The Woodlands and The Strong Firm P.C.

For details, please visit [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/lightingofthedoves](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/lightingofthedoves) and [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/icerink](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/icerink) or call 281-210-3800.



*Santa Claus comes to town Saturday, November 18, 2017, for the annual Lighting of the Doves festival in Town Green Park.*



*The Ice Rink at The Woodlands Town Center presented by Sewell will open daily for the upcoming holiday season on Saturday, November 18, 2017, through Monday, January 15, 2018.*