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THE CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS TO HOST ITS FIRST TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

EAST ST. LOUIS, IL: The City of East St. Louis recently announced it will host an **Inaugural Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. on 363 East Broadway**, East St. Louis, Illinois, directly across the street from City Hall. The event will also feature raffle prizes, vendors, free hot chocolate, visit from Santa and do-it-yourself ornament decorating activity for the kids. All attending residents will be entered into a raffle contest to win a free Roof Repair from Nathaniel Roofing, a one-night hotel stay or two bicycles. The East St. Louis Senior High School Choir will also perform a Christmas song at the event.

"We are very excited to host our first Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony for the City of East St. Louis. Special thanks to our sponsors for helping to make this event possible for our residential families to enjoy during this holiday season," said Mayor Robert Eastern III, Mayor of the City of East St. Louis.

The Inaugural Tree Lighting Ceremony is sponsored by the City of East St. Louis, Howard Hughes Consulting, Clayco, Ameren, Harambee International and R.I.T.E. Plan.

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Once a bustling industrial community as well as the fourth-largest city in Illinois. According to the last U.S. Census, East St. Louis currently has a population of roughly 26,000 residents. The town is proudly and affectionately known as the City of Champions and is the birthplace of many famous athletes, musicians, and business leaders. In partnership with the community, the city's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life of our residents by providing a high level of service efficiently and responsibly for all. For more information on East St. Louis, visit: <https://www.cesl.us/>