



**For Immediate Release**

**Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting  
Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022  
6:00PM**

**CHICO, CA. – December 2, 2022:** The Community Christmas Tree Lighting will return to the Chico City Plaza for its 44<sup>th</sup> year this Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM.

Sponsored by Explore Butte County, the Annual Community Tree Lighting will include an introduction by Mayor Andrew Coolidge, holiday caroling by Sounds of the Valley Chorus, and a visit from Santa brought to the plaza on Robert & Marie Fickert's 1948 La France Antique Fire Engine.

This year's event will take place around the Chico Ice Rink in the Plaza. The ice rink skating sessions will run every 90 minutes on Friday from 12:00PM-9:00PM. Viewing areas will be located on the Main Street side of City Plaza. The Tree Lighting may also be viewed by guests within the Ice Rink skating area as well. Fourth street between Main & Broadway Streets will be closed for the event to make room for guests and performers. Guests are encouraged to park in the metered parking lots and structures. A map of lot locations is available here:

<https://www.downtownchico.com/maps-and-directions.htm>

You can learn more about the Community Christmas Tree Lighting event by visiting [downtownchico.com](http://downtownchico.com) or follow the Community Tree Lighting event on Facebook at @DowntownChico.

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