

## MEDIA ALERT



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## HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL EVENTS THANKSGIVING EVENING EVENTS CANCELED; LIGHTING CEREMONY RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY

(OMAHA, Neb.) Nov. 25, 2015 - Due to inclement weather predicted throughout the day, the Holiday Lights Festival Lighting Ceremony that was scheduled to take place tomorrow (Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26) at 6 p.m. in the Gene Leahy Mall has been **RESCHEDULED**. The lighting display will be lit at 6 p.m. Saturday, November 28 with a brief ceremony and countdown from Mayor Jean Stothert. The lights will be illuminated each evening from 5 p.m. until 1 a.m. through January 3, 2016.

"The safety of the public is our greatest concern, and with icy road conditions forecast for Thanksgiving Day, we feel it is in the best interest of the community to reschedule this year's Lighting Ceremony," said Marc Nichols, the volunteer executive director for Downtown Omaha, Inc. "The lights cannot function in the rain, so the Lighting Ceremony has been moved to Saturday, when the weather is expected to be much more pleasant."

The Making Spirits Bright Holiday Concert at the Holland Performing Arts Center scheduled to also take place tomorrow (Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26) has been **CANCELED** and will not be rescheduled.

The Holiday Lights Festival is produced by Mayor Jean Stothert and the Downtown Omaha Inc. Foundation, and presented by ConAgra Foods, KMTV 3 and STAR 104.5 The Christmas Station.

Any questions should be directed to Christine Dunn at 402-301-8736.

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