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**Ward Parkway Restaurant Pavilion hosts first tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 17**

*Holiday celebration includes live music, giveaways and a Santa appearance*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (Nov. 10, 2017) – Ward Parkway Center’s new Restaurant Pavilion is hosting its first tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 17. The family-friendly festivities, including live music and giveaways, begin at 6 p.m. with the lighting of the 30-foot tree at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**Event Details**

**Date:** Friday, Nov. 17, 6 – 8 p.m.in the Restaurant Pavilion

**Emcees:** The emcee for the evening is Dave Claflin of Legacy Development. Dave will take the center stage at 6 p.m. to kick off the ceremony, introduce the musicians, give away prizes and assist Santa, Councilman Taylor and Councilman McManus in leading the countdown to the tree lighting.

**Entertainment**

**Live Holiday Music:** 6 – 8 p.m.

* Leading up to the tree lighting countdown, Big Rick Soul Band will perform classic holiday music.

**Santa Appearance:** 6 – 8 p.m.

* Santa, Mrs. Klaus and an elf will pass out light up Rudolph noses to children in attendance leading up to the tree lighting ceremony, as long as supplies last. At 7:30 p.m., Santa will join the emcees and lead the countdown to the tree lighting display.

**Giveaways:** 6 – 8 p.m.

* Ward Parkway Center will give away more than $500 worth of prizes, including gift cards to Charleston’s Restaurant and Smitty’s Garage, to guests who enter to win by signing up to be a Ward Parkway Center VIP at the event. Prize winners will be randomly selected and notified throughout the ceremony. Winners must be present to claim their prize.

**About Ward Parkway**

*Ward Parkway Shopping Center is one of Kansas City’s original shopping destinations, celebrating over 50 years of business. Located at 8600 Ward Parkway, the 560,000-square-foot center is home to more than 40 shops and restaurants. Learn more at wardparkwayshopping.com.*

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