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New Light Display Turning On For First Time

Michigan City, IN (December 10, 2003) – Even if you've already visited the 2003 Festival of Lights, you'll want to come through Washington Park again and again to see the newest light feature.

Park Department Superintendent Darrell Garbacik and Maintenance Director Darren Westphal announced today that a new light display will be turned on for the first time on the evening of December 11th, 2003.

"Children will be dragging a Christmas tree into a log cabin, and once they get into the cabin, the tree lights up," said Darren Westphal. "This display will go over Parker Parkway, the street that joins the two parking lots at Washington Park. The section containing the children and the tree is about 150 feet long. The log cabin is approximately 40 feet wide and 28 feet high. It's animated, with smoke coming out of the chimney and an elf who stands on the roof as people go by."

Superintendent Garbacik said, "This is just one of the displays that have been designed by Park Department staff. Over the years, we've designed about 80 per cent of all the displays that are featured in the Festival of Lights. We take our designs to Hermann Tools in Warsaw, Indiana; they add some of their own design elements and then create our vision in a lighted display."

The new light feature will be set up on Thursday, December 11th and will be turned on for the first time that evening.

"This is one of three new light displays in the Festival this year," said Garbacik. "The other two are a 200 foot long display of a big bear kicking a ball into the air and the ice rink with animated and still skaters. The new display will be the most elaborate and animated display in the whole park. The Festival of Lights is again an awesome display for our residents and visitors throughout the winter holidays."

The Festival of Lights will be featured in Washington Park through January 11, 2004.

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