

Lights shine bright in Midwest City

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Midwest City will light up the holidays. The community will host several holiday events, including a light display and visit from Santa himself.

LIGHT THE CITY NOVEMBER 30

Midwest City will kick off the holiday season with the Light the City event at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park. Join Mayor Matt Dukes as he flips the switch to begin the season of Holiday Lights Spectacular at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30. The Grinch, carolers and Santa Claus will make an appearance at the holiday event. People can also make holiday crafts and enjoy hot chocolate and treats.

Please enter Joe B. Barnes Regional Park at the intersection of SE 15th St. and Century Blvd.

WALK THE LIGHTS NOVEMBER 30

Enjoy the holiday light display with the special Walk the Lights event 6 – 9 p.m. on Nov. 30. The annual fundraising event is only \$5 per person while children 5 and under are free.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS SPECTACULAR DEC. 1-25

The popular Holiday Lights Spectacular opens Dec. 1 at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park. The light

Holiday lights in MWC

WHAT: Light the City, Walk the Lights, Holiday Lights Spectacular, Walking Wednesdays

WHEN: November 30 through December 25

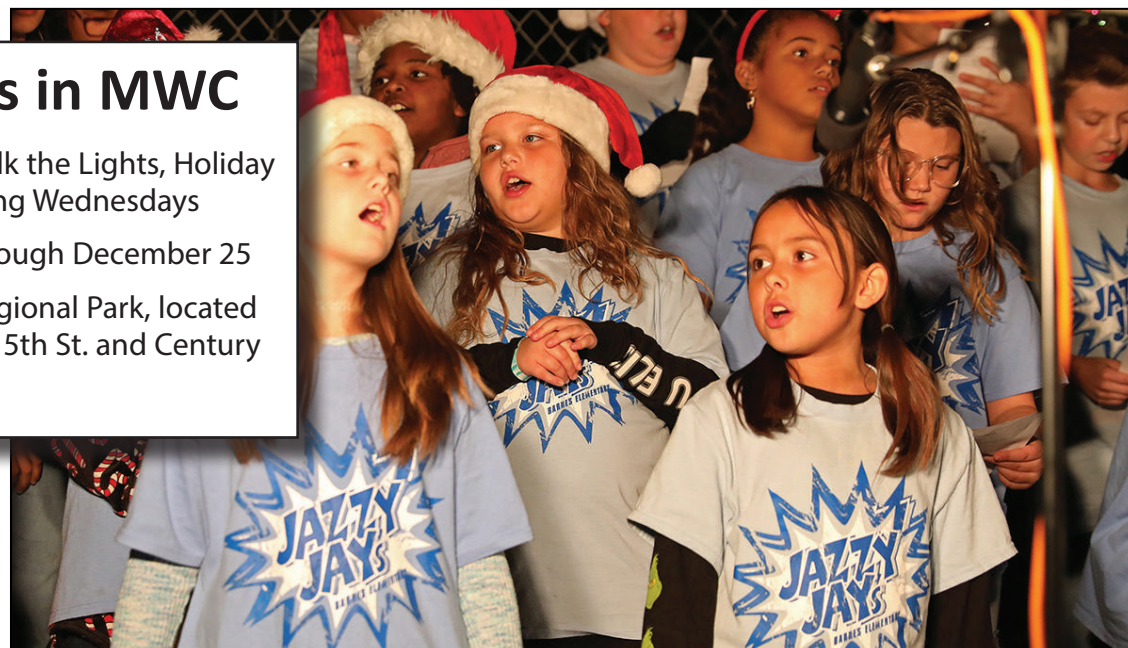
WHERE: Joe B. Barnes Regional Park, located at the intersection of SE 15th St. and Century Blvd.

display includes the 118-foot Christmas Tree, the Tunnel of Lights and many animated displays. The family tradition began in 1995 and has grown into one of the largest animated light displays in a five state region. The 1 ½ mile long drive boasts more than 1 million lights.

Holiday Lights Spectacular is open nightly from Dec. 1- 25. The hours are Sunday – Tuesday and Thursday 6-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 6-11 p.m., Walking Wednesday (drive-thru closed) 6-9 p.m., Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 6-11 p.m.

WALKING WEDNESDAYS

The newest addition to Holiday Lights Spectacular is Walking Wednesdays when the light display will be open to pedestrians only. Each Wednesday, drive-thru access will be closed and groups will be allowed to walk the lights. This event is free, but donations are always appreciated and accepted. "Every year, people ask



Midwest City will kick off the holiday season with Light the City at 6 p.m. Nov. 30 at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park. Please enter near the intersection of SE 15th St. and Century Blvd. Below, Midwest City Mayor Matt Dukes is joined by the Grinch as he flips the switch to turn on the holiday light display at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park. FILE PHOTOS



for more opportunities to walk the lights and we decided to make it on Wednesdays which

is normally a slower night," said Josh Ryan, communications and marketing director for

Midwest City. "People can start at either end and walk back and forth through the lights."