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### **The Springs Municipal Advisory Council invites community members to attend the second annual Winter Celebration 2023 event in the Springs**

**SONOMA, CA.** – The Springs Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) is pleased to announce the 2023 Winter Celebration in the Springs:

When: Saturday, December 23, 2023  
Time: 1 pm to 3 pm  
Location: 22 Boyes Blvd in Boyes Hot Springs (Parking lot next to the former Church Mouse).

Second annual 2-hour family friendly winter community event hosted by the Springs MAC in partnership with Sonoma Immigrant Services with additional support from the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and Sonoma Valley Fire. “This is a great community event. Last year the smiles were bright, and the excitement was palpable. We look forward to this year’s event” said Maite Iturri, Chair of the Springs MAC.

For the second year, Santa Claus, will be arriving via Sonoma Valley Fire Engine from the Agua Caliente Substation. Attendees will have the opportunity to snap a picture with Santa and giveaways will be available for the first 100 attendees.

“Last year’s event was colorful, welcoming, and memorable. The attendance surpassed our expectations, and it was a delight to gather in celebration and joy,” said Sonoma County First District Supervisor Susan Gorin, who established the Springs MAC in 2019. “With this year marking the second Winter Celebration in the Springs, we hope to continue to build on these successful community events to foster connectedness and forge a sense of belonging.”

Cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, and water will be provided by the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and DJ Refugee will liven the event with bilingual holiday tunes. Members of the Springs MAC and Sonoma Immigrant Services will be there to receive community ideas, answer questions, and join the community in celebrating the season.

“The goal for this event is to unite the community, gather, and celebrate the accomplishments of 2023, give away presents to our community children, and reaffirm our neighbors that the Springs Municipal Advisory Council is working to improve the wellbeing of our community members.” Expressed councilmember Jesus Alcaraz member of the Ad Hoc tasked with the event coordination along with councilmember Maricarmen Reyes.

Attendees are encouraged to walk, ride a bike, use public transportation or carpool to this event. Parking will be available at the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn employee parking lot on Bonita Way off Vallejo Avenue.

The Winter Celebration will take place with the backdrop of the Boyes Boulevard-Highway 12 fence adorned for the fourth annual year with festive decorations. This event will take place rain or shine.

**Springs Municipal Advisory Council (Springs MAC):** *The Springs Municipal Advisory Council represents the people of the Springs in Sonoma Valley as the voice of the community to elected representatives. The Springs MAC is committed to engage with all community members in meaningful and inclusive ways to promote the health and wellbeing of the Springs.*

Meeting Schedule: Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Location: SVUSD boardroom, 17851 Railroad Avenue, Sonoma, CA 95476

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac>

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