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THE McCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK IN MILLENNIUM PARK OPENS FOR THE NINTH SEASON ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

Michigan Avenue Ice Rink Offers Free Admission for Skating

Kicking off Chicago's winter season, the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park will open on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 and will remain open through Sunday, March 14, 2010, weather permitting. The rink, now in its ninth season and drawing more than 100,000 skaters annually, is free and open to the public. Skate rental is available for \$10. The ice rink is located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets.

Regular hours for the season are as follows:

Mondays—Thursdays	12 pm — 8 pm
Fridays	12 pm — 10 pm
Saturdays (through Jan. 2)	10 am — 10 pm
Saturdays (beginning Jan. 9)	10 am — 9 pm
Sundays	10 am — 9 pm

Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)	10 am — 4 pm
Thursday, December 24	10 am — 6 pm
Friday, December 25	10 am — 4 pm
Thursday, December 31	10 am — 8 pm
Friday, January 1	12 pm — 10 pm

The ice rink is just one component of the 24.5-acre Millennium Park, which has welcomed more than sixteen million visitors since opening in July 2004. Among Millennium Park's other prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture.

For more information about events in Millennium Park during the winter months, including Caroling at Cloud Gate, visit www.millenniumpark.org, or call 312.742.1168.

(NOTE TO PRESS: For information on other skating rinks operated by the Chicago Park District, including those at California Park, Daley Bicentennial Park, McKinley Park, Midway Plaisance Park, Mt. Greenwood Park, Riis Park, Rowan Park, Warren Park and West Lawn Park, contact 312.742.4786).

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