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REVISED HOURS FOR THE McCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK IN MILLENNIUM PARK FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR

Skate into the New Year at the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park! The season continues through March 15, 2009 (weather permitting), with **new hours as follows beginning Monday, January 5, 2009:**

Mondays—Thursdays	12 pm — 9 pm
Fridays	12 pm — 10 pm
Saturdays, Sundays	10 am — 10 pm

The Ice Rink will be open from 10 am—10 pm through January 4, with **REVISED** holiday hours on **December 24 from 10 am—6 pm; December 25 from 10 am—4 pm and on December 31 from 10 am—8 pm.**

Skating in Millennium Park 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.

Embedded in the ice this year is the emblem for the Chicago 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games Bid. The six points on the Chicago 2016 star represent the core Olympic values: excellence, friendship, respect, celebration, harmony and hope.

The ice rink is just one component of the 24.5-acre Millennium Park, which has welcomed more than fifteen 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 Millennium Park, 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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