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## **THE McCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK IN MILLENNIUM PARK OPENING DAY TENTATIVELY POSTPONED TO NOV. 19**

### **Rink To Open One Week Later Due to Unseasonably Warm Weather**

Due to this week's unseasonably warm weather and the forecast for rain throughout the upcoming week, the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park is now tentatively scheduled to open on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 (weather permitting). The rink, originally scheduled to open on November 12, will remain open through Sunday, March 15, 2009 (weather permitting).

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.

The rink is open daily from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. For the Thanksgiving holiday on November 27, and on Christmas Day, December 25, the rink will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 events in Millennium Park during the winter months, including Caroling at Cloud Gate, visit [www.millenniumpark.org](http://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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