



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### **Portion of Proceeds from Annual Winter Lights Festival to Benefit Local Charities *Organizations Invited to Apply***

**Gaithersburg, MD – (August 26, 2019)** Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> season, the Gaithersburg Winter Lights Festival has become a much-anticipated holiday tradition for families in the Washington area. The 3.5 mile drive through hundreds of dazzling light displays and beautifully lit trees in the idyllic setting of Seneca Creek State Park has created joyful memories for the more than 1.2 million visitors that have shared the magic with us over the years.

A portion of the revenue from the Festival benefits charities that help hundreds of people in the Gaithersburg community. In anticipation of the 2019 event, qualified nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations are invited to apply now for beneficiary status. A limited number of opportunities are available. Certain restrictions apply.

Application forms are available online at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov). The application deadline is October 11, 2019 and organizations selected as beneficiaries of this year's Winter Lights Festival will be informed in early November.

The Festival opens for drive-through visitors at 6 p.m. nightly November 29 through December 31 (closed December 25). It closes at 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$12 per car/minivan/limo Monday through Thursday and \$15 per car/minivan/limo Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Special admission fees apply for larger sized vehicles.

Visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov) for complete details.

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