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Community invited to Tuesday opening of Costa Mesa Snoopy House

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—The community is invited to the opening night celebration of the Snoopy House holiday display at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at its new home at Costa Mesa City Hall.

The elaborate display of Peanuts characters has been an Orange County holiday tradition for 45 years, attracting an estimated 80,000 visitors annually. But this year, due to a home foreclosure, the future of the Snoopy House had been in jeopardy until the City of Costa Mesa stepped forward last week and agreed to host the display and provide other assistance.

The Snoopy House will be available for viewing from 5 to 10 p.m. nightly through New Year's Eve. And Santa will be visiting from Dec. 13 to Dec. 23. Children and their families can get free photos with Santa.

In addition to the Snoopy House, the City of Costa Mesa is putting on its first Holiday Lights Spectacular, which will involve more than 100 spotlights that will change colors with the help of a computer program and be shown against the mid-century modern, exposed white beams of City Hall.

The opening night ceremony will be hosted by City Chief Executive Officer Tom Hatch and feature carols sung by a local choir, short speeches by City council members, special Snoopy cheers from Costa Mesa High School cheerleaders, and a heartfelt thanks to the community from Jim Jordan, whose family has put on the Snoopy House for more than four decades.

Because of this year's unusual circumstances, the 45th annual Snoopy House has been put together in little more than one week. The City and the Jordan family are still looking for volunteers, community groups (for both nightly entertainment and for volunteers), and donations. Those interested in volunteering or contributing a needed item or money can contact City staff member Sylvia Chalmers at (714) 754-5099 or e-mail her [here](#).