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### THIRD ANNUAL MEMORIAL CITY LIGHTS WILL ILLUMINATE WEST HOUSTON STARTING NOVEMBER 15 MUSIC, DANCING, AND THE ARRIVAL OF SANTA ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF SHOW

HOUSTON (November 4, 2014) – Memorial City will usher in the holiday season with its 3rd annual Memorial City Lights celebration on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The holiday-themed event – to be emceed by KPRC-TV Local 2's morning anchor, Rachel McNeill – will feature main-stage entertainment at the fireplace near the American Girl store and musical performances throughout the mall.

The event will kick-off with holiday music near the Clock Tower by Virtuosi of Houston and crowd favorite, the Memorial City Mall Dancing Reindeer, who will prance throughout the mall drumming up excitement for the event and then take the stage to perform for the crowd of more than 2,000. Over the course of the event, McNeill will oversee seasonal musical and dance performances by the acts including: the Mistletones, a Victorian era caroling group, who will lead a sing-a-long of some of your favorite holiday tunes; the Schave & Reilly Stilt Walkers, who will dance and delight the crowd; and headline act, DSQ Electric string quartet, a four-person high intensity strings group who will rock us into the holidays!

Characters from the City Ballet of Houston's production of The Nutcracker will also make a special appearance, sharing their sugar plum sweetness with the children and families who attend the show. Toward the end of the evening, visitors will witness the highly anticipated arrival of Santa, who will magically illuminate 3.2 million light bulbs throughout Memorial City as snow falls from the sky inside the Mall.

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The dazzling holiday lights - introduced in 2012 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Memorial City - mark an iconic destination for Houstonians during the holiday season. The lights and décor, designed by Studio Artefact, span the majority of the 265-acre mixed-use development, featuring festive decorations at the Gateway Memorial City, The Westin Memorial City, the Murphy Building, the Nexen Tower and the Cobalt Center. Additionally more than 200 trees along Gessner, Memorial City Way and the Katy Freeway will be lit, and numerous elegant lighting features will accent the walkways, sky bridges and buildings throughout the development. As a crowning touch, the mall entrance nearest American Girl will boast the tallest Christmas tree in Houston, standing at a breathtaking 92 feet tall. Serving as a cornerstone of the mall's indoor display will be Santa's home - St. Nick's Park - in the Dillard's wing. This set, covering nearly 1,500 square feet, will feature 14 illuminated trees of varying heights and a 30-foot-tall illuminated tree that visitors will walk through in order to reach jolly old St. Nick. Watching over his guests will be two giant LED illuminated reindeer, 23 and 24 feet tall, respectively.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Children's Memorial Hermann Memorial City. Representatives from the hospital will be present at select mall entrances to accept donations on behalf of the children's hospital.

Memorial City Lights is proudly sponsored by KPRC-TV Local 2. The event is free and open to the public.

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### ABOUT MEMORIAL CITY

The city-within-a-city, Memorial City is a premier mixed-use development owned and managed by MetroNational. Located in west Houston, Memorial City runs along the Interstate 10 corridor, just inside Beltway 8, and contains 7.6 million square-feet of developed real estate across 265 acres. Memorial City is a unique blend of Class A office space; retail, including the 1.7 million square foot Memorial City Mall; garden and high-rise residential living; upscale hotel accommodations including The Westin Memorial City; and the Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, the second largest medical campus in the Houston metropolitan area.

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