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Colonial Williamsburg's Merchants Square Kicks off Liberty Ice Pavilion's 2018-19 Season

Presented by Dominion Energy



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Nov. 19, 2018) – Colonial Williamsburg's Merchants Square kicked off the 2018-19 season of Liberty Ice Pavilion in grand holiday fashion on Friday, Nov. 16. Festivities included an early visit from Santa and a community salute to Dominion Energy linemen who restored electric service across the region after Hurricane Michael.

“The holidays in Williamsburg provide unparalleled experiences that delight visitors from across the nation and beyond, and Liberty Ice Pavilion only adds to the destination’s wintertime ambiance and appeal,” said Williamsburg Mayor Paul Freiling.

“We thank Dominion Energy for their generous support, and we thank all of the hardworking women and men of Dominion for their tremendous efforts to restore power in our area last month in the wake Hurricane Michael. Thousands of homes lost power in the City of Williamsburg and most were back in service within 24 hours.”

This is the fourth season the ice-skating venue has been sponsored by the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation with a generous grant of \$100,000.

“We are pleased to continue our sponsorship of this festive and family-friendly venue,” said Hunter A. Applewhite, president of the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation. “It’s become a fixture of the holiday season for Williamsburg residents and visitors alike.”

Liberty Ice Pavilion is located on Duke of Gloucester Street in Merchants Square and is open daily through Feb. 18, 2019. Additional information is available by visiting merchantssquare.org/holiday.

“We are excited to be kicking off the holidays in Merchants Square with Santa’s arrival and a salute to the hard-working teams at Dominion Energy,” said Jeff Duncan, Colonial Williamsburg vice president of real estate. “Dominion’s ongoing support of the Liberty Ice Pavilion ensures that visitors to Merchants Square will have plenty to do through the holidays and beyond.”

Friday’s kickoff began with a performance by the Colonial Williamsburg Fifes & Drums, followed with Santa’s arrival in a Dominion Energy bucket truck and a ceremonial ribbon-cutting by Freiling and Santa. (High-resolution event images are available to [download here](#).)

Liberty Ice Pavilion is open noon-8 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, noon-10 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays except for Thanksgiving, Dec. 2 and Christmas (10 a.m.-10 p.m.), Dec. 31 (noon-1 a.m.) and New Year’s Day (10 a.m.-10 p.m.)

Single-day passes are \$12 and \$10 for youths ages 3-12. Season passes are \$100 and \$85 for youths ages 3-12. Skate rental is \$4.25 including tax. Refreshments including hot cider, coffee, and more are available for purchase.

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About Merchants Square

Located adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg’s Historic Area, Merchants Square is an 18th-century style retail village with over 40 shops and restaurants. Visitors and local residents alike regularly experience the Square’s unique shopping, dining and special events offerings in a setting of unrivaled beauty.

About Colonial Williamsburg

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia's 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 400 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

About the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation

Nearly 6 million customers in 19 states energize their homes and businesses with electricity or natural gas from Dominion Energy (NYSE: D). Through its [Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation](#), as well as [EnergyShare](#) and other programs, Dominion Energy plans to contribute more than \$30 million in 2018 to community causes throughout its footprint and beyond. The Foundation supports nonprofit causes that meet basic human needs, protect the environment, promote education and encourage community vitality. Please visit www.DominionEnergy.com, Facebook or Twitter to learn more.

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