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**SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES BY BOAT  
TO KICK-OFF HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AT NAVY PIER®**

**Chicago, IL** – Santa Claus is coming to town to greet children from all around. *Mr. & Mrs. Claus will arrive at Navy Pier, by boat, Saturday, November 25, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.* They return to the Pier each year to kick-off the winter holiday festivities at Navy Pier. As they dock, their arrival is signaled by a welcoming fireworks demonstration. Santa then disembarks and assists in the lighting of Navy Pier's holiday lights and Ferris wheel. **Family photographs are available with Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the Family Pavilion Stage from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. on November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

*Mr. & Mrs. Claus will continue to greet children from November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Their last day at the Family Pavilion stage is December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.* Families, adults and children are invited to the Navy Pier Family Pavilion stage to enjoy family fun and entertainment that includes; music, holiday wish lists, professional photographs with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, enchanted Elves and other holiday characters.

Come and enjoy the beginning of another magical holiday season as Santa's Elves and Helpers transform Navy Pier into **The LaSalle Bank® Winter WonderFest®**, one of Chicago's favorite holiday traditions. Navy Pier's Festival Hall will be transformed into a winter wonderland featuring 170,000 square feet of beautiful holiday decorations, stunning sparkling lights, hundreds of decorated trees, an ice skating rink, huge inflatable slides and much more, from **December 8, 2006 through January 7, 2006.**

Santa's arrival and The LaSalle Bank Winter WonderFest are a complete package of holiday fun in one great family-friendly location, Chicago's Navy Pier.

For more information on Santa's Arrival at Navy Pier and The LaSalle Bank Winter WonderFest, visit the Navy Pier website at [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com).

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