



**UPDATE:** According to the park's Twitter account, [the tree's already floating before 5 p.m.](#) (complete with a photo to prove it).

Well, it's not floating yet, but it will be before the end of the night...

Birmingham's [Railroad Park](#) ushers in its first holiday season this afternoon starting at 5 p.m.

Sometime between 5 and 6 p.m. this tree will be "launched" into the park's man-made lake.

The event was originally scheduled for Saturday, though weather forecasts calling for a 90% chance of rain and a low of 32° were reasons enough for [Mayor Bell](#) to request a time change.

Those attending can bring a new, unwrapped toy to support the [Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services](#) Toy Drive and enjoy hot chocolate and music from [Neo Jazz Collective](#).

Incidentally, if you attend tonight's event, you may get a chance to introduce yourself to the park's new executive director, Camille Spratling. The former executive assistant to the president of Birmingham Southern College started last week. Katherine Billmeier will continue on as a consultant to the park until the end of the year.

**Photo:** *Railroad Park's first Christmas tree.* [acnatta](#)/Flickr