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County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Galaxy Communications CEO Ed Levine Announce Lights on the Lake Partnership

Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney announced today that the County and Galaxy Communications have entered into a new partnership that will bring exciting enhancements to the Onondaga County Park's Lights on the Lake program.

This new public-private partnership will allow for the continuation and growth of an already successful program. During its six week run, Onondaga County employees will still be responsible for daily operations at the park, but going forward, Galaxy Communications will assume full responsibility for new initiatives, sponsorship and marketing activities.

"I am thrilled to begin this partnership with Galaxy Communications," said County Executive Joanie Mahoney. "Lights on the Lake has always been a fun community event, and I know with Galaxy's involvement, it will be an even more successful program that community residents and visitors to Onondaga County can all enjoy."

"Since Galaxy already stages the Taste of Syracuse, being involved with Lights on the Lake is a natural step for us," said Galaxy President/CEO Ed Levine. "The most obvious enhancement for this year will be the creation of First Night CNY at Lights on the Lake. This will be a family friendly New Year's Eve party that will feature an opportunity to walk through Lights on the Lake. The event will also feature live outdoor music all evening culminating with a concert performance from National Recording Artist Sean Kingston, plus the reunion of local legend, the Todd Hobin Band. At 11:59, SU icon Gerry McNamara will push the button that will activate the decent of an illuminated giant orange. At the stroke of midnight, an extravagant fireworks display over Onondaga Lake will usher in 2011. Galaxy is thrilled to partner with Onondaga County for Lights on the Lake and the debut of First Night CNY."

For further information on Lights on the Lake contact Onondaga County Parks at 451-6712 or go to onondagacountyparks.com.