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Downtown Prepares for Holiday Rush

With the Christmas Holiday closing in fast, the downtown merchants are preparing for the expected holiday rush. Retail establishments have been busy ordering merchandise and filling inventories to make sure that everything is in place for holiday shoppers who are looking for a shopping experience they will enjoy.

To kick off the holiday season, the Downtown Business Association

will be holding its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the downtown on November 30th at 6:00pm. The event starts with the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Kissimmee Police Department and then moves onto Darlington Avenue where parents can bring their



children for free pictures with Santa Clause. Many of the downtown merchants will be offering retail promotions that will be available the night of the Tree Lighting. There will be cookies, hot chocolate, punch and plenty of entertainment.

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"We are very proud of our Tree Lighting Ceremony," said Mike Trim, President of the Downtown Business Association. "This is one of the events the Merchants really love to do. It gives the businesses a chance to have a lot of fun with the community and help bring some joy into the Holiday season."

Some of the changes that you will notice during the months of November and December are the extended hours and days that the shops are open. Many of the stores are staying open later in the evenings and are opening on Sunday to help accommodate shoppers with hectic schedules.

"Our goal is to make sure their shopping experience in the downtown is relaxed and enjoyable," said Tom Lanier of Lanier's Historic Market Place. "We want them to enjoy the atmosphere here in the downtown. Many people remember the wonder of shopping for the holidays in a friendly downtown environment, and that is what we have to offer."



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Anyone who has driven through Historic Downtown Kissimmee over the past several months will notice that there is quite a bit of new construction going on. Some of the construction is due to buildings that are being remodeled and updated, while much of what people will notice is construction on the new City Centre project that is taking place where the old movie theater used to be.

The City Centre project is a strategically placed residential, retail, and office complex that is being built in the heart of the business district in Historic Downtown Kissimmee. The project is helping to usher in a new era of high pedestrian traffic for the downtown business core as well as adding additional residential space to the community.."

"Clients, government, shopping and amenities all within walking distance."

The residential part of this development boasts a one-of-a-kind condominium, offering its residents not only luxurious living, looking over the beautiful Lake Tohopekaliga, but also the convenience of living in the center of Historic Downtown Kissimmee. The commercial segment of the development is strategically placed at the center of the business district which proves to be one of prestige and elegance inviting the level of clientele your business needs for high traffic and high sales. The City Centre project is going to be exciting for the downtown core.





downtown watch

With all of the construction and street closures in the downtown, traffic can be very hectic. Daken Avenue is currently closed due to the construction of the City Centre project, and Monument Avenue towards the lake closes from time to time so that the construction vehicles can be brought in. One road to remember to help move you around and into the downtown area is Church Street which runs in front of the Kissimmee City Hall. By using Church Street, you can more easily navigate the on-going construction and get to your downtown destination easily. There is also additional parking for the downtown on the side streets that connect to Church Street.



Holiday Extravaganza and Parade

Spread some holiday cheer on Saturday, December 8th at Kissimmee's Holiday Extravaganza from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Kissimmee Lakefront Park. This event will include a wide variety of entertainment from a bell choir to a quartet with the Orlando Philharmonic, featuring the vocals of Michelle Amato. There will be food, 25 tons of snow in Frosty's playground, ice carving demonstrations, arts and craft vendors, strolling entertainment, a climbing wall, inflatables, Santa's Workshop, and much more!

The downtown streets of Kissimmee will light up with the "Festival of Lights" parade, which will get underway at 6:00 p.m. This parade is one of the few nighttime parades in the area and will feature Santa Claus and "Scott & Erica" from the Morning Show on Mix 105.1 FM



upcoming

- Art Festival
- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Downtown Tree Lighting
- Holiday Extravaganza
- Christmas Day

events

- November 17,18
- November 22
- November 30
- December 8
- December 25



For more information on the Holiday Extravaganza, please visit the City of Kissimmee's web site at <http://www/kissimmee.org>.

Historic Downtown Kissimmee

Christmas

Tree Lighting

Pictures w/ Santa
at 6:30pm

Tree Lighting
at 6:20pm

Friday, November 30, 2007

6pm - 8pm 🍪 Kissimmee Police Department

Free pictures with Santa

Presented by the Downtown Business Association



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