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### **Downtown in December offers 40 days of free events and attractions**

Oklahoma City – Create memories with family and friends at one of many free events that are part of Downtown in December, Oklahoma City’s premier winter celebration. Presented by Devon Energy, Downtown in December hosts a variety of festivities for all ages at no charge, including museum days, Bricktown Canal Water Taxi rides, visits with Santa in the newly renovated Myriad Gardens and much more. Below is a list of the free activities offered this holiday season.

- \* **SandRidge Christmas tree lighting ceremony.** Help us kick off Downtown in December with Mayor Mick Cornett and Santa Claus as they light the SandRidge Christmas tree at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25 on the Bricktown Canal, right off Mickey Mantle Drive. The lighting ceremony officially begins downtown Oklahoma City's month-long holiday celebration and provides live music, family-friendly activities, hot cocoa, cookies, pictures with Santa and more.
- \* **The Devon Energy Holiday River Parade** will light up the Oklahoma River on Friday, Nov. 25. Enjoy music, entertainment, a spectacular fireworks display and more than 20 boats as they parade the river decorated in holiday lights. Viewing areas are located at Regatta Park and Wiley Post Park. Gates open at 4 p.m. and the parade starts at 6 p.m.
- \* **Wimgo Holidays on the Canal** offers free adventure cruises on a Bricktown Water Taxi. All ages will enjoy a fun-filled float down the beautifully-adorned Bricktown canal. Ride free from 6 - 9:30 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday between Nov. 25 and Dec. 18. Participants can board the boats across from RedHawks Field at Bricktown.
- \* **Free museum Sundays.** Downtown in December invites holiday visitors and families to enjoy four Sundays of culture, art, history and music during Oklahoma City Community Foundation’s Free Museum Sundays. Beginning Nov. 27, at least one of four participating downtown museums will be open for free from 1 – 6 p.m. each Sunday.

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Nov. 27 - Oklahoma City Museum of Art (415 Couch Drive) & American Banjo Museum (9 E. Sheridan)  
Dec. 4 - American Banjo Museum & Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum (620 N. Harvey)  
Dec. 11 – OKC National Memorial and Museum & OKC Museum of Art  
Dec. 18 - Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum (1400 Classen Drive - 13<sup>th</sup> & Shartel)

- \* **Devon Energy’s Saturdays with Santa.** Devon Energy has invited Santa to bring his sleigh to the Myriad Gardens especially for Downtown in December. After visiting with Santa, there are plenty of other activities to enjoy. Kids of all ages can write letters to Santa, take pictures in Santa's sleigh, visit the arts and crafts table, and play in the Myriad Gardens' new children's park. Saturdays with Santa will take place in the Myriad Gardens Pavilion on Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, and Dec. 17 from 1 - 4 p.m.
- \* **The Bricktown Canal Lights, presented by OneMain Financial** will brighten your stroll as you enjoy the sights and attractions of Bricktown. All ages are invited to join us on Nov. 19 as OneMain Financial flips the switch to light up the Bricktown Canal for the holiday season.
- \* The **Stonegate-Hogan Lights of Lower Bricktown** will enhance your experience as you delight in Bricktown’s shopping, dining and entertainment offerings. All free for your enjoyment.
- \* See the twinkling, light-draped buildings of Automobile Alley from a new perspective at **Automobile Alley Lights on Broadway**. Take a beautifully-lit stroll or hop in the car and cruise past some of downtown’s most historic buildings. Visit fine restaurants and shops as you take in the holiday cheer. Automobile Alley Lights on Broadway runs Nov. 25 – Jan. 1 between NW 4th and NW 10th Street along Broadway Avenue.
- \* **Sonic’s Segway Santa.** Say hello to Santa as he cruises around downtown on his Segway. Santa will spread holiday cheer to all as he gives out special giveaways and treats. Watch for tweets from @DowntownOKCInc to find out where and when to get extra special prizes from Santa.
- \* Visit the **OG&E Garden Lights and Free Crystal Bridge Sundays** and rediscover the heart of the city. Visitors of all ages are invited to take a stroll through the renovated and beautifully illuminated Myriad Gardens each night during Downtown in December and enjoy a free tour through the newly enhanced Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory each Sunday between Nov. 27 and Jan. 1 (including Christmas Day) from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- \* Come to Downtown in December and keep your eyes peeled for Phil the Penguin. He’ll be tweeting his location and handing out free tickets to **Chesapeake Energy’s “The Christmas Show” sponsored by the Oklahoma Gazette, an OKC Philharmonic production.**

Downtown in December is organized by Downtown Oklahoma City, Inc. and presented by Devon Energy. For more information and a complete schedule of activities, visit [DowntowninDecember.com](http://DowntowninDecember.com).

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Downtown OKC, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes and markets downtown Oklahoma City in conjunction with numerous downtown stakeholders. DOKC also manages the Business Improvement District and holds annual events such as Downtown in December and Downtown Dash. For more information, visit [downtownokc.com](http://downtownokc.com).