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## **Downtown in December See Downtown Oklahoma City in a Whole New Light**

Spend your holiday exploring downtown Oklahoma City during the eighth annual Downtown in December winter celebration presented by the Downtown OKC Business Improvement District. Only in Downtown Oklahoma City can you experience the thrill of outdoor ice skating, exhilarating snow tubing rides down the southwest's largest manmade slope, water taxi excursions along the winding Bricktown Canal, free museum Sundays, free river cruises, a magically-lit botanical garden and historic avenue, a festive 5K run through the heart of Downtown and plenty of holiday cheer for the entire family! This month-long adventure attracts thousands of revelers to the heart of the City's polar playground. Festivities begin November 27 and run through the New Year.

### **Below is a list of Downtown holiday activities:**

- \* Join your friends and family Downtown for music and fun surprises to kick off Downtown in December. Everyone is invited to experience the excitement of the Christmas season when Mayor Cornett lights the beautifully adorned Christmas tree just north of Kerr Park at 123 Robert S Kerr Ave at 5:30 p.m. on November 27. The **SandRidge Christmas Tree** lighting officially begins Downtown Oklahoma City's month-long holiday celebration.
- \* Ice skate in the shadow of Downtown Oklahoma City's skyscrapers at the **Devon Ice Rink**. Rink hours are noon to 10 p.m. daily from November 27 through January 3, including holidays (holiday hours may vary). Cost to skate is \$8, which includes skate rental and a two-hour session. Skating is just \$5 for those who supply their own skates. The Civic Center is located at 201 N Walker and will be a special holiday stop on the free Oklahoma Spirit Trolley route. The rink is available for private parties and group ticket sales. Call 274-1638 to book your event or visit [www.DowntownInDecember.com](http://www.DowntownInDecember.com).
- \* Go extreme this winter, when you go **Chesapeake Snow Tubing at the Brick**, the nation's largest manmade snow tubing slope. Feel the wind in your face as you cruise down the slope at thrilling speeds. Presented by Chesapeake, you can't beat the great family fun of snow tubing at the AT&T Bricktown Ballpark, a holiday stop on the free Oklahoma Spirit Trolley route. Sessions run Nov. 27 – Dec. 13, open Friday, Saturday & Sunday, hours vary. Dec. 18 - Jan. 3 open 7 days-a-week, hours vary. Session size is limited; admission is \$10.00 for each one and a half-hour session. Private parties and groups sales are available by calling (405) 218-1000. For session times, dates and to buy tickets on-line visit [www.DowntownInDecember.com](http://www.DowntownInDecember.com)

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- \* All aboard...for a free adventure cruise on a Bricktown Water Taxi during **Wingo Holidays on the Canal**. 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, November 27 – December 27 (closed Christmas). Board the boats across from the ballpark
  
- \* Downtown in December invites holiday visitors and families to enjoy five Sundays of culture, art, history and music during **Oklahoma City Community Foundation Free Museum Sundays**. Beginning Nov. 29, one of four participating Downtown museums will be open for free from 1 – 6 p.m. each Sunday. On the last Sunday, December 27, all of the participating museums will open for a free grand finale.
  - Nov. 29 - The Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum - 620 N. Harvey
  - Dec. 6 - American Banjo Museum - 9 E. Sheridan Avenue
  - Dec. 13 - Gaylord Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum - 1400 Classen Drive (13<sup>th</sup> & Shartel)
  - Dec. 20 - Oklahoma City Museum of Art - 415 Couch Drive
  - Dec. 27 - All four museums FREE
  
- \* Thousands of glimmering twinkles of light mingle together to create a dramatic, holiday paradise in Downtown Oklahoma City's Myriad Botanical Gardens during **OG&E Garden Lights**. The Crystal Bridge will open free from 6 – 9 p.m. every Sunday from November 29 through December 27 for special twilight viewings, courtesy of OG&E. Regular Crystal Bridge hours are 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon – 6 p.m. Sunday.
  
- \* See the beautiful twinkle-draped buildings of Automobile Alley in a whole new light at **Automobile Alley Lights on Broadway**. Take a beautifully lit stroll or hop in your car and cruise past some of Downtown's most historic buildings. Visit fine restaurants and shops and even select your live Christmas tree. Automobile Alley Lights on Broadway runs from NW 4<sup>th</sup> to NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street on Broadway!
  
- \* Rediscover Oklahoma City from a different point of view aboard a free introductory **Oklahoma River Holiday Cruise**. Every Sunday from 1 – 6 pm, November 29 – December 27, guests can enjoy the holiday lights, hot cocoa and holiday music as they take in the downtown Oklahoma City skyline from an open-air deck or the heated cabin. Introductory cruises are free to all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Passengers can board at Regatta Park (701 S Lincoln Blvd). For an even more exciting adventure, take an **Oklahoma Spirit Trolley** for free to the boarding area. The Oklahoma Spirit Trolleys are free throughout Downtown in December!
  
- \* Whether you run or walk the entire family will enjoy some holiday fun at the **SandRidge Santa Run**, December 5. The SandRidge Santa Run includes a 5K run that begins at 9 a.m. at Leadership Square, 211 N Robinson, followed by a One-Mile Fun Run at 10 a.m. and a Santa Claus Kid's Dash for tots immediately following the 5K. Registration is being accepted now through race day. Pre-register prior to December 4 for \$25.00. After December 4, register on race day for \$30.00 at Leadership Square. The One-Mile Fun Run is \$5 for kids 12 and under and \$10 for adults. There is no charge for the age eight and under Kid's Dash. Participants can register online on the run page at [www.DowntownInDecember.com](http://www.DowntownInDecember.com).
  
- \* Say hi to Santa as he cruises around Downtown! **Sonic Segway Santa** will visit Downtown events on his Segway personal transport scooter. Santa will have lots of fun stuff for kids and adults as he gives out special Sonic treats and holiday light viewing glasses.

Downtown in December is organized by Downtown Oklahoma City Incorporated and sponsored by the Downtown Business Improvement District. For a complete schedule of all Downtown activities and information on all events, visit [www.DowntownInDecember.com](http://www.DowntownInDecember.com) or call the Downtown in December hotline (405) 236-3640 or 1-888-OKC4Fun.

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