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Happy Holidays from TryParkingIt.com!

Tis the season, to be jolly! Holidays are drawing near, and another year is coming to a close. How will you spend the remainder of 2015? Consider venturing out with family, friends, or going solo to one of the many winter events North Texas has to offer. However, with holiday excitement comes holiday crowds so, yes, there will be traffic.



Don't lose that joyful spirit and become a Scrooge because of congestion, simply take an alternative commute. Consider carpooling, along with taking buses and rail instead of driving alone. Utilizing these options will aid in decreasing traffic and minimize the stress in traveling to your destination. Belt out holiday tunes while carpooling with family or friends on the way to your winter event. Take public transportation

for the opportunity to make new friends heading to the same place as you. Whichever alternative commute you choose, you can't go wrong! Don't forget that you can always check for carpool matches on TryParkingIt.com as well. When you awake from your food hibernation after Thanksgiving weekend, the revamped Try Parking It website will be active, so try out the single-trip matching feature for traveling to our region's holiday activities.

Upcoming Events

DART

Dec. 3rd Downtown Garland Christmas on the Square

celebrates the season with the official tree lighting ceremony. The tree lighting starts at 7 pm with Santa leading the countdown. Santa will be available for children to share their wish lists and get their picture taken starting directly after the tree lighting.



Several special attractions will be available for families and guests to participate free of charge including tubing down real snow hills, ice carving demonstrations, visits with Santa and a Children's Craft Area. Enjoy the fun 5:30 - 9:30 pm in Downtown Garland, located on State and Main streets between Fifth and Sixth streets. Information:

christmasonthesquare.com.

- Via DART Rail [Blue Line](#) to [Downtown Garland Station](#)



Dec. 4th Dickens in Historic Downtown Plano

celebrates the season with carolers, music on multiple stages, and a visit with Santa. Delight in great shopping, food, hand-bell choirs and performances by area choirs, dance groups, and more. Enjoy the festivities from 6 - 10 pm.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony is at 7 pm in Haggard Park. A special Santa mailbox will be installed in Haggard Park near

the Interurban Railway Museum for children who would like to write a letter to Santa. Letters received will be hand-delivered to Santa when he arrives at Dickens in Historic Downtown Plano. Santa will visit with children at his house on J Place from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Downtown Plano is at 15th Street at Avenue J. Information: www.plano.gov.

- Via DART Rail [Red Line](#) to [Downtown Plano Station](#)

Dec. 5th Celebrate the Holidays at Klyde Warren Park

from 12 noon to 6 pm at Ginsburg Family Great Lawn. Activities throughout the day will include free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, live reindeer, Holiday kid's crafts, a mailbox to send letters to Santa, face painting, food trucks, activities and demonstrations from our



Dallas arts and cultural friends and neighbors, and Holiday music entertainment. The celebration culminates with the lighting of the Klyde Warren Park Christmas tree at 5:45 pm. Following the tree lighting, Santa and Mrs. Claus will lead the crowd to the AT&T Performing Arts Center. Attendees are encouraged to make the five-minute walk from Klyde Warren Park where the [Reliant Lights Your Holidays festivities](#) will be under way. Join in for a day of winter fun generously supported by Margot and Ross Perot! Information: www.klydewarrenpark.org.

- Via DART Rail [Red Line](#), [Blue Line](#), [Green Line](#) or [Orange Line](#) to [St. Paul Station](#), then [a short walk to Klyde Warren Park](#)
- Via [M-Line Trolley](#)
- Via [D-Link \(Route 722\)](#) (Monday-Saturday)

The T

Nov. 20 - Jan. 18, 2016 Panther Island Ice: Fort Worth is about to get a lot cooler as the city's favorite holiday tradition, Panther Island Ice, returns for another season on November

20th. Fort Worth's only outdoor skating rink remains open 7 days a week, including all holidays, through January 18th. For hours and pricing, please visit www.pantherislandice.com (hours vary).

- Via The T [Route 1N](#) from [Intermodal Transportation Center](#), then a short walk.
- Visit www.the-t.com for holiday route schedules and more.

Dec. 13th Festivus 2015 is coming! Dec. 13th from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Fairmount will be the center of attention and all things FESTIVUS. Join the fun at Kent & Co. at 1101 W. Magnolia for a shuttle holiday light tour of the neighborhood, refreshments and a trip to Santa's Village with highlights along the way. Tickets will be \$10 each for adults and children are \$5 or free with a new toy to donate. Stay tuned for more information #fairmountfestivus.

- Please consider carpooling with family and/or friends to this event.
- Visit www.the-t.com for weekend bus route information.



Dec. 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE A Night Out with the Boys: Nat "King" Cole. Frank Sinatra. Louis Armstrong. Stevie Wonder. For nearly a century, this group of extraordinary men have cheered us up, echoed our heartaches, and reminded us of the beauty of just being alive... and of being

in love. Ring in the New Year with style when vocalist Dee Daniels brings her unique jazz styling to classic hits by these musical legends. Visit www.fwsymphony.org to purchase tickets.

- **Via a short walk from Intermodal Transportation Center**
- **Via The T Route 2 from Intermodal Transportation Center, then a short walk**
- **Visit www.the-t.com for holiday route schedules and more.**

DCTA

Dec. 5th Holiday Celebration:

Come out to shop, dine and get things done at the Rayzor Ranch Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 5th from 4 to 6 pm! Bring your camera for FREE photos with Santa and live holiday music featuring Alyssa Reynolds!

- **Via DCTA [Route 7](#) from [Downtown Denton Transit Center](#)**
- **Please consider carpooling to the event as well**

Dec. 11th Reindeer Romp 4.2 Mile Run and 2.5 Mile Walk:

See Christmas lights and holiday decorations up close during the Reindeer Romp as you run or walk through South Lakes neighborhoods. The entry fee includes a T-shirt, fruit, snacks, and beverages at the end of the run. Early registration ends December 2nd, \$15 registration. Race day registration is \$20. Event time: 6:30 pm check-in; race begins 7:30 pm.

- **Free Holiday Fun Zone:** Participate in Reindeer Romp while we entertain your kids. Activities will be from 7 - 8:30 pm and include a giant bounce house, face painting, and crafts. If temperatures fall below 38 degrees, we will not host the fun zone.
- **Via DCTA [Route 1](#) from [Downtown Denton Transit Center](#)**
- **Please consider carpooling to the event as well**



Dec. 19th Breakfast with Santa: This will be the highlight of your holiday season! Kids will enjoy breakfast, get their faces painted, play in the bounce houses, and will make holiday crafts. Kids are invited to also write a letter to Santa and visit with him. Pictures will be taken and one is complimentary. Adults may eat for an additional \$3. Event time: 9 to 11 am.

- Via a short walk from [Downtown Denton Transit Center](#)
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