

Celebrate the Holidays in Downtown Elgin!

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Elgin Texas: Ring in the holidays with a downtown celebration that will fill you with the spirit of the season. Saturday, December 3, children young and old can visit with Santa Claus and share their wishes. Capture the moment with an official portrait by the Friends of Elgin Parks. Held in partnership with the River Valley Farmers Market and Barry Perez Studios, Holiday By the Tracks includes fresh produce and baked goods, handmade arts and crafts, unique items and one of a kind creations by artists from the Central Texas area. Entertainment throughout the day at the Gazebo concludes with a Live Nativity produced by St Peter's Lutheran Church.

In addition to the arts and crafts and farmers market items downtown, Barry Perez Studios at 621 Lexington Road will be open with artists including fine jewelry, metal crafts, hand pressed architectural tiles and more. Area non-profit groups will be at Holiday By the Tracks to share information about their projects and raise funds to support operations. A Decorated Christmas Tree Auction will be held in the afternoon with proceeds from each tree benefitting a local non-profit group. Last year, trees ranged from a darling Charlie Brown original from the St Peter's Lutheran Youth Group to one covered with hand painted birds from the Elgin Art Association. The day includes delicious food, activities for the kids, and store specials throughout downtown.

Elgin is home to two Christmas tree farms, both have gift shops, games for the kids, and beautiful scenery. Elgin Christmas Tree Farm and Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm are locally owned and operated and are open throughout the fall and winter months. Visit www.evergreen-farms.com and www.elginchristmastreefarm.com

The grand finale is the Holiday Lighted Parade, sponsored by the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department. Held at dusk the parade presents a magical lighted wonderland and Santa Claus waving from an antique fire truck. The Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Board, and City of Elgin Parks & Community Development Department organize Holiday By the Tracks as a community celebration of the holidays. Events occur from 10am to 8pm and a complete schedule can be found at www.elgintx.com

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