



# DISCOVER

## MAYOR IVY R. TAYLOR'S LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY CONTEST

Visit downtown with your family this holiday season, and vote for your favorite downtown holiday light display! Individuals can vote for their favorite lighting displays online at [LightUpDowntownSA.com](http://LightUpDowntownSA.com). Winners will be recognized by Mayor Taylor at New Year's Eve Celebrate San Antonio. Voting runs from Nov. 27 - Dec. 21.

## KELSEY MONTAGUE INTERACTIVE PUBLIC ART MURALS

Artist Kelsey Montague visited San Antonio to complete three downtown interactive murals commissioned by the City of San Antonio. Montague is traveling the world completing these murals as part of the "What Lifts You" campaign. The public is encouraged to post pictures with the murals on social media under the hashtag #whatliftsyou. The murals will be up for a limited time, so don't miss them! Free. Travis Park, 217 Houston Street and Houston Street Garage. Email [kelly.kapaun@sanantonio.gov](mailto:kelly.kapaun@sanantonio.gov) for details.

## WINTER WALK

Enjoy a self-guided walk through a Winter Wonderland including lights and holiday scenes on the trail behind the Parman Library. Open every evening in December from 6-8 p.m. Free. 27035 Wilderness Oak. Call (210) 207-2703 or visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for details.

## WINTERFEST

Kids of all ages will be welcoming winter to San Antonio at this year's WinterFest. There may not be snow - but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate the season with some warm-hearted winter fun. Visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for participating locations and times.

## 3 CREATIVE PLACE-KEEPING SERIES: PLAZA DE ARMAS OPENING RECEPTION

The Department for Culture & Creative Development hosts a series that explores how art, culture and history play a synonymous role when informing the evolution or transformation of an urban place with deep historical roots such as downtown San Antonio's Plaza de Armas (Military Plaza). This opening reception for the exhibit will feature a musical performance by Azul Barrientos. 5-7 p.m. Free. Culture Commons Storefront Gallery and Exhibit Hall, 115 Plaza de Armas. Call (210) 206-ARTS (2787) or visit [GetCreativeSanAntonio.com](http://GetCreativeSanAntonio.com) for details.

## 5 WINTER WONDERLAND

Winter Wonderland has fun for the whole family, with arts and crafts vendors, San Antonio's first four-story snow mountain ride, snow dome playground, snow globe photos, selfies with Santa and Santa sumo suits. Noon-7 p.m. Travis Park, 301 E. Travis St. Call (210) 207-3677 or visit [TravisParkSA.com](http://TravisParkSA.com) for details.

## 5 & 6 HAPPY HOWL-IDAYS - DOG DAYS AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Enjoy a dog friendly weekend at the Garden. Dogs on a leash are welcome during this special weekend. Doggie treats and pools of water will be available for your pup as you stroll and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature in winter. A \$5 donation per dog will go towards local animal friendly charities. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Pl. Call (210) 207-3250 or visit [SABOT.org](http://SABOT.org) for details.

## 6 COMMANDER'S HOUSE 35TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND CRAFT SALE

The entire family is invited to attend the 35th Annual Open House and Craft Sale. Purchase unique gifts, enjoy musical entertainment, light refreshments and get your photo taken with Santa. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Commander's House Adult and Senior Center, 622 S. Flores. Call (210) 207-3010 for details.

## 6 GRAND OPENING OF POPULUX COMMISSARY

Join La Villita Historic Arts Village for the opening of Populux Commissary, a modern mix of mid-century and pop surreal art. Grand opening celebration will include music by the gypsy jazz hot swing band, Los Djangoleros. 1-7 p.m. Free. La Villita Historic Arts Village, 418 Villita St. Call (210) 207-8614 for details.

## 7 SPURS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION BEGINS

Boys and girls, 6-16, who are looking to stay active and fit by shooting hoops are encouraged to register at select Parks and Recreation Department Community Centers. To sign up, parents are asked to call the Community Center to confirm which age divisions they are hosting and then visit the center to complete a registration form and pay the registration fee. The \$10 fee (per child), includes a team shirt and a water bottle. League play begins the week of Jan. 25, 2016. Call (210) 207-3000 or visit [SanAntonio.Gov/ParksAndRec](http://SanAntonio.Gov/ParksAndRec) for details.

## 8 AN EVENING IN TRAVIS PARK

Guests will enjoy music, food and family fun. Downtown Tuesday has free parking available after 5 p.m. at City operated garages, lots and meters. 5-8 p.m. Travis Park, 301 E. Travis St. Call (210) 207-3677 or visit [TravisParkSA.com](http://TravisParkSA.com) for details.

## 8 DOWNTOWN TUESDAY BE-CAUSE

'Tis the season to wine and dine at Nectar Wine Bar & Ale House and celebrate Downtown Tuesday! Celebrate the holidays while benefiting United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County. 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include a wine flight, appetizers and live entertainment. 214 Broadway. Visit [DowntownTuesday.com](http://DowntownTuesday.com) for details.

## 8 FINDING MY STORY: LAURIE ANN GUERRERO READING AND MEMOIR WRITING WORKSHOP

Enjoy a reading by author and San Antonio Poet Laureate Laurie Ann Guerrero followed by a memoir writing workshop. Introductions will be made by Mayor Ivy R. Taylor. 6:30 p.m. Free. Central Library, 600 Soledad. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for details.

## 8 HISTORIC HOLIDAY FUN RUN

Get in the holiday spirit with OHP! Participate in a 5k fun run along the Museum Reach and enjoy a private tour of the St. Anthony Hotel. Register online at [Events.com](http://Events.com) (Search: historic) 6-8 p.m. Free. Start/Finish at Travis Park, 301 Travis St. Call (210) 215-9274 for details.

## 8 MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB

Mayor's Book Club & SAPL present San Antonio Poet Laureate Laurie Ann Guerrero. Enjoy a reading by author and San Antonio Poet Laureate, Laurie Ann Guerrero followed by a memoir writing workshop. Introductions will be made by Mayor Ivy R. Taylor. 6-7:30 p.m. Centro Library Auditorium, 600 Soledad. Call (210) 207-2644 or visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for details.

## 11 & 12 HOLLY DAZE ROCK!

With the historic Arneson River Theater as a backdrop, the Parks and Recreation department's pre-professional youth band Take Note will present high energy holiday rock and pop favorites to get everyone in the spirit of the season. 7 p.m. Arneson River Theatre. Call (210) 207-3132 for details.

## 18 SWIM WITH THE ELVES

The holidays will be brought to life for children, 12 and under, and their families with sleigh races, carnival games, swimming and everyone's favorite, snow ball fights at the third annual Swim with the Elves event. Holiday themed face painting and healthy treats will also be offered. Free. 1-3 p.m. San Antonio Natatorium, 1430 W. Cesar Chavez. Call (210) 207-3299 for details.

## 12 FRIEDRICH WILDERNESS PARK SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAM

Do you have any animal friends? Meet Tom Kinsey, Master Naturalist and animal lover and explore some of the living things around us and learn what makes them special. There will be live animals to observe, examine, and touch. 10-11 a.m. Friedrich Wilderness Park, 21395 Milsa. RSVP required. Call (210) 207-3782 for details.

## 12 MEDINA RIVER NATURAL AREA SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAM - STAR PARTY

Join us for a Star Party! The San Antonio Astronomical Association will bring their high tech telescopes for participants to view the stars and the planets in the early evening. A great video of the universe will be included, weather permitting. Refreshments and a kid-friendly craft are included. A donation of \$3 per individual or \$5 per family is suggested. 6-8 p.m. Medina River Natural Area, 15890 Hwy. 16 S. Call (210) 207-3106 for details.

## 12 2015 COFFEE FESTIVAL

La Villita's annual Coffee Festival returns just in time for the holiday season and the colder weather. This family-friendly event features more than a dozen coffee exhibitors, specialty coffee tasting flights, live entertainment, holiday shopping, food and free arts activities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. La Villita Historic Arts Village, 418 Villita St. Call (210) 207-8614 for details.

## 12 ENCINO MULTICULTURAL WINTER FESTIVAL!

Come and celebrate the Winter Holidays through countries around the world! Crafts, samples of traditional food, dance and music. A visit from Santa and photo opportunity. Activities for all ages! Bring the whole family and enjoy the holiday festivities! 2 p.m. Free. Encino Branch Library, 2515 East Evans Rd. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for details.

## 12 THE JONES FAMILY SINGERS

Be ready to be spiritually inspired by The Jones Family Singers, a three-generation high-energy gospel group. The hip-shaking, inspirational group will perform at the Carver. 8 p.m. \$35. 226 N. Hackberry. Call (210) 207-2234 or visit [TheCarver.org](http://TheCarver.org) for details.

## 15 16, & 17 COMMANDER'S HOUSE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS

Adults and seniors, 18 and up, are invited to celebrate the season with a delicious holiday meal and musical entertainment. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$3 per person. Commander's House, 635 N. Main St. For reservations, call (210) 207-3010.

## 19 URBAN BIRDS

Join Greg and Jana Gibbons, Master Naturalists and avid birders as they use fun and games to teach how to identify urban birds found in San Antonio. A kid-friendly activity is included. Phil Hardberger Park West, Urban Ecology Center, 8400 N.W. Military Hwy. The program is free and no registration is required. A donation to the PHP Conservancy of \$3/person or \$5/family is suggested. Call (210) 492-7472 for details.

## 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Creating snow slime and bejeweled holiday ornaments and participating in a three point shootout or a hula hoop pass are just a few of the active games and holiday craft projects that will keep youth active and entertained. The camps, for youth ages 6-14, will be held at select Parks and Recreation Community Centers. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$3 per participant per day and includes lunch and a snack. Call (210) 207-3047 for details.

## 22 HOLIDAY EVENT AT THE CLAUDE W. BLACK COMMUNITY CENTER

Come learn about different resources in the community. Free. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Claude W. Black Community Center, E Commerce St. Call (210) 207-6502 for details.

## 24 - Jan. 3 CITY HOLIDAY - WINTER BREAK

Most City offices and libraries will be closed. Thursday, Dec. 24 collection moves to Wednesday, Dec. 23. Friday, Dec. 25 collection moves to Thursday, Dec. 24. Thursday, Dec. 31 collection moves to Wednesday, Dec. 30. Friday, Jan. 1 collection moves to Thursday, Dec. 31. All bulky waste collection centers, brush centers and the household hazardous waste facilities will be closed Dec. 25-27 & Jan. 1. Call 3-1-1 or visit [SanAntonio.gov](http://SanAntonio.gov) for details.

### In the Spotlight



311 - CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE. 311 CITY SERVICES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS ARE AVAILABLE 24/7 BY USING THE CITY'S FREE MOBILE APP OR ONLINE AT [SANANTONIO.GOV/311](http://SANANTONIO.GOV/311). YOU CAN ALSO CALL THE 311 CALL CENTER FROM 7 A.M. - 7 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY OR 8 A.M.-5 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @SANANTONIO311.



SA VOLUNTEERS - THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS AND CITY EMPLOYEES TO BECOME MORE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY. ONCE RESIDENTS, AGE 14 AND OLDER, COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ONLINE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM, THEY CAN SEARCH A VARIETY OF SERVICE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS. REGISTRATION FORM AND MORE INFORMATION ON THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ARE AVAILABLE AT [SANANTONIO.GOV](http://SANANTONIO.GOV) OR BY CALLING MELISSA ESCAMILLA, THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, AT (210) 207-8178.



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