The 2017 Holiday Season at NorthPark Center

The Salvation Army Angel Tree
November 10 – December 6, 2017 | Level One near Macy’s
Make the holiday season a memorable one for those in need by giving presents, clothing and necessities through the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Choose an Angel, drop off your gift by December 6, and the Salvation Army will make your delivery in time for Christmas. Created in 1979, the Angel Tree is one of the Salvation Army’s most important holiday efforts. NorthPark Center Angel Tree patrons have contributed millions of dollars in donated Christmas gifts to over 40,000 North Texans. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10AM-9PM. Sunday, 12-6PM.

Bark + Build Dog Houses benefiting the SPCA of Texas
November 13 – December 3, 2017 | Level One between Macy’s and Dillard’s
The SPCA of Texas, the Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and TEXO, the Construction Association, proudly present the third annual Bark + Build design and build competition and auction to benefit the SPCA of Texas’ “Home for the Holidays” event. Architects, contractors and design teams come together to create one-of-a-kind dog houses that will be auctioned off. The dog houses will be judged on both design and construction quality by a jury panel, with various award categories. All proceeds from the auction will go to the SPCA of Texas. The competition and auction serves to foster relationships between architecture and contractor firms and raise awareness and support for the SPCA of Texas’ mission, while exhibiting to the public high-quality design and construction from the talented professional teams.

The Trains at NorthPark™ benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas
November 18, 2017 – January 7, 2018 | Level Two between Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom
The Trains at NorthPark™, presented by Bank of Texas, has been a NorthPark Center tradition for 19 years. The most elaborate miniature toy trains exhibit in Texas, The Trains at NorthPark™ features trains rolling across 1,800 feet of track on a journey across America. Cityscapes include New York City’s Time Square and Grand Central Station, Washington D.C.’s White House, New England’s fall foliage, the Grand Canyon, Route 66, San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge, Albuquerque’s hot air balloons, and of course, Dallas’ Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, State Fair of Texas, Cotton Bowl, Perot Museum, Southern Methodist University and more. The exhibit encompasses train-themed environments, with all the trimmings of the holiday train travel experience - steam engines, coach cars, a ticket booth and a train station. More than 80,000 people visit The Trains at NorthPark™ each season as a part of their holiday tradition. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10AM-9PM. Sunday, 11AM-7PM. Thanksgiving Day, closed. Christmas Eve, 9AM-4PM. Christmas Day, closed. New Year’s Eve, 10AM-4PM. New Year’s Day, 11AM-6PM.

SPCA of Texas’ “Home for the Holidays” Pet Adoption Center
November 24 – December 23, 2017 | Level One between Macy’s and Dillard’s
The sky is the limit for the dogs (and cats!) that make any house a home. The SPCA of Texas’ “Home for the Holidays” Pet Adoption Center at NorthPark Center has provided special adoption experiences for thousands of four-legged animals and their loving new families for 27 years. Assistance is offered at select times to help families choose the right animals for their lifestyle. Regular adoption fees are $100 for puppies and kittens aged 0-6 months, $50 for adult dogs and cats aged 6 months or older, $25 for senior dogs or cats aged 7 years and older and $25 for VIP dogs and cats (available for adoption for 30 days or more). Fee includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a heartworm test for dogs
six months and older and a FIV/FeLV test for cats 4 months and older, initial flea/tick preventative and heartworm preventative, a microchip, 30 days of pet health insurance provided by PetPlan, a free 14-day wellness exam with VCA Animal Hospitals, a free year-long subscription to Activ4Pets, a rabies tag and a free leash or cardboard cat carrier. 

Hours: Daily, 12-6PM.

Reindeer Park and Festival
Friday, November 24, 2017 | CenterPark Garden
Join Santa, Rudolph and friends for a special festival honoring the most famous reindeer of all. Gather in NorthCourt at 10:30AM for Santa’s arrival at the annual Salvation Army Angel Tree Celebration, and then head outside to Reindeer Park for Santa’s first storyline. Reindeer Park activities include a live reindeer corral, photo opportunities, reindeer games and crafts, a holiday DJ, giving opportunities with the Angel Tree, and holiday treats and surprises. Hours: Black Friday, 10:30AM-2PM.

Visits and Portraits with Santa Claus
November 24 – December 24, 2017 | Level One in Macy’s Court
Capture memories of a lifetime with one-on-one visits and portraits with Santa Claus. Children feel right at home in Santa Claus' cozy living room with a fireplace, holiday tree and a comfy leather armchair. Take photos with your own camera or purchase professional portraits by Marc Robins Photography. Tickets are available starting at 9AM, Monday-Saturday, and 10AM on Sunday. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 11AM-2PM, 2:30-5PM, and 5:30-7PM. Sunday, 12:30-3PM and 3:30-5PM. Christmas Eve, 10AM-2PM.

Storytime with Santa Claus
November 25 – December 24, 2017 | Level One in Macy’s Court
Gather around Santa’s picture-book cottage to hear stories about the North Pole. Santa has been telling tales at NorthPark Center for over 25 years, and we invite you to make it a part of your family’s holiday tradition. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10:30AM. Sunday, 12PM.

Santa’s Toy Shoppe Puppet Theatre
November 24 – December 24, 2017 | Level Two between Nordstrom and Macy’s, near Green House Market
How does Santa get all of those presents to little boys and girls around the world? Santa’s Toy Shoppe Puppet Theatre animates the story of a toymaker and a cast of entertaining characters working to get Santa’s toys completed in time for Christmas Eve delivery. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 11AM-7PM. Sunday, 12-6PM. Christmas Eve, 11AM-3PM. Shows begin at the top of every hour.

Scrooge Puppet Theatre
November 24 – December 24, 2017 | Level One in EastCourt, near Dillard’s
NorthPark Center’s whimsical Scrooge Puppet Theatre has been a holiday tradition for four decades. Charles Dickens’ famous character creates a funny scene through the magic of puppetry by Le Theatre de Marionette. Children of all ages giggle with delight as everyone’s favorite despicable holiday character emerges from his cottage at the bottom of every hour. Come back time and again for this improvisational performance, and be sure to catch the final show on Christmas Eve when Scrooge finally is filled with the holiday spirit. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 11:30AM-8:30PM. Sunday, 12:30PM-6:30PM. Christmas Eve, 10:30AM-3:30PM. Shows begin at the bottom of every hour.

Sights and Sounds of the Season Performances
November 28 – December 22, 2017 | Dillard’s Court and NorthCourt
The sounds of the season fill the air at NorthPark Center as performance groups take the stage in celebration of the holidays. Catch your favorite school, church, synagogue, community or professional group throughout the holiday season.

Thursday, November 30
Turtle Creek Chorale
7PM, NorthCourt
Friday, December 1
Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts “Singing Girls of Texas”
1PM, NorthCourt

New Texas Symphony Orchestra
7PM, NorthCourt

Saturday, December 2
Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts Dance Cluster
12PM, NorthCourt

Bruce Wood Dance presents “Mistletoe Magic”
1PM, NorthCourt

Dark Circles Contemporary Dance
2:15PM, NorthCourt

Sunday, December 3
Dallas Black Dance Theatre Academy Performance Ensembles
3PM, NorthCourt

Saturday, December 9
Metropolitan Winds
12PM, NorthCourt

Texas Ballet Theater, Dallas School
1:30PM, NorthCourt

Collin County Ballet Theatre presents excerpts from “The Nutcracker”
4:30PM, NorthCourt

Avant Chamber Ballet
6:30PM, NorthCourt

Saturday, December 16
The Dallas Opera presents “The Three Little Pigs”
1PM, NorthCourt

Dallas Ballet Center presents excerpts from “The Nutcracker”
2:45PM and 3:30PM, NorthCourt

Sunday, December 17
The Salvation Army Dallas Temple/Irving Brass Band and Choir
2PM, NorthCourt

Partial listing.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign
December 1 – 24, 2017 | Throughout NorthPark Center
Bells are ringing at NorthPark Center to encourage visitors to donate their spare change through the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, which raises crucial funds for year-round programs at more than a dozen Salvation Army centers in North Texas.
Camp Gingerbread benefiting Shared Housing
December 2 – 3, 2017 | Level One near Macy’s
The holidays are sweet at Camp Gingerbread, where little ones can decorate gingerbread cookies with their favorite sugary delights, including frosting, nuts, dried fruit, candies and sprinkles. Proceeds benefit Shared Housing, a non-profit organization that facilitates affordable housing options for those in need. Cost is $10 per child. Hours: Saturday, 10AM-5PM. Sunday, 11AM-4PM.

Gingertown Dallas Live Build benefiting Children’s Craniofacial Association
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 5PM | Level One in Nordstrom Court
Now in its eighth year, the annual Gingertown Dallas is one of the biggest gingerbread house events in North Texas with proceeds benefiting Children’s Craniofacial Association. Originally founded in 2006 by David M. Schwarz Architects, Gingertown is a unique holiday initiative which brings together talent from local design, engineering and construction firms for a live build competition to help spread joy and hope during the holidays. Once completed, Gingertown Dallas will be on view through December 24.

Dallas Symphony Orchestra Christmas Pops Concert
Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7PM | NorthCourt
Celebrate the season with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Christmas Pops Concert at NorthPark Center. Conductor Lawrence Loh will lead the symphony in holiday favorites, including The Nutcracker, The Polar Express and special sing-alongs for the whole family. This free concert takes place in NorthCourt, on Level One between Nordstrom and Macy’s. Food and drink will be available for purchase from NorthPark restaurants.

The Salvation Army 12 Days of Giving Tree
December 9 – 23, 2017 | Level One near Macy’s
Continue the spirit of the holidays with the 12 Days of Giving Tree, an opportunity to provide financial support to the Salvation Army’s year-round programs. The tree is decorated with an array of tags with photos and stories of those who receive help from the Salvation Army, as well as giving options at different monetary levels. The funds raised will provide important services like shelter, meals, domestic violence therapy and youth programs like after-school care and music lessons.

Treats of Christmas benefiting the North Texas Food Bank
Saturday, December 16, 2017 | Level One near Macy’s and Level Two between Nordstrom and Macy’s
Join NorthPark Center for the ultimate holiday bake sale benefiting the North Texas Food Bank. Presented by the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Chefs Association, dozens of premier chefs from area restaurants and catering companies present an assortment of gourmet cakes, sweets, pies and cookies available for purchase.

Images of all activities available on Dropbox here.

About NorthPark Center
NorthPark Center is the finest shopping experience and the preeminent shopping center in the Southwest with more than 230 stores and restaurants, including more than 70 market exclusives. Anchored by Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Macy’s and Dillard’s, NorthPark offers an unparalleled collection of luxury boutiques set amid internationally acclaimed 20th and 21st century art, award-winning architecture and extraordinary landscaping, as well as a 1.4-acre garden, CenterPark, and a state-of-the-art movie theatre, AMC NorthPark 15. NorthPark surpassed $1.2 billion in sales in 2016 and consistently ranks as one of the top five performing shopping centers in the United States. NorthPark is North Texas’ number one tourist destination and is conveniently located seven miles from downtown Dallas and 35 miles from Fort Worth. northparkcenter.com, 214-363-7441, 8687 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75225.

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