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Celebrate the Holidays in Downtown Napa

Downtown Napa Offers Events for the Whole Family and Kids at Heart

NAPA, Calif. (December 7, 2012) – The holidays are in full swing in Downtown Napa as the city hosts various events throughout the month of December, fun for all ages. From "Magical Evenings" to an Ugly Sweater Culinary Crawl, locals and visitors have plenty to choose from this holiday season. All events are listed on <u>DoNapa.com</u>, in addition to various lodging specials at the local <u>hotels</u> and <u>bed & breakfast</u> properties.

The city is covered in festive lights this time of year and the Christmas Tree in Veterans Park shines bright with its ornaments and lights. Store front properties along First Street are decorated with holiday themed art from local artists and <u>Napa on Ice</u> is back for its second year, offering fun for anyone looking to unleash their inner child.

Napa's Riverfront is celebrating the holidays this month by hosting <u>"Magical Evenings"</u> every Thursday leading up to Christmas from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Located on South Main Street between Third and Fifth Streets, the highlight of "Magical Evenings" is the Santa Experience where visitors can take their own photo with Santa in the "Big Chair," a newly constructed, oversized chair measuring six feet wide by eight feet tall. The events, taking place December 6, 13 and 20, will also include horse-drawn carriage rides, complimentary treats, such as hot chocolate at Sweetie Pies Bakery, Christmas Karaoke and the nearly 20 shops, restaurants and special venues that make up Napa's Riverfront will offer visitors extended hours and exclusive specials.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting <u>Ca' Momi Enoteca</u> inside <u>Oxbow Public Market</u> on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring the family to meet Santa and the Mrs. while enjoying the Oxbow experience.

The <u>Downtown Napa Culinary Crawl</u> returns Thursday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. and in the spirit of the holidays the entire group will be decked out in their ugliest holiday sweater. The crawl will begin at <u>The Pear</u>, the newest restaurant along the Riverfront. Participants will then head to <u>Ceja Vineyards Wine Tasting Room</u> for tasty wine and delicious food, provided by <u>Bistro Sabor</u>. The final stop of the crawl will be <u>Molinari Caffe</u> where everyone will enjoy holiday themed drinks and treats. To purchase tickets to the event, visit <u>www.CulinaryCrawl.com</u>.

Downtown Napa merchants are also hosting a variety of **holiday specials** for the month of December. From the <u>Napa Valley Wine</u> <u>Train</u> to <u>Silo's</u> to <u>Back Room Wines</u> and <u>Uncorked at Oxbow</u>, visit the <u>DoNapa website</u> for specific specials.

For more information about events in Downtown Napa, visit <u>www.DoNapa.com/Events</u>. For more information about Downtown Napa and all lodging properties, restaurants, wine tasting rooms, entertainment venues and other businesses, visit <u>www.DoNapa.com</u>.

About Downtown Napa

Downtown Napa is a premier destination in the Napa Valley offering a food and wine experience unlike any other. It is the only area of the Napa Valley that brings together over 70 restaurants, 20 plus wine tasting rooms, more than 44 hotels and picturesque bed & breakfasts, nightlife and activities all within walking distance. Through a variety of events and happenings such as the <u>Culinary Crawl</u>, concerts at Veterans Park and more, Downtown Napa engages visitors and locals with a vibrant downtown district. Learn more at <u>DoNapa.com</u>. Follow Downtown Napa on <u>Twitter</u> at <u>@NapaDowntown</u> and "like" downtown on Facebook at http://facebook.com/downtownnapa.