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Everett's Wintertide celebration adds to the holiday fun

A flurry of new activities added and old favorites return

EVERETT, Wash. – Visitors and residents are invited to Everett's annual Wintertide, a multi-week holiday celebration. Festivities begin on Friday, Nov. 25, with the City's downtown tree-lighting ceremony featuring a visit from Santa, free cocoa and cookies, music and family fun.

"I'm happy to see Wintertide growing into a beloved tradition for visitors and residents alike to enjoy fun, safe holiday activities while supporting our local small businesses," said Cassie Franklin, mayor of the City of Everett. "We plan to build upon our event offerings each year, so there will be opportunities for all to experience some holiday magic."

Following the tree-lighting kickoff are several weeks of fun holiday events, including:

Downtown Everett's Shop Small event on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26, featuring great deals at downtown businesses.

The Port's Holiday on the Bay is Saturday, Dec. 3, featuring boatloads of fun for the whole family, including ice skating at Pacific Ice, Santa photos, a cookie decorating contest, a lighted boat parade and expanded outdoor lighting displays.

Wintertide at Gipson on Dec. 3 and 4 at the Carl Gipson Center, presented by Volunteers of America, will feature a holiday market, live entertainment, cookies, cocoa, Santa photos and more.

The Everett Farmers Market is hosting an indoor holiday market at the Angel of the Winds arena on Sunday, Dec. 4.

The Wintertide Festival and Makers Market returns to Wetmore Plaza on Saturday, Dec. 10 with even more makers, food trucks, Santa photos and free live entertainment in the Cope Gillette Theatre.

The Downtown Everett Association, in partnership with the City of Everett, is adding additional holiday lights downtown, including 6-foot snowflakes over Colby Avenue and updated lights on the Hewitt Avenue tree. The Evergreen Arboretum will also grow its free Wintertide Light walk-through displays for the community to enjoy.

The popular community ice skating rink at Pacific Rim Plaza returns to the Everett waterfront thanks to a partnership between the Port of Everett and Pacific Ice. The rink is set to open on Nov. 18; tickets are available at www.portofeverett.com/pacificice.

The Thursday Santa Cruises hosted by Everett Fire are back in 2022 as well. Be on the lookout for Santa on Dec. 1, 8 and 15. Santa will stop at neighborhood parks this year for families to come and visit. He'll also collect unused toys and unexpired food for local charity partners.

More information and a complete list of events and schedules can be found at www.visiteverett.com/wintertide.

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