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Holidays in the City: Santa and his reindeer are coming to Downtown Syracuse

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Ice skaters at the Clinton Square Ice Rink in Downtown Syracuse. (File Photo)

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A screening of "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be shown at the Landmark Theatre on Dec. 17 at 3 p.m.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Downtown Syracuse will transform into a winter wonderland, complete with carolers on street corners, live reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh and Santa Claus skating on the Clinton Square Ice Rink, at the inaugural Holidays in the City celebration.

The festivities run from Dec. 16 to 17 around Downtown Syracuse. The event is a collaboration among the City of Syracuse, the Downtown Committee, Advance Media New York and nearly two dozen local businesses and organizations.

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"We want to create a Norman Rockwell holiday experience for Syracuse," said Annette Peters, Vice President of Marketing for Advance Media New York. "Our role is to pull downtown stakeholders and residents together to showcase our community."

Other highlights include choir performances in Hanover Square, a free screening of "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the Landmark Theatre and freebies and deals at participating restaurants and shops.

A free trolley will stop at various spots in Downtown Syracuse, including Clinton Square, Hanover Square, Armory Square, the Erie Canal Museum and the Onondaga Historical Association.



The trolley runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 16 and noon to 4 p.m. on Dec. 17.

Families can also register children for the "Smart Santa Experience," which will allow Santa to know the child's name and what they want for Christmas, all before the child takes a seat on Santa's lap. That'll take place on Dec. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Galleries of Syracuse, 441 S. Salina St., Families can sign up a week in advance.

For a full schedule of times, events, shuttle routes and specials, visit <u>holidaysinsyr.com.</u>

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