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'Twas the Light Before Christmas Kicks off Holiday Season

With Christmas just a few weeks away, Downtown Lafayette plans to usher in the holiday season with the fourth annual 'Twas the Light Before Christmas, an event



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made possible with generous support from AT&T. This event is fashioned as a traditional downtown holiday celebration to be enjoyed by the entire family together and has grown this year to include some new, unexpected elements as well. Altogether, with an assortment of activities from noon until 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 29, the Saturday following Thanksgiving, 'Twas the Light Before Christmas will be a holiday kickoff to remember! (Rain date Dec. 6).

Free admission to downtown museums

Beginning as early at 10 a.m., visitors can enjoy a **free pass to three exceptional museums** – the Lafayette Natural History Museum and Planetarium, the Acadiana Center for the Arts and the Alexandre Mouton House (or Lafayette Museum). Here is a rare opportunity to visit these multiple cultural destinations at no charge! Also, enjoy the dining and shopping options downtown offers, and the locally-owned shops and galleries which will extend hours as part of a **daylong Open House**. Meanwhile, in



Parc Sans Souci, the hub of much of the day's activity, the Louisiana Crafts Guild presents dozens of its members' work in a **fine crafts market**. Adjacent to the market will be a hands-on workshop for children to make crafts in partnership with the Crafts Guild.

Family fun rides

Couples, families, adults or youngsters – everyone will want to embark on special rides in or around Parc Sans Souci. **Horse-drawn carriage rides** will leave from the park and tour our picturesque downtown.



Net proceeds from the small fee for the rides will be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps **Toys for Tots** program, in hopes of making the holidays brighter for underprivileged children in Acadiana.

For the kids

The stage at the park will host a full afternoon of programming including holiday musical performances from carolers and a band. Bring children to participate in the **Children's Christmas Sing-along**.

As in years past, AT&T will also be providing **free photos with Santa Claus**, who has promised to take time off during high season to visit the children of Acadiana in attendance.

Also visiting will be on-air personality Bruce Mikels of 97.3 The Dawg to read the traditional poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The culmination of all these activities comes at dusk, when City-Parish President Joey Durel **lights the city's official Christmas tree!**

Rudolph Run 5K Debuts This Holiday Season

As a new feature of the 'Twas the Light Before Christmas, downtown Lafayette will host the Rudolph Run, a combination 5K run and walk. The Rudolph Run which begins at Parc Sans Souci during the holiday event on Nov. 29 is presented by Cal-Chlor and supported by Red's Health & Racquet Club and Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.

Participants will line up on Polk Street alongside Parc Sans Souci for a start time of 3:30 p.m. The double-loop course will bring runners through downtown on what is becoming a popular race circuit, with the Cajun Cup, Komen Acadiana race and Children's Museum of Acadiana 5K Sashay all being held this year in the downtown district.

The Cajun Road Runners Club will facilitate and monitor the race for avid runners. Additionally, other participants are invited to participate individually or as a family.

All runners are encouraged to dress in festive holiday costume. In addition to awards for the best times, a costume contest will be held open to all registered participants. Could you run as jolly ole Saint Nick, or perhaps one of his



trusty reindeer? What about going in your high-fashion cocktail attire, or casually adorning yourself in the most red accessories you can manage? Gift certificates or cash prizes may be awarded to the top finishers in the costume contest.

Find a registration form online at www.DowntownLafayette.org or register on site beginning at 2:30 p.m. Registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day.

FULL EVENT SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 29

OPEN HOUSE ALL DAY

Shops, galleries and select restaurants remain open extended hours for your shopping and dining pleasure.

FREE ADMISSION DAY

Lafayette Natural History Museum & Planetarium, Acadiana Center for the Arts, and the Alexandre Mouton House (Lafayette Museum)

Musical performances and student holiday murals on display throughout the day!

PARC SANS SOUCI EVENTS

Noon	Fine Crafts Market opens
Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Horse-drawn Carriage Rides
1:00 – 4:00	Free Hands-on Activities for Children
3:30	Rudolph Run 5k/Fun Walk Start Time
	Free Santa Photos
5:00	Christmas Carol Sing-along
5:45	Reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas"
	Official City Christmas Tree Lighting by President Joey Durel
7:00	Movies in the Parc presents "The Polar Express" Parc International



Letter from the editor



For me, the mention of artist Norman Rockwell immediately conjures up the image of a downtown scene at Christmas time. Lampposts are ornamented with lighted wreaths. Townspeople nod greetings to each other as they duck in and out of shops to satisfy their gift-giving. School kids with gloved hands may scrape together snowballs as the white stuff continues to fall. As I walk through our district (frankly glad I won't be trudging through snow) I see that the unique downtown experience that you can have here offers plenty to make Rockwell proud. Our thriving downtown, with diverse offerings and opportunities within each block, is just as quaint.

Please take the time as we rush into and through this holiday season to visit restaurants, galleries and gift spots, performances and parks that make downtown Lafayette so special year-round.

A cornerstone of the holiday event calendar, the fourth annual 'Twas the Light Before Christmas, is coming Nov. 29, the Saturday after Thanksgiving (with a rainout date set for Dec. 6). This community event is Lafayette's adaptation of the traditional city Christmas experience, with a downtown open house and many activities including crafts and caroling centered in Parc Sans Souci. And for those with Rockwell's powder-white cityscape still fresh in their minds, we'll even have machines to blow in some snow! Read more about holiday-inspired happenings in this issue. See you downtown!

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Get in the holiday spirit: Volunteer!

Downtown Lafayette Unlimited is looking for enthusiastic and friendly volunteers. Dozens will be needed to assist with the Rudolph Run 5K and during 'Twas the Light Before Christmas. Please call 291-5566 or email info@downtownlafayette.org.

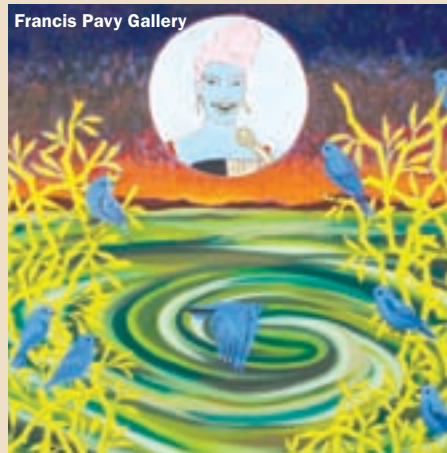


Gallery 549 - Donald LeBlanc

Give yourself and others the gift of art!

There are more than 6,000 individual pieces of art displayed in downtown Lafayette today, most offered for sale in retail galleries. Original artwork is perfect as a personal, unique and extra special gift for a loved one.

This holiday season, make downtown - Acadiana's preeminent arts and cultural district - your destination to see art and buy art. Galleries and museums are open throughout the week and on Saturdays, with extended hours on Nov. 29 as part of the Christmas celebration. The next regularly scheduled 2nd Saturday ArtWalk is Dec. 13. (ArtWalk, held all 12 months of the year on the second Saturday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. is established as a great way to peruse and purchase the best of local artists).



Francis Pavy Gallery



Galerie Eclaireuse - George Loll

DOWNTOWN ART GALLERIES

Acadiana Center for the Arts	101 W. Vermillion St.
Architects + Artists	200 Jefferson St.
Art Café	302-B Jefferson St.
Artistic Allure Gallery & Studio	413 Lee Ave.
Cité des Arts	109 Vine St.
Evangeline Gallery	1100 Lafayette St.
Francis Pavy Gallery	210 Gordon St.
Galerie Eclaireuse	535 1/2 Jefferson St.
Gallerie Lafayette	538 Jefferson St.
Gallery 549	549 Jefferson St.
Gallery R	116 E. Congress St.
Pottery Alley	205 1/2 W. Vermillion St.
Sans Souci Gallery	219 E. Vermillion St.
WhooJoo Glass	532 Jefferson St.

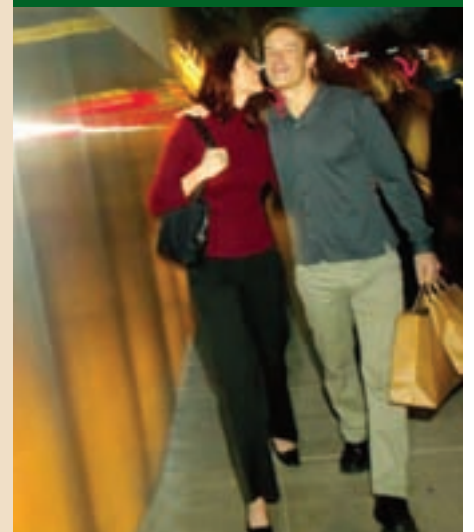
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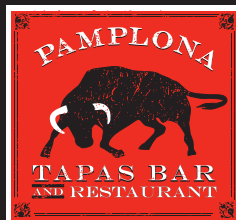
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SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENTS



Second Saturday ArtWalk
Downtown art galleries open
6 – 8 p.m.
Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14

Downtown Alive! 25th Anniversary season
Presented by Lafayette Coca-Cola,
Cox and Keaty Real Estate Gates open 5:30p.m.,
most performances 6:00-8:30p.m.

- 11/14** Racines / Parc Sans Souci
- 11/21** Beau Soleil avec Michael Doucet / Nathan & Zydeco Cha Chas / Parc International
- 11/26** Filé / Parc Sans Souci / Special Holiday Homecoming Downtown Alive! (Wed. before Thanksgiving)

Bach Lunch

Presented by the Lafayette Natural History Museum and Planetarium Noon – 1 p.m., Parc Sans Souci
11/14 The Howdies

Movies in the Parc

Sponsored by The Daily Advertiser, Cox, Home Bank Parc International, Gates open at 6:30p.m., Movie begins at 7:00p.m. \$2/person; kids 5 and under free.
11/29 The Polar Express



ART & MUSEUM

Acadiana Center for the Arts

- 101 W. Vermillion St. / 233-7060 / www.AcadianaCenterForTheArts.org
- 11/19** Kuniko Yamamoto – Japanese Storytelling with Magical Mask, Mime and Music 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 - 11/29** Free admission day as part of 'Twas the Light Before Christmas, 10a.m. – 6p.m.
 - 12/10** Calliope Puppets – Stories from South of the Border, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Alexandre Mouton House (Lafayette Museum)

- 1122 Lafayette St. / 234-2208
- 11/29** Free admission day as part of 'Twas the Light Before Christmas, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Each room of the home is lavishly appointed appropriate to 19th century Christmas splendor by local decorators and florists.
 - 12/4** Patron's Party. This annual event kicks off the Christmas celebration. Members

of Les Vingts Quatre create all the tantalizing dishes for the cocktail buffet served throughout the home. Admission is donation of \$50 per person, 6:30-9pm

Children's Museum of Acadiana

201 E. Congress St. / 232-8500
www.ChildrensMuseumOfAcadiana.com



New Year's at Noon

- 12/31** New Year's Noon and Carnival Countdown 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. The New Year's Noon event features the Carnival Countdown street fair – outdoor activities and games including Festive Face Painting, High Striker and Plinko. The Kiddie Cuisine booth will offer tasty treats. Admission \$5, grants access to the museum's indoor exhibits and activities.
- 1/19/09** Chagall for Children opens - An interactive exhibit based on the art of Marc Chagall. "Chagall for Children" features 14 fine reproductions of the artist's works. Viewers explore paintings through a variety of multi-sensory, hands-on activities.

Cité des Arts

109 Vine St. / 291-1122 / www.CiteDesArts.org
Nov.-Dec. Presenting a Children's Firelight Theater Production, an Omni Artisté Production, the Ryan School of Irish Dance, Cajun and Zydeco Dance, Bluegrass Jam and The Ballet Académie. Visit web site for details.

Lafayette Natural History Museum & Planetarium

- 433 Jefferson St. / 291-5544 / www.Inhmpmuseum.org
- 11/29** Free day as part of 'Twas the Light Before Christmas, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Holiday Camps

- For children of ages 8 -12, a variety of day activity camps available, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Children bring their own lunches; snacks provided, \$25 members, \$30 non-members.
- 11/24** Fun Investigations
 - 11/25** Treasure Hunters: Using GPS to locate "gold."
 - 11/26** Treasure Hunters: Using GPS to locate foreign coins.
 - 12/29** ZooZoom Presents: Exotic Animals
 - 12/30** Forensic Investigation: The Cookie Snatcher
 - 12/31** Forensic Investigation: The Missing Parakeet
 - 1/1/09** Make Your Own Clay Animation Flipbook

1/2/09 Everyday Fun with Digital Photography

Lafayette Public Library

301 W. Congress St. / 261-5775 / www.lafayette.lib.la.us
Socrates Café, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For thought-provoking conversation and dialogue with people of varying perspectives.

11/25 Terrific Totem Poles Students ages 7 - 12 years will create funny animal totem poles using paper towel rolls and wooden spoons. Call to pre-registration required. 10:30a.m., Browsing Room

12/6 Kids alive! Christmas, Christmas lights, carols and holiday music make for a family fun time this season. Students perform holiday favorites. Mrs. Claus makes her appearance. Free, 10:00 – 11:30a.m., Meeting Room

12/13 Authors' Alley. Celebrating local authors John Francois, Bud Johnson, Ann Justice and Thomas D. Schoonover. Authors will have books available for purchase and will personalize copies. 1:00 – 4:00p.m., Browsing Room

12/23 Candy Cane Mouse & Gift Tag Students ages 7 - 12 years will make a colorful felt mouse with a sparkling gift tag. Call to pre-registration required. 10:30a.m.

WORSHIP

First Baptist Church

1100 Lee Ave. / 233-1412 / www.fbclaf.org



12/12-14 Festival de Noël
Festival de Noël is a free, family festival and musical designed to celebrate the joy of Christmas with exciting activities preceding a professionally produced musical featuring music, drama and dance interpretations. Also includes Christmas Wreath Ornament Giveaway, Candy Cane Story Booth, Photo Booths, Christmas Village, Train Ride, Live nativity scene, Gingerbread house and free cookies, Christmas Caroling, Cajun 12 Days of Christmas Booth, Christmas tree lane, Romanian Christmas, Special guest

accordion sensation Hunter Hayes. Visit www.festivaldenoel.com.

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

- 1030 Johnston St. / 232-2732
- 12/24** Children's Christmas Eve Service, 4p.m. Holy Eucharist and Holy Children's Christmas Pageant, 4:30p.m. Caroling in Church, 10p.m. / Holy Eucharist, 10:30p.m.
 - 12/25** Holy Eucharist, 9a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

- 1130 Johnston St. / 234-5182
- 11/21** extended prelude with organist Dr. John Senick and pianist Sue Steck Turner
 - 11/27** Thanksgiving Day worship service, 11:30a.m., followed by informal shared Thanksgiving Day dinner (bring side dish)
 - 12/7** Service of Lessons and Music, Biblical readings with special music by choir and guest violinist Lauren Baker.
 - 12/24** Christmas Eve Service with candlelight communion service, 7 p.m.

Catherdral of Saint John the Evangelist

914 Saint John St. / 232-1322



Ongoing Hanley-Gueno Neapolitan Presepio Exhibit, Adults \$3/ seniors \$2/under 12 \$1 Authentically dressed puppet-type characters fashioned by Neapolitan craftsmen, The Baroque Neapolitan "Presepio" is a reminder that the true meaning of Christmas center on the birth of Christ.

- 12/2, 12/5** Chorale Acadienne presents Christmas by Candlelight, 7:30 p.m.
- 12/12** Christmas on the Plaza, 6:30 p.m., free, outdoor Live Praise & Worship, refreshments, visit by St. Nicholas
- 12/14** Lessons & Carols, 7:30 p.m., free

First United Methodist Church

- 703 Lee Ave. / 233-3811
- 12/14** Christmas Music Program by Girard Handbell Choir, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 - 12/21** Christmas Cantata performed by Chancel Choir, "Together for Christmas by Pepper Choplin," 8:30a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 - 12/24** Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

- 604 Lee Ave. / 234-3005
- 12/14** Angel Tree Program Christmas Play, 3 p.m.

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 555 Jefferson St. 234-8877
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 902 Johnston St. 233-3331
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 105 Saint Landry St. 232-3287
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 1115 Jefferson St. 233-5460
Domino's Pizza
 107 E. University Ave. 234-3030
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 301 E. Vermilion St. 235-3551
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 323 Jefferson St. 235-9364
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 900 Jefferson St. 291-9625
Frankie's
 427 Jefferson St. 237-0897
Guamas*
 302 Jefferson St. 267-4242
Johnson's Boucaniere
 111 Saint John St. 269-8878
Joy's Curbside Cuisine Kiosk
 739-6885
Keith's Ballroom
 417 Jefferson St. 237-4634
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 631 Jefferson St. 232-0070
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 105 Saint Landry St. 233-3335
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 538 Jefferson St. 233-5859
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 431 Jefferson St. 234-8955

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 712 Congress St. 233-2034

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 700 W. Congress St. 593-8593
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 501-511 Jefferson St. 235-4578
Tiara Jewelry
 426 Jefferson St. 235-8781
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 538 Jefferson St. 255-0910
Wa-Zoo
 408 Jefferson St. 593-8553

MUSEUM & CULTURAL

Acadiana Center for the Arts
 101 W. Vermilion St. 233-7060
Children's Museum of Acadiana
 201 E. Congress St. 232-8500
Lafayette Museum (Alexander Mouton)
 1122 Lafayette St. 234-2208
Lafayette Natural History Museum & Planetarium
 433 Jefferson St. 291-5581
Lafayette Public Library
 301 W. Congress St. 261-5775
Saint John's Cathedral Museum
 515 Cathedral St. 232-1322

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Juliet Hotel
 800 Jefferson St. 261-2225
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 215 E. Convent St. 234-2422

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 116 E. Congress St. 769-1530
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 205 1/2 W. Vermilion St. 349-9881
Sans Souci Fine Crafts Gallery
 219 E. Vermilion St. 266-7999
Whoojoo Glass
 532 Jefferson St. 269-9310

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 113 W. Grant St. 237-8513
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 307 Jefferson St. 262-0307
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