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**Top Five things to do in Birmingham throughout the Holidays**

**BIRMINGHAM, MI**, December 11, 2017 – Throughout the holiday season families are invited to visit Downtown Birmingham for a magical experience. Listed below are the top five things to do in Birmingham throughout the holidays:

**Shop** – With more than 300 retailers, downtown Birmingham offers a diverse assortment of fashion boutiques, gift stores, jewelers, salons, spas, antique shops, and art galleries. Find a unique holiday gift for everyone on your list in downtown Birmingham! [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/Shop](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/Shop)

**Dine** – Birmingham is home to more than 60 restaurants. Select from a wide variety of cuisines, including Mediterranean, Italian, Mexican, Seafood, Steakhouses and more! [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/Dine](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/Dine)

**Holiday Lights** - Downtown Birmingham is aglow with 800,000 lights during the holiday season! Walk through the downtown area and enjoy more than 400 trees adorned with lights in the picturesque town. Don't forget to stop by Shain Park to enjoy the City's 35-foot blue spruce holiday tree featuring more than 22,000 LED lights.

**Santa Haus** – Visit Santa in his quaint “home” in Shain Park! Children will enjoy visiting with Santa, giving him their list and having their photo taken. More info: [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/SantaHaus](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/SantaHaus)

**Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides** – Enjoy the beauty of downtown Birmingham aglow for the holidays on a quaint horse-drawn carriage ride through the illuminated town. The complimentary carriages are first-come first-served; carriages load at the corner of Henrietta & Merrill by Shain Park. More info: [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/CarriageRides](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/CarriageRides)

The Birmingham Shopping District invites the community will stop by and experience all that downtown Birmingham has to offer throughout the holiday season and beyond.

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*Established in 1992, the BIRMINGHAM PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT is comprised of nearly 300 retailers, including clothing retailers, restaurants, salons & spas, and antique shops. The district is also home to offices and a variety of businesses from financial services to technology-based firms. Located among some of the nation's most affluent suburbs, Downtown Birmingham is a center for business, social, cultural, and community activities for Birmingham residents and neighboring communities.*

