



November 20, 2017

Dear Citizens:

I don't remember a time in Corsicana when there was so many ways to enjoy the holidays. Choose a couple from this list and see old friends and neighbors, and meet some of the newcomers who have moved to this wonderful city. I hope you and your family will venture out to the activities and support the local businesses.

November 25 – is Small Business Saturday, sponsored by American Express. The nation-wide event reminds people to “Shop Small”, occurring the day after traditional Black Friday. On this day, early shoppers will receive a free tote bag and will be entered to win a shopping spree from the downtown businesses. If you traditionally head to Dallas for Christmas shopping, rethink that plan and stay here. Businesses who want to learn more can contact the Corsicana Visitor Center at 903-654-4851.

December 1 – the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in the middle of Beaton Street (and Collin) will take place at dusk, with live musical performances leading up to the lighting of the 50-foot tree. After the lighting, the Parks and Recreation Department will light up the sky with fireworks. Main Street is hosting a Chocolate Walk that night to invite people into stores and enjoy libations and chocolates.

December 2 – Parade of Lights, the Annual Christmas parade includes floats, vintage cars, marching bands, the superb Fire and Police Departments, and thousands of spectators hoping to grab some of the candy the parade participants share. This is a tradition for generations, like my family.

Before the parade, Corsicana is hosting the first Football Division II Bowl Game at Tiger Stadium and expect 5,000 people to visit the city to watch the game. Please show everyone the kindness and Texas hospitality for which Corsicana is known.

December 8 – a special run of the movie “Polar Express”, created after the classic Christmas book, will play at The Palace for children to enjoy free of charge. If you know the book, you know that chocolate is also involved, and don't be surprised if you see Corsicana children wearing their pajamas to the event. It's allowed, and even encouraged.

December 9 – Mimosas at the Market – the successful Downtown “Second Saturday” event is fun and so important for the downtown businesses. The free pouring begins at 10 a.m. and refills

continue throughout the day around Downtown. This month's sponsoring business is Victorian Sample. Each event includes a small marketplace with local vendors.

The Palace also has a wonderful holiday line up of entertainment including the Bellamy Brothers on December 7 and the Texas Tenors on December 14.

To find out more and see the full schedule, please visit Corsicana's Main Street Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CorsicanaMainStreet/events> and the Chamber of Commerce website under Events, or call 903-654-4851.

I'm looking forward to attending many of Corsicana's classic events. If you see me, please stop and say hello. This is the part of my job that I love the most during my favorite season.

Sincerely,

Don Denbow
Mayor